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Glut And Bad Condition of Irish Williamston Fliers Wind-Hail Storm Damages Big Crowd Gathers

Get Recognition In Crops In County Tuesday At Regular Session Potatoes Bring Slump In Prices Army Air Corps

Fo Froducers In North Carolina

Slump In Prices Is Chargeable To Poor **Harvesting Methods**

Army and Navy Buyers Said To Have Withdrawn from State Markets

After holding firm during the first few days of the current season. Irish potato prices went into a slump Wednesday or about the time the first shipments started arriving at their destinations on the northern markets in bad condition. Prices hit the government "floor" of \$2.25 per 100 pounds less grading and bagging charges, and in some instances buyers were forced to quit the markets altogether. The outlook, unusually bright just a few days ago, is not very encouraging at this time, but government action is being sought according to Congressman Herbert C. Bonner who advised local people in a late communication to Elbert S. Peel here yesterday that he had been in constant contact with the administrator of food distribution, urging an immediate buying program for potatoes on the North Carolina mar-

The price slump presents a pe culiar situation, and one that is not readily understood even though the cause for most if not all the trouble is quite simple, according to some.

There is still a big demand for potatoes, reliable reports stating that the current crop could be handled to the last potato at maximum prices, and that produce exchanges are begging for potatoes of good quality.

Potatoes started moving out of this section last week-end. Upon reaching the northern markets, many of them were rotten, one report reaching here this morning stating that three solid carloads of the cobblers were in such condition that the smelly juice was running out the car markets tried to make quick sales by offering potatoes for as little as \$1 per hundred pounds. Army and the churches and from the Senior food wasn't everything at least for that night. After a couple of days out the churches and from one-fourth to a third of the committee meeting on Friday everything at least for that night. After a couple of days out the sickness ceased and our trip bedelivered in bad condition.

was pointed out by a dealer today. The farmer can harvest his potatoes after a recognized and successful system, and cooler weather can relieve the situation considerably. Whether all the farmers will do that is doubtful, and th eweather is problematical.

It is a recognized fact that many (Continued on page six)

Four Martin Boys

tis Beach, RFD 3, Williamston, Ellen tion. Whitaker, Williamston, and Allen Lewis, RFD 3, Williamston, volun-teered for service in the United evening in the Baptist Church at disorderly conduct and liquor. States Navy this week, Recruiting 8:30: Senior Woman's Club, Mrs. Officer Dallas Taylor said yesterday. John L. Goff and Mrs. N. C. Green; orderly, Johnnie Jenkins was fined These men reported to the head- Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. H. O. \$5 and taxed with the costs. quarters in Raleigh yesterday. A Feel and Mrs. D. R. Davis; Baptist fourth volunteer, Cecil Lilley, RFD 1, Jamesville, is to report to Miller; Christian Church, Mrs. G. G. court costs in the sum of \$7.50. Raleigh next Monday, the recruiting Woolard and Miss Evelyn Griffin;

officer explained. years of age, and are the first to en- Godwin; Methodist Church, Mr.

it is understood. cruiter Taylor said that the youth of the Ministerial Association are also \$8.50 costs in the case charging him this section are signing up in large requested to be present. Other civic

openings are now available to young more headway is made women between 20 and 36 years of age in the WATES. Physical requirements have been modified considerably for enlistment and young women in this section are urged to make immediate application for

specialist training. There are approximately 800 North Carolina women already wearing the trim WAVE uniforms, and there are openings for many more. Commander Charles B. Neeley, head of the State's Navy recruiting, says that plans for invasion paint a vivid picture why WAVES are needed in the Navy. Every woman who volunteers releases a fighting man to help in a-

chieving victory. Navy Recruiting Officer Taylor will return to this county in about two or three weeks, and he will receive applications at that time, but interested young women may make application at recruiting centers in

New Bern or Raleigh. The youths who signed up for service in the Navy this week did so subject to physical tests.

DECORATED



For meritorious service in the Pacific and Caribbean approaches to the Panama Canal, Major Wheeler Martin, local young man, was recently decorated as a member of the U. S. Army Air Corps.

Plan Recreational **Program for Youth** Of This Community

Ministerial Group and Civic Club Leaders Are Hold-

ing Meeting Tonight ciation met in the study of Memor- began to rise and fall with the ial Baptist Church last Monday morning at which time the executive our stomachs seemed to be a part special recognition. "The intense air doors. The market was depressed, committee of the Senior Woman's of each wave; some were hanging and in an effort to save those that Club met with them. Tentative plans over the rail feeding the fish with had not deteriorated, dealers on the were worked out for the meeting of their sickly overflow, while others a steering committee composed of two representatives from coal of sick to attend the evening meal. I per hundred pounds. Army and the churches and from the Senior the churches and from the Senior that the churches and the churches and the senior that the churches are the senior that the senior t crop offered during the first few days in this State, went off the market when the first purchases were for the promotion of supervised res for the promotion of supervised rec- far and wide and I am fairly sure machines were rationed recently in Only two things can improve the reation for the young people of the that every island in the South Path the county by the Farm Machinery market after a logical fashion, it community. It has long been felt cific was our new home. There seemthat some such effort on the part of ed to be more mention about the Fiji provide a wholesome and worthwhile agreed that this was the place we outlet for the young people.

It was the consensus of opinion by the members present that a wholesome and stimulating recreational end. One night we went to bed and program could be made possible to woke up and there was the Fiji off the community if the leaders of the the starboard side. Land was a community would become sufficient- beautiful sight, the waves breaking ly interested. Never was a time more opportune than the present to do such a worthwhile thing for the young people. With all the tensions created by war and the dislocation Enlist In the Navy of families and the che dislocation of the che dislocati so many of the commercial amusements, the necessity falls upon each Four Martin County youths, Cur- community to provide its own recrea-

The following members of the Church, Mrs. John D. Biggs and John Episcopal Church, Mrs. Paul D. All the boys are under eighteen Simpson and Miss Mary Charles list from this county in recent weeks, Wheeler Manning and Miss Alberta Swain; Presbyterian Church, mem- with disorderly conduct. Commenting on enlistments, Re- bers to be appointed. Members of leaders will be asked to share in the Mr. Taylor stated that special sponsorship of this program when

PAYMENTS

The distribution of soil conservation payments to Martin County farmers is virtually complete, according to a report just released by Miss Mary Carstarphen in the farm agent's office here today.

To date, 3,496 checks, totaling \$112,710.19 and representing 1,-558 applications, have been distributed in this county. There are about 30 applications pending, it was learned.

Earned in connection with 1942 AAA contracts, the payments are about half the size of those received a year ago under the 1941 contracts. No parity payments will be made on the 1942 crops, and the checks representing soil conservation payments will be the last the farmers will receive as benefits from their 1942 operations.

ial Air Medals Howard Cone Writes

Local Young Man Sailed for The Little South Pacific Island Year Ago

Sailing for a small outpost in the Pacific south of the equator about a year ago, Pfc. Howard Cone, in a letter to his mother, Mrs. P. B. Cone, under date of June 12, offers a graphic word picture of his trip to and stay on the Fiji Islands.

His letter follows

"At last we are allowed to reveal our last location-Fiji Islands. As far as I know we can mention everything except facts pertaining to military matters. I will attempt to tell sions was made when unfavorable you some of our life on Fiji as well as our trip over.

"About a year ago our outfit sailed for overseas duty in the Southwest Pacific; it was the first time overseas for any of my comrades as well as myself. Naturally we were worried over the submarine menace, but all of us were set for adventure and ready for action. Our destination was of course unknown and that seemed to make things more fascinating, and yet there was that feeling of uncertainty among this happygo-lucky band of modern warriors. It wasn't long after we boarded the S. S. President Coolidge before we were passing under the Golden Gate waters. Every man's head was turned toward the California coast for each of us knew it would be months and probably years until we could witness this same coast line which means home to all of us. Land fad-The Williamston Ministerial Asso- ed out of sight and the luxury liner swells of the waves. The word seasick became common to all of us as

> were to protect. "After a number of days out we knew our voyage was coming to an peanut weeder.

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Half Dozen Cases In Mayor's Court

Justice John L. Hassell handled six cases in his court here this

Charged with being drunk and dis-

Henry Rogers, charged with disorderly conduct: was taxed water in Clark McClees, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50 and

taxed with the costs. Arthur Webb was ordered to pay \$7.50 costs in the case charging him

Johnnie Bryant was taxed with with disorderly conduct.

Probably cause appearing, the case charging Cortez Rogers with having carnal knowledge of a girl under 15 years of age, was sent to the superior court with the defendant under bond in the sum of \$100.

Commercial Users **Apply For Fuel Oil**

Renewals for fuel rationing books for commercial enterprises are being mailed this week by the local War Price and Ration Board. These Mr. Jim Gray, expects to finish his applications have to be filled in and returned to the county board. Renewals for oil for private dwellings were mailed last week. No time limit has as yet been set for returning

them. The third quarter truck books are pons will be void after June 30th. eral days, will be brought to a close and a daughter, Billie Frances.

The "T" coupon will have to be rethis evening. Rev. David C. Craw-Funeral services are being con-

C. Rogers Receive Spec-

Two Williamston young men, Major Wheeler Martin, Jr., and Technical Sergeant Eli Clayton Rogers, Interesting Letter | cal Sergeant Eli Clayton Rogers, were given special recognition recently for meritorious service in the About Fiji Islands army Air Corps, the coveted medals being among the first, if not the first, ever received by local men in that branch of the service.

Announcing Major Martin's dec-oration, the Office of the Department of Public Relations Officer, Headquarters, Panema Canal Department, said

"Maj. Wheeler Martin, Jr., 26, of Williamston, N. C., is one of 95 officers and 249 enlisted men to receive the Air Medal at an air base in the Caribbean area. "The citation reads as follows: 'For

meritorious achievement while participating in long range patrol flights over the Pacific and Caribbean approaches to the Panama Canal. Accomplishment of many of the misweather conditions made flying hazardous. All members of the crews exhibited untiring energy and meticulous care while flying over this area Possibility of encountering an enemy task force, enemy ships of Tighter type or anti-aircraft fire added to the hazards of these missions. These services reflect highest credit on themselves and the military forces of the United States.

"At a colorful ceremony, Col. H. K. Mooney, commanding officer of a bombardment group, presented the medals to the officers and men and lauded them for their achievements.

"Maj. Martin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler Martin, 214 East Main Bridge and into the vast blue Pacific Street, Williamston. His wife resides at the same address. He is a grad-

uate of Wake Forest College. First reported missing in the European theater of operations and now held prisoner by the Germans, Technical Sergeant son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Rogers, of near Williamston, is one of over 1, 000 men serving or having served action the Eighth Air Force is car-

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Romulus Revels, RFD 1, Williamston, peanut weeder. Mrs. Lela Britton, RFD 3, William-

ston, peanut weeder. D. O. Cherry, RFD 3, Williamston.

L. G. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston peanut weeder L. G. Taylor, RFD 3, Williamston

H. H. Williams, Everetts, Boyette W. B. Cannon, RFD 1, Hobgood, tobacco sprayer.

ter system. F. F. Pollard, Bethel, shallow well

L. L. Keel, Oak City, power pump Urvie Bunting, RFD 2, Williams-

on, water system. R. Sherrod Corey, Williamston,

water system. A. T. Perry, Williamston, tractor. A. T. Whitley, Williamston, water

John W. Gurkin, Williamston, trac-

Dr. Garland Gray Is Now A Commander

(Robersonville Herald) Dr. Garland Gray, son of Mrs. Bettic Gray, was recently promoted from Lieutenant Commander to Commander and was transferred from Alaska to the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minn., where he will be given a special course in plastic surgery

Dr. and Mrs. Gray had been stationed in Kodiak, Alaska, for two years prior to Pearl Harbor but with Former Resident the beginning of the conflict Mrs. Gray and their two children were evacuated to Seattle, Washington.

Immediately after the course is completed at Mayo Clinic both Dr. and Mrs. Gray will come to North Carolina for a vacation and visit with relatives. Dr. Gray, brother of course on or about September 1st.

End Revival In Poplar Point Church Tonight

The series of religious services, by a bus company. be held in the church Sunday night. Pineview Cemetery

and hail storm. Spending most c. its has been reported since then, and fury in the Oak City-Hassell com- the loss will not be nearly as great munities, the hail storm nearly wiped as some farmers believed it would be out the crops on several farms, one when they visited their fields after report stating that the damage will the storm and found their corn and run as high as 75 per cent in some tobacco lying on the ground. cases. Accompanied by a heavy rain, the storm left only two or three had a regular gully-washing rain leaves clinging to tobacco stalks in and plows were stopped for several some fields and filled the middles days, other sections had hardly no with leaves and stalks.

other parts of the county, mainly in | Crop conditions, for the most part the Robersonville and Bear Grass are encouraging, but quite a few far areas, but the damage there was be- mers state that tobacco worms and lieved not to be so very great. A chinch bugs are giving tobacco and strong wind leveled many crops in corn a terrible beating.

afternoon by a wind almost ruined. Ducided improvement

While possibly half of the county rain at all and the showers were so Heavy rains and some hail fell in light that plows were kept turning.

Sixty-two Car Tires Allotted In County **By Rationing Board**

Car Is Issued To Negro Home **Demonstration Agent by Board This Week**

The County War Price and Rationng Board issued another car this week, bringing the total for the month to three. The car was allotted to Cleopatra Tyner, Negro home demonstration agent, for use in her work in the county

Twenty-nine Grade I passenger car and pick-up tires, thirty-three Grade III tires, and thirteen truck tires were allotted by the board.

Passenger car and pick-up tires and tubes were issued to the follow-

J. C. Merritt, RFD 1, Jamesville. wo tubes. A. T. Perkins, Robersonville, one

ire and two tubes. P. T. Edmondson, Robersonville one tire and one tube. Kelly Rawls, Robersonville, one

Dr. Edward L. Early, Jr., one tire and one tube.

Better Chevrolet Company, Roberonville, one tire and one tube. G. A. Crofton, Williamston, one

Russell Matthews, Robersonville, wo tires and one tube. L. C. Brown, Williamston, one

ire and one tube. J. H. Coltrain, RFD 3, Williams Dr. V. E. Brown, Williamston, one

R. Edwin Peele, Williamston, one

The following farm equipment and Russell Griffin, RFD 2, Williams-

J. M. Highsmith, Robersonville,

one tire and one tube. John R. Coltrain, RF D1, Williamton, one tire. Garland C. Tice, RFD 1, Williams-

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J. Leroy Griffin, Williamston, wa- Find Child's Body

body cold in death, was found lying British losing 33 planes in their last n White Street, just off Haughton, night raids, the loss indicating that here early yesterday morning, Officer John H. Roebuck stating this morning that no clue pointing to the lighters and bombers were over Hitler's head in force. In daylight June 30 Last Day To morning that no clue pointing to the yesterday, mighty blows were di-

lothed, and its color could not be from the Netherlands down to Cherwas of the opinion, according to one eport, that the child was white.

When found by Joe Roberson, colored man, about 6 o'clock yesterday morning, the body was right in the path of traffic, but it had not been run over, and as far as the coroner's examination could reveal it had not been bruised.

Unclaimed and most certainly unwanted, the body was placed in a tin can and buried in a garden near the spot where it was found.

Accident Victim

J. W. Helvin, a native of Norfolk and for several years a resident of Williamston, died in a Rocky Mount hospital yesterday morning at two o'clock from injuries received when he was thrown from a horse last Monday. During their stay here, Mr. Helvin and his family made many friends in the community. Thirtytwo years of age, he was employed

also being mailed and should reach conducted in the Poplar Point Pres- He leaves his wife, the former Miss owners by July 1st. All "T" gas cou- byterian Church during the past sev- Frances Holmes, of Rocky Mount,

turned to a wholesaler, the bank, or ford, pastor of the Edenton Presby ducted in Rocky Mount this afterthe War Price and Ration Board. The terian Church, is conducting the noon at 5 o'clock by Rev. Gray Tem-"TT" coupons will go into effect meeting. A baptismal service will ple, and interment will follow in

GETS AIR MEDAL



Technical Sergeant Eli C. Rogers, of Williamston, was recently honored as a member of the Eighth Air Corps when the First Oak Leaf Cluster was added to his Air Medal. The young man was last reported a prisoner of the Germans.

Extensive Attacks Are Maintained by Allied Air Forces

Land Action in Velikie Luki Section Indicated in Russian Report

While the land military strategists continue to mark time with their in-J. W. Belflower, Jr., RFD, Pal- vasion plans, the Allied air forces Health. continue to pulverize targets and fronts. Reports, coming from under- a road sentence of 90 days. heavy poundings from the air is caus- for four months. ing Hitler and his gang to draw in | Charged with speeding and recksubject to cave in. No immediate license suspended for thirty days. Mrs. Cletie Griffin, RFD 1, Wil- collapse is to be expected, but the air poundings are having their effect, Wade Hampton paid the costs, and

In the Mediterranean, airmen are and costs. believed to have almost cleared the Lying In the Street port declaring that the island of and taxed with the cost for assaulting about four million people had been J. F. Crisp, ration board panel memcut off from Mussolini's fast-crack- ber. ing mainland. Objectives are being A prematurely-born child, its obliterated in Germany itself, the the fighters and bombers were over identity of the mother had been un-rected against the Nazi "Atlantic covered Wall," Allied airmen having pound-The small form of a body was un-

La Spezia in the Pacific arena, and with the County AAA Committee. exception of activities around the Velikie Luki section in Russia, the were issued to farmers in 1941 in rewar has taken to the air almost en- turn for reducing their cotton acretirely. Howeve., there is still some sea action going on in the Mediter- ments, and were used to purchase ranean, a late report stating that the Allies had sent to the bottom thir-chants. teen Axis ships during the past few

In the land front fighting, the (Continued on page six)

FIRST BLOSSOM

The first cotton blossom, a pink one, was reported on Wednesday of this week by Farmer Lester Meeks, of the Robersonville section of the county. The blossom was found one day later in the season than the first one reported by Farmer Ira Rogerson last year. Fairly complete reports from

the several farming areas indicate that the cotton crop is very promising in the county this year, that the outlook is possibly better than it was at the corresponding time a year ago.

Of Recorder's Court

By Judge J. C. Smith Last Monday

Recorder's Court this week drew he largest number of spectators in everal months. Judge J. Calvin Smith presided, with Elbert S. Peel

erving as county solicitor. Considerable interest was shown by the spectators in the case between the families of L. R. Donaldson and George Beach of Williamston. L. R. Donaldson was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon upon George Beach the court suspending judgment upon payment of \$10 fine and one-half the costs. George Beach was found guilty of an assault on Lois Donaldson and udgment was suspended upon payment of a \$5 fine and one-ha

In the suit against Lee Perkins and Emma Simmons, indicted for fornication and adultery, a nol pros was

Elbert Whichard, charged with trespass, was found not guilty, as was J. H. Skinner, charged with atempted larceny.

Frizelle Jenkins failed to appear o answer to the charge of disposing of mortgaged property. Judgment nisi, si fa, capias was ordered.

Three sisters, Novella, Henrietta and Lena Bullock were charged with assault on Mr. C. H. Ayers. Prayer for judgment was continued until Louis Cherry was charged with

larceny for the second time in two weeks. He was sentenced to six months on the roads with sentence to begin at expiration of road sentence he is now serving. This defendant was charged two weeks ago with larceny of chickens and given nine months on the roads from which he escaped wearing clothes belonging to the State. Oscar Burns and Booker T. Mi-

Oscar Burns was given six months on the roads, sentence being suspended upon payment of \$20 fine and costs. Booker Mizelle was ordered to pay a fine of \$10 and costs. Levander Roberson, charged with larceny of two rolls of wire from

zelle were found guilty of larceny.

Lindsley Ice Company, was sentenced to the roads for six months. Weldon Radcliff paid a fine of \$10 and costs for reckless driving.

Leon Jones was found not guilty for assault on female. Claude Salsbury, charged with violation of the health laws, was sentenced to 30 days on the roads with sentence suspended upon payment of costs and continuation of treat-

Bill Wimbush, charged with car-H. C. Norman, Robersonville, one enemy objectives on the far-flung rying a concealed weapon, received

> ground sources and without official For throwing a root at his father verification, indicate that there are and causing painful injuries, Arthur trying times in Germany, that the Nicholson was sentenced to the roads

for defensive action, that unless some less driving, Marshall Lee Williford F. L. Haislip, Jr., Hamilton, one relief comes soon, the Nazi regime is paid the costs and had his operator's For speeding, C. D. Smith and

> Cleo P. Vandeford paid a \$10 fine Dennis Bunting appealed to the way for an invasion of Sicily, one re- superior court after being fined \$100 port declaring that the island of and taxed with the cost for assaulting

The case charging Alex Marshall (Continued on page six)

Cash Cotton Stamps

Merchants of Martin County who determined. Coroner S. R. Biggs bourg peninsula after successfully still have stamps redeemed for cotattacking the Italian naval base of ton fabrics under the 1941 supplementary cotton program must cash American airmen have been giving them on or before June 30, accorda pretty good account of themselves ing to J. F. Crisp, chairman of the

These stamps, the chairman said, age below their AAA acreage allotcotton materials from local mer-

"Reports received by AAA offiials at Raleigh indicate that some of these stamps issued in this state nev-Nazis admitted that the Russians had er have been cashed by the merchants who accepted them," Mr Crisp said. "The federal appropriation under which these stamps were issued will expire on June 30, and all stamps not cashed by that date will become invalid as no funds will be available for this purpose."

The cotton stamp plan, he said, was discontinued after 1941, but many farmers held their stamps for several months before using them. Any cotton stamps still in the hands of farmers can be used until June 30. During operation of the plan, it is estimated that Martin County farmers received stamps valued at approximately \$16,012.50.

Merchants desiring to cash stamps still on hand must mail them on or before June 30 to W. Ellis Jones. Chief of Fiscal Section, Food Distribution Administration, Western Unon Building, Atlanta, Ga.