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Two Cars Are Allotted in This County At Meeting Last Friday

Applications for tires and tubes reaching the Martin County War In Special Meeting Price and Rationing Board have been so numerous that the monthly uota for vary was extraosted and additional tires were asked for and received from the State OPA office in time for the meeting last Friday night. The State office allowed an increase of forty Grade I tires, 25 passenger tubes, 15 truck tires and seven farm implement tires.

The unusually large number of one hundred and forty-four tires and tubes, possibly the largest on record, was allotted by the special tire panel last week. Eighty-one Grade I passenger tires were isused, 52 Grade III tires, six truck. and five farm implement tires

The issuance of two cars and one bicycle completed the allotment made by the board. A bicycle was isseud to Nicholas Ange of Jamesviile ofr use in his wor kon the farm. RFD 1. Williamston, farmer, for his farm work, and of James H. Gray, Robersonville farmer and tobac-

The following Grade I passenger car and pick-up truck tires were is-John Auston, Jamesville, two tires

and one tube Albert Tyre, RFD 1, Williamston,

Pete Mendenhall, RFD 2, Williamston, one tire. L. D. Hardison, RFD 1, Williams-

ton, one tire and tube Smith Garage, Robersonville, one tire and one tube

Eason Lilley, Williamston, one tire and one tube Joe Everett, Roberosnville, one

tire and one tube. William Perkins, RFD 3, William-

Richard Raynor, RFD 1, Oak City, Leroy Griffin, Williamston, one

Overton James, RFD 1, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Sam Careny, Robersonville, one

M. E. Rogers, RFD 3, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

H. R. Purvis, RFD 1, Bethel, one

ville, one tube.

ton, one tire. A. T. Gurkin, Williamston, one

Tom Harris, Williamston, one tube W. D. Manning, RFD 1, William ston, one tube.

Ira Jones, RFD 1, Williamston, W. H. Davis, RFD 1, Jamesville,

Cecil Brown, RFD 1, Oak City, one

J. A. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, two tires. John D. Lilley, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

two tires.

D. L. Hardy. Williamston, one tire and one tube.

J. H. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston,

one tire and one tube. Russell Knok, Oak City, one tire and one tube.

S. T. Barady, Robersonville, two Hubert Biggs, RFD 1, Williamston,

one tire and one tube. Geo. H. Leggett, Hassell, one tire. J. R. Fisher, RFD 1, Oak City, one

tire and one tube. Kader Lilley, RFD 1, Williamston. one tire.

K\_Roy Cullipher, RFD 2, Wil liamston, one tire and one tube.

Seth Weathersbee, RFD 1, Oak City, one tire. Henry Griffin, Williamston, one

G. P. Hall, Williamston, one tire. H. L. Daniels, Williamston, one tire and one tube.

Willie W. Briley, RFD 1, Bethel, one tire and one tube. Paul Dolberry, RFD 1, Palmyra,

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## Suit For Divorce Filed

Based on two years' separation, filed in the Martin County Superior Court this week by Mrs. Blonzie Pearson Harrell against Francis Harrell. In the complaint, the plaintiff asks permanent custody of their Goff, Jr., J. C. Manning, Rugh G. for consideration at the meeting next the superior of the super

## Record Number Of New Tires Issued Warns Against Let-Up Italy Likely To Get Out of War Before First Serious Trouble On Labor Ry Ration Board In War Effort at Home She Is Knock of Out Front Here Reported When Mon-

## McMillan Addresses **Local Defense Corps**

Insignia- Are-Awarded Members in Courthouse Here Last Evening

Speaking to a special meeting of the local Civilian Defense Corps in the courthouse last evening, R. L. McMillan, Director of the State Office of Civilian Defense, warned against any let up in the war effort at home. His speech, coming from a man who has not heard from a brother held prisoner by the Japs for hearly two years and who has a son on New Georgia Island, was a stirring one, and supported a plea for continued all-out efforts on the nome front.

The meeting was called at the direction of John L. Goff, commander The board approved the applications pribution of insignia to those who have given freely of their time in forming the backbone for a defense on the home front. A list of those

> Highly commending the work done by the local civilian defense corps and expressing his appreciation as head of State Civilian De fense to those who had carried on the work, Mr. McMillan said that this district had one of the best records in the State, that it had an av average of 98.1 for the State as a

"Our thoughts are on war, and ector said, adding that the fighting but are carrying on twenty-four hours a day.

"We are assembled here as fight-J. D. Suits, RFD 1, Oak City, one are more than ten million persons Smathers was released under a susin civilian defense work in the na- pended judgment, the court requirtion, and about 200,000 in North Car- ing the payment of the case costs. ward with his work. The war conlinues, and as long as it does we case charging Alton Raynor, Wash-Clarence Matthews, Robersonville, must continue to do our part and ington County man, with speeding. help drive on to final victory.

lantic Seaboard, General Drum, is and at length fought the charge. S. E. Parker, RFD 1, Roberson- responsible for the protection of Garland Harris, RFD 2, Williams- civilians primarily to maintain that taxed with the costs.

may express his opinion freely here, not guilty. but not so under Hitler and Tojo. In the case charging him with tobacco. One may say no pianes will bomb disorderly conduct, Calvin Bullock Thomas Tice, RFD 1, Williamston, and they have the same right to case, charging him with an assault. the more desperate Hitler becomes, J. A. Peel, RFD 2, Williamston, planes that will travel 10,000 miles, employed during the period of sus-W. H. White, RFD 2, Williamston, for suicide work. Those men are Charlie Ayers. not alarmists; they recognize the cold fact that we are still at war.

coming, but what if they do? We speeding. must be prepared. We must considone tube. | must be prepared. We must consid-Luther Clark, RFD 1, Jamesville, er that war, desperate war, is still

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# Recognize Work In

in the courthouse here last evening, source point to a 10-cent reduction in the town rate. If the proposed ing that tele instead were just a toking that tele instance in a parameter of appreciation of refer to the proposed in the town rate. If the proposed in the town rate. If the proposed in the town rate is no apparent reason why L. T. Fowden, Williamston, one willingness of the group to render they shouldn't, it is quite likely the whatever service they could. State tax rate for the town will be re-Director of Civilian Defense R. L. duced from \$2.40 to \$2.30 on the \$100 McMillan congratulated the group assessed property valuation. and urged the men not to slacken | The proposed reduction is based the traces until the end.

Willie Modlin, H. F. McKnight, Joel ures this year over last, the treasurer Muse, Samuel Zemon, H. E. Griffin, explaining that the approximately T. B. Brandon, B. F. Baldree, Carroll \$32,000 increase would hardly in-Jones, G. P. Hall, J. H. Ward, Asa fluence the size of the rate either up-J. R. Williams, Jamesville, one J. Manning, W. I. Harrison, W. H. ward or downward. Dickens, Jr., Hugh G. Horton, Jr., J.

Commenting on the slight gain in D. Baldree, H. L. Swain, W. H. Dick-values, the treasurer explained that ens, Sr., W. L. Mizell, H. H. Taylor, it was traceable to two items, that Johnnie Wilder, Guy Robinson, Le- had it not been for them, there likely In The Superior Court Roy Savage, Carlton Lamm, R. A. would have been a decrease of about Taylor, Collin Peel, G. E. Moore, W. \$64,000. Peanuts companies listed T. Stinnette, Elbert S. Peel, V. A. an increase of \$97,000 in their vala suit for an absolute divorce was Lassiter, R. A. Mizelle, O. L. Willard, ues, but reductions in other property

### TAX RATE

in all probability, Martin County's 1943-44 tax rate will be officially fixed at \$1.20 on the \$100 assessed property valuation by the commissioners when they next Monday. The levy as proposed by the commissioners in special meeting a few weeks ago will be formally adopted in almost the same amount set out in the tentative budge estimate

advanced at the last meeting. The commissioners are to draw a jury for the next term of superior court convening in September, but other than this and the budget, no special business has been scheduled for consideration at the meeting.

## Judge J. C. Smith Calls Eight Cases

**Unusually Small Number** Of Spectators

bout two hours, considerable time boys in Sicily, in New Georgia and having been devoted to the trial of er fight to the death, one report statspeeding on the highways.

Proceedings of the court: Pleading guilty in the case charg-

Judgment was also suspended up case charging Alton Raynor, Washington County man, with speeding. The defendant pleaded not guilty, The defendant pleaded not guilty. The defendant pleaded not guilty, The defendant pleaded not guilty in the company could not arbitrarily indicate the company of the defendant pleaded not guilty. "The commanding offer of the At- and through his attorney, vigorously

their opinion, who think enemy Bullock was adjudged guilty of a planes are coming sooner or later. simple assault and was sentenced to how the fire started. No other Recognized authorities believe that jail for six months to be assigned to property was damaged. the roads. The term was suspended the more determind he will be to upon the payment of a \$40 fine and bomb America. It is believed that the costs and on the further condi-Hitler has two or three thousand tion that the defendant be regularly that he is keeping them in reserve pension and stay off the premises of

payment of the costs in the case "We may say those planes are not charging Abed Lee Brown with

### Town Authorities To Meet Monday

Meeting in Regular session here next Monday night, the local town Civilian Defense commissioners are scheduled to consider the new 1943-44 budget figures and propose a tax rate for the cur-Civilian defense workers were rec- rent fiscal year. Preliminary reognized at a special meeting held reports coming from one official

primarily on a reduction in bond Insignia were given to the follow- and interests accounts falling due in the new fiscal year. There was a G. A. Harris, D .C. McLawhorn, very small gain in the valuation fig-

Horton, R. E. Manning, John L. Goff. Monday night.

### Fight To the Death Continues Quit Their Fertilizer Plant Jobs Georgia Island

While there are growing signs that Italy will get out of the war before she is knocked out, the path she wil follow is not yet certain. Something is brewing on the peace front but developments are likely to follow only with great difficulty, for Italy wants peace without occupation. The Germans are still there in numbers and to get them out without trouble is another problem. The British War Cabinet was in extraordinary session this morning from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock, the group having been called supposedly for a discussion of a peace plan for Italy. A meeting of the newly formed Italian cabine is being held today, and some definite action pointing toward peace expected now within a short time.

bring the desired results. During the meantime, the common Italian people are ciamoring for peace at any price. They have turned on The Fascists and many killings and fights have been reported. A late dispatch states that 5,000 Fascists have been taken into custody In County's Court of their own protection against the

The Italians have been called upon who were recognized appears in this Summer Sessions Attracting to cease their aid to Germany, and it is thought that resistance to the Allies has been reduced already.

On the battlefronts bitter fight-While the size of the dockets is in Eastern Front and around Muning continues in the Orel sector of holding considerably above the av- da on New Georgia Island. A terrierage for the past several years, pos- ble slaughter is continually in progsibly on account of the new speed ress around Orel where the Gerlaw and the free circulation of mans are rushing in new divisions erage of 98.5 as compared with an money, the recent sessions of the from France and Germany to stem Martin County Recorder's Court are the Russian drive in that vital link attracting comparatively few spectof the long battle line. But the Rustators these days. Judge J. S. Smith sians are slaying them by the thouswhile as Prime Minister Churchill called eight cases at the regular ses- ands, and the invaders are making said, 'It is a poor heart that is not sion last Monday and there were no progress. It is apparent that the made happy by good news,' we must hardly more than a dozen specta- Germans are determined to hold Ornot slacken our traces at home when tors present for the proceedings. el at all cost, but the outcome of the good news comes," the defense di- The tribunal was in session for a- great battle is yet to be determined Over in the Pacific, there is anoth-

in other areas have not slackened, a case charging the defendant with ing that a 100-yard gain toward Munda on New Georgia was made only ing men in civilian clothes. There ing him with speeding, Robert Hoyle final march to run the Axis into the learned the current quota was not sea. They are driving forward rap-(Continued on page four)

defense. If we do not do it, the Charged with allowing a drunken near Oak City early last Wednesday no insurance was carried on the

> barn since early that morning, and the owner is at a loss to undestand

Very few tobacco curing barns have been lost by fire in the county so far this year, and Farm Casper is believed to be the first to lose a tobacco packhouse

# Charlie Ayers. Judgment was suspended upon the Seven Cases Heard

Following a week of hitle ac tivity in his court, Justice J. L. Hassell handled seven or more case: during the first few days of this

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Tom Outterbridge, Cole Cowen, Braxton Speller, Riley Price, Walter Anderson, Frank White and Elmer Clemmons were each taxed with costs in the sum of \$8.50.

In addition to the cases charging the seven defendants with being

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After maintaining a perfect safety record for several weeks in a row motorists on Martin County highways started slipping back into the old rut last week when one accident was reported. No one was hurt, but two hogs were killed, and a \$200 property damage resulted. The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident

trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time. 30th Week Comparison Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge

Comparison To Date

### invoked against those "united sons committees will take down names of of rest" who insist in wallowing persons between certain ages who around in idleness when machines are not gainfully employed during need to be turning and fighting men so many hours each week, or show need to be supported. The action is good cause why they are not at work. being considered after an appeal The "idler" will first be questioned

arriving everyone to do his part and does not answer for questioning or more in the war effort had failed to fails to get gainful employment he Fertilizer Company plant demanding According to press reports releas- in the courts. ed today, the governor will ask the Loafers were warned in a procla-Council of State for authority under the Emergency Act to put "idlers" their help to the war effort. Appar-other they followed the leaders and

and "loafers" to work. He has de- ontly the proclamation was treated clared that all available labor in the lightly, and now something with mers drove their trucks there for ur-State should be inventoried, mobil teeth in it is in the offing.

## More Martin County Men Called By Army

Be Invoked Against Loafing.

According to reliable reports com-|ized, conserved, distributed and used

ing out of Raleigh, meaningful em- to the end that the same may be em-

ergency powers are now likely to be ployed in the prosecution of the war.

### **Mostly Young Boys** Included In Group Leaving This Week

Draft Reaches Into Industry For Men To Meet The **Current Quota** 

Martin County sent more men to after every Jap prisoner was killed. the armed service induction center In Sicily, the Allies are now in a this week, but as far as it could be met in its entirety. Most of the group making the trip were teen-age boys who had registered within the past twelve or sixteen months, som as late as April of this year.

responsible for the protection of this territory, and he is looking to this territory, and he is looking to taxed with the costs.

Harold A. Jackson, charged with the packhouse and a large quantity of tobacco on the Sam Casper farm tries, the Selective Service authorities, the Selective Service authorities, the Selective Service authorities, the Selective Service authorities, the Selective Service authorities. life, including seven from industry. Its origin unknown, fire destroyed It was about the first time that men ties having ruled some time ago that Army will, and when we do it more men are released for other du
driver to operate his car, Marven curings or approximately 3,000 and 25 years could be deferred for was fined \$15 with the costs added. sticks of good quality tobacco were burned. No estimate on the loss only so long a period. As the ruling freet us?" Mr. McMillan asked. One violating the liquor laws was fined \$15 with the costs added. affect us?" Mr. McMillan asked. One vio ating the liquor laws, was found could be had, but it was learned that is understood here, young men in ship yards or other vital industry will receive deferments for only six According to information reaching months, and if they aren't replaced us. At the same time there are those, was found not guilty. In a second here, on one had been in or near the by older men at the end of that time they will be called into the service anyway. There are some few execptions, however to the ruling, but very few. At least two of the men reporting this week had been to the induction center on previous occasions and had been re-

According to an unofficial report those men who have been rejected and placed in the 1-B classification are to be recalled at the rate of about five percent of each current By Justice Hassell call with the possibility that most of them will be retained for limited call with the possibility that most military service. It does not mean, nowever, that all men who have been rejected will be recalled.

The names of the men included in the current call are, as follows: Ottis Hope Peele, RFD 3, Washington, transferred to Beaufort County for induction.

Lindsey Fearrington, Jamesville and Richmond, transferred to Richmond for induction

Ben Delmers Harrison, RFD 2. Williamston, transferred to Adrian Michigan, for induction. William Carl Coltrain, RFD 1, Wil-

Harold Bringley Lilley, Williams (Continued on page four)

### Patrolman Recovers Stolen Auto Here fective, it was learned from the of-

Charged with the theft of a 1940 Buick sedan in Norfolk, Pvt. Al D. the school authorities. Thompson, of the Fourth Coast Artillery, Regimental Headquarters, the Hamilton School for the past Camp Fendlenton, Va., was arrested several terms, resigned this week to by Patrolman Whit Saunders Wed- accept a position as principal of the nesday. The 19-year-old soldier, a William R. Davie School in Halifax native of Cedar Rapids. Iowa, had County. Mrs. Bunn, who has taught been absent without leave from the in the school during the same period, Army since Monday. He had been also resigned, it was announced. in the service only since last Febru-

to his story he had planned to come to fill.

### PEANUT PRICES

A movement was started this week by a small group of farmers to carry a special appeal to Washington for increases in peanut prices for the current crop. Representatives were named and they are expected to confer with Congressman Herbert Bonner soon.

It could not be officially learned, but reports reaching here indicate that peanut prices will be stabilized at six and three-quarter cents this year to the farmer, and that possibly certain deductions will be made from that figure. These figures are not official, by .it is -certain-thatpeanuts growers will carry the

when a stick of tobacco fell on the working organization together. flues, wrecked a tobacco curing barn Under the Wage Stabilization Act, ter the inside of the barn had been anyone in the long run. charred and the gables had burned

of tobacco were valued at about \$900, Company or for anyone if they did the owners basing the estimate on not want to. But it was also pointed leaf prices now prevailing on the out that they could not go to another Georgia markets. No insurance was job without first getting a statement carried on the property.

county, it is estimated.

by volunteer firemen here this week, grievances to his employer, present the first coming when a trash bin all the facts and support those facts, caught fire back of the Woolard and they will be submitted to the Furniture store early last Tuesday War Labor Board, and if that board

### **More Resignations** In County Schools

Several more teachers in the county schools tendered their resignations this week just before the 30day notification clause became effice of the county superintendent. Any teacher who would resign now must first get the approval of

Principal J. H. Bunn, principal of

A report from school authorities today admitted that the supply of Thompson had about used up all teachers was just about exhausted, the gas in the car and had no money and that several positions now va-

to Williamston and get a job as cook. The two positions now vacant in sleeping one night the early part of He was turned over to Norfolk po- the Williamston School faculty are this week. The rodent bit the child's lice yesterday afternoon, making it expected to be filled within the next arm in several places, making mediuseless for cookless housewives here day or two after an extensive search cal attention necessary. to bid for his services. It is several states. The rat was killed later.

### Emergency Powers Likely To Thirty-Four Men In Walk-Out At Local Plant Last Tuesday

Peaceful Efforts Being Made To Effect Resumption Of Activities

The first serious labor trouble experienced in this immediate section made by Governor Broughton and by a constituted authority, and if he Tuesday noon when thirty-four workers walked out of the Standard will be made subject to prosecution an increase of 10 ants an hour in their wages. It was reliably learned that some of the group did not favor the entire plant was left idle as fargently needed landplaster.

While there has been some impu dent talk heard in some quarters, most of the men went peacefully out and are awaiting developments, and it is now believed that once the situation is fully understood most of the workers will return by next Monday morning. Apparently there has been some agitation outside the plant, and that angle is being investigated by the authorities with the possibility that at least one warrant will be issued either under State law or the recently-enacted Smith-Connally bill, carrying a punishment of ten years in prison or a \$10,000 fine or both. No drastic action is being proposed by the company, but the manager, C. G. Crockett yesterday and today tried to reason with worker representatives and explain the hold-the-line order and the company's position in regard to wage in-

Possibly some of the men are not making enough money to adequately support their families, but a representative of the U.S. Employment Service of the War Manpower Commission, Mr. R. T. McKeithan, of Washington, explained the Stabilization. Act and advanced the honest. belief that a strike could only ag-

Early This Morning There is little doubt but what the company, if allowed to do so, would company, if allowed to do so, would Fire, believed to have started 40-cent rate to hold an effective

on the farm of Messrs. R. T. and W. the striker has little to gain through O. Griffin just off Williams Street a strike. The act was passed mainly here this morning shortly after four to check inflation, and while it may clock. The fire was confined to the hardly seem fair and even may work one structure by volunteer firemen hardships on some, the common who were only able to check it af- worker stands to gain as much as It was clearly and fairly pointed

out to the men that they did not have The barn and nearly 1,000 pounds to work for the Standard Fertilizer of availability or a release. There While few barns have been de- are five conditions under which a stroyed by fire in the county so far release may be had, By discharge, or this season, the loss this morning was where employment falls under the the second reported in this immed- minimum work week, or where a iate section during the past few days. worker is not employed in a position Farmer John D. Lilley had one to requiring his best skill, and-or where burn a short time ago ,and it was health, climatic or other conditions reported that one was burned near made it impossible for the worker Oak City early yesterday morning. to hold the job. As long as a man is So far less than half a dozen barns on strike, thirty days, six months or have been destroyed by fire in the a year, he is not entitled to a release or statement of availability. When The call was the second received normally engaged he may carry his rules the worker is entitled to an increase in his basic wage the company will be directed to pay it.

Impartial reports from the plant this morning clearly indicated that ed to do what was right by its work ers, that they were making work for them during an "off season" in order to keep their forces together, that the men possibly feel they are not getting what they think they should receive. But there is little that can be done about it, and absolutely nothing as long as the men are on strike. Labor is now acing about the same order as the employer faced a short time ago when the government fixed minimum wage scales and told

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the employers they had to pay it or

### Infant Badly Bitten By Rat Here Few Days Ago

The six-weeks old grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. Will Baker was badly with which to buy more. According cant in the schools would be difficult bitten by a big rat at their home to his story he had planned to come to fill.