NEARLY 1000 MARTIN COUNTY SERVICE MEN NOW BEADING THE ENTEPRISE IN ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD EACH TYEEK.

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Williamston, Martin County, North Carolina, Friday, September 15, 1944.

For Men In Service

Few Gifts Accumulate in Local Office For Opening of Mailing Season

Mr. Saunta Claus, with his first of poliomyelitis. pack of the season, went into action today to handle the task of delivering an estimated forty million packages to the boys in the armed forces all over the world. On his first trip, the ole gentleman carried quite a few packages for Martin County boys several of the boxes having accumulated before the opening of the mailing season. It is estimated that the boys in the service will get twice as many packages this Christmas than they did a year ago, and according to first reports coming from local post offices ,Martin County boys will likely get three times

All Christmas packages must be mailed between now and October 15. A few things to remember about overseas mailing are pointed out:

Cards should be sent in scaled en-velopes and prepaid at first class mail rates. Every gift parcel should have written on it the words "Christmas Parcel."

Parcels must not be: More than five pounds in weight; more than 15 inches in length; or more than 36 inches in length and girth combined.

The War and Navy Departments point out that members of the armed forces are amply provided with food and clothing. So-why include such matter in parcels meant as Christmas gifts?

All articles should be packed in boxes of metal, wood, solid fiberboard, or strong double-faced corrugated fiberboard reinforced with strong gummed-paper tape or tied with strong twine, or both.

All fiber-board boxes should be wrapped, when possible, in heavy paper. This will prevent the contents from spilling out if the inner package is crushed or split.

struments-like knives or razors must have their points or edges protected. This will prevent them from cutting through their package and damaging other mail or injuring

Perishable matter will not be accepted. It is not a good idea to send tots to the latest invasion reports for fragile articles. Soft candy, wheth- the war readers. Much good reading Service Station, \$5; Woolard Furni-

fluids; poisons or compositions which one of "Papa's eight kids who were starphen, \$5; might kill or injure someone or dam-full of unpredictable devilment". Store, \$5; W.

age offer mail. money or other articles of value will never cease to happen in unexpected

If you wish to send money to a member of the armed forces over- beth Goudge (a former Pulitzer Victory Beauty Shop, \$1; Dixie Mocan be cashed at Army post offices wherever they are located.

No matter addressed to members of the Army or other persons re- pany. The story has its setting on Tilmon Coltrain, 25c; Cash, 25c; ceiving mail through Army post of- the Channel Islands about 1830. The Julia Everett, 50c; M. L. Peel, \$1; fices overseas will be accepted as in- plot involves several families but Mrs. Ellis Ramey, 25c; Peggy Anne sured or C. O. D. mail.

Mail for personnel of the Navy,

Marine Corps or Coast Guard may be accepted for registration or insurance if it conforms to requirements as to size, weight and so on. Christmas mail for members of the Merchant Marine should also be sent between September 15 and October 15. Parcels for Merchant Ma-Tinero-connot be registered or insur-

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New Fixtures Are Installed In Cafe B. A. Critcher, Jr. Is

A sweeping modernization pro-gram, calling for the renovation and installation of brand new fixtures is now in progress at the Central Cafe here. No cost estimates were revealed, but the program will cost Jr., local young man, accomplished E. Modlin, young Jamesville boy, repossibly \$5,000 or more.

After considering renovation plans for some time, George Sfetsos, the popular proprietor, decided Admiral, U. S. Navy, said: to make a complete change. He is removing every old fixture and will the United States, The Commander, feel close to home. replace them with the most modern Fast Carrier Task Forces, United ones to be had. Plans were drawn States Pacific Fleet, presents the Air and its volunteers at Williamston for to scale by a fixture contracting Medal to Ensign Burras Allen the gift they gave me the day I left firm, and the first of the new equip- Critcher, Jr., United States Naval for induction center. It has come in ment was installed this week. After Reserve, for service as set forth in handy many times. the business is closed next Saturday, the following citation: the contractors will remove the remaining fixtures and immediately install the new ones. "We will have ticipating in an aerial flight as pilot closes." to miss breakfast and lunch Mon- in a carrier based fighter aircraft day, but we plan to be ready for our assigned to strike against enemy inanniversary celebration that eve-ning," Mr. Sfetsos said today. Stallations on an island of the Kazan Group on August 4, 1944. When one

Group on August 4, 1944. When one Between 5:30 and 6:30 that eve- of our submarines was attacked by ning favors will be made available an enemy fighter aircraft, he attackto patrons and visitors and proceeds ed, firing several bursts into the in the Vernon Methodist Church from the evening meal will be con-

tributed to the Red Cross. viding 84 seats, includes eleven attack, he prevented damage being ices will be held at the usual hour booths, four tables and fourteen done to our submarine, and this en- and the week-day worship will be counter seats. The public is cordial- abled it to carry out its mission. His held at 8 o'clock each evening ly invited to visit one of the finest skill and courage were at all times. The theme for the meeting will and most modern cares to be found in keeping with the nightest tradi-in any small town in the country and tions of the United States Naval motto will be, "Doubting Thomases attend the anniversary celebration. 'Service.'"

Christmas Packages Reduced Attendance Likely in Place Eleven Cases Start Moving Today County Schools Opening Day On Civil Calendar

complain because they have enjoyee the complete the first ed an extended vacation as a result day, a downward trend has plagued available and then rounding up the ber dropping from 3,244 that year substitutes, county school authorito 3,138 in 1942, when the war made ties late yesterday stated that every itself felt for the first time. Last faculty position had been filled ex- year, war, labor shortages and a cept one. Principal Giles declared general exodus to the industrial centhat they would get along somehow ters clipped off another 130, reducuntil the position is filled at Bear ing the high school enrollment from Grass. The teacher problem is be- 849 in 1942 to 784 and the elemen

and keep the schools open. syscessful term, but the authorities possible that the loss there will be admit that prospective attendance partly offset by an increase in firstfigures are not encouraging. It is grade enrollment figures.

TEACHERS MEET

the county schools next Monday,

successfully discussed yester-

day problems vital to the suc-

cessful operation of the plants

Eighty-two of the eighty-nine

members of the white school

faculties were present for the meeting held in the high school.

They were served lunch by the

local high school home econom-

County Bookmobile

Will Make Regular

tion for Distribution

In This County

"Green Dolphin Street" by Eliza-

liam and the two sisters who are in

Edgar Snow, another war corres-

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Awarded Air Medal

A fighter pilot in the Pacific War

Theater, Ensign Burras A. Critcher,

"'For distinguishing himself by

ove with him.

during the next term.

ics department.

tion for approximately 6,000 white enrollment will fall below the firstand colored school children in this day figures, a year ago After reachcounty. Few of the little folks can ing a peak back in 1940 when 3,259 the opening-day figures. In 1941 After employing every teacher there was a slight decrease, the numlieved to have reached a climax this tary figures from 2289 to 2224, leavseason, school officials frankly de- ing the combined enrollment just claring that it could get no worse eight above 3,000. The expected decrease this year is almost certain to Prospects are fairly bright for a be centered in the high school. It is

Junior Club Raises Sizable Sum Here Martin County teachers, as-sembling for the first time in preparation for the opening of

For Paralysis Fund Over \$243 Will Be Credited To Infantile Paralysis **Fund in This County**

tion through the State Federation was announced yesterday by a club of the association. epresentative. The amount will vas pointed out.

Contributions were made by the

Schedule Next Week Roanoke-Dixie and Farmers warenouses, \$5; P. O. Holloman, \$1; Wil-Sharp-pointed or sharp-edged in- New Books Added To Collec- liamston Motor Co., \$5; Guy Thomas, \$1; Verdie Lassiter, \$1; Roanoke Chevrolet Co., \$5; J. L. Peel, \$2; Mar-New books this month include \$5; T. M. Britton, \$10; J. E. Pope, \$1; Texas Service Station, \$2; Farmquite a variety of titles. They range ville-Woodward Lumber Co., \$15; from the pre-primer for the little Williamston Supply Co., \$5; Rober son's Slaughter House, \$10; Sinclair You can not mail: Intoxicants, inflammable materials, such as matches of any kind and lighter was a Preacher by Alyene Porter, Norman Harrison, \$5; W. H. Car-Courtney's Furniture and will be screened by that com- Anna Harrison, 50c; Cash, 20c; Mrs. revolves chiefly around young Wil- Baldree, 35c; Doris Jean Hart, 25c; Roosevelt Wiggins, 50c; Margolis Bros. \$5; Cash, 50c; B. A. Critcher, 50c; S. C. Ray, 25c; James Manning pondent with keen observation and 35c; Mrs. J. R. Sampers, 25c; Mary deep interest in historical perspec- Elizabeth Keel, 25c; R. L. Coburn tive, has written a timely account in \$1; Cash, 25c; Mrs. Joe Glenn, \$1 People On Our Side". After near-J. S. Rhodes, 50c; cash, 86c; Carroll ly 60,000 miles of travel in Russian, Coltrain, \$1; Marvin Coltrain, 50c; India, and China, he gives a reveal- John Wier, \$2; D. R. Davis, \$1; W. J ing picture of forces at work with Miller, \$1; C. D. Pittman, \$2; W. J ed and there is no money-order the future destines of these coun- Banks, \$1; Mrs. Betty Eason, \$10; service available for them. "By Valour and Arms" by James Pharmacy, \$5; Woolard Hardware Street, is another historical novel. Co., \$1; Biggs Funeral Home, \$2 This setting is in Mississippi where Central Cafe, \$2; Branch Bank, \$5;

and Jerry Humble, 50c. Church Modlin Sailoring At Camp Peary, Virginia

Guaranty Bank, \$5; W. G. Peel, \$5;

J. D. Baldree, 59c; Hugh Horton, 50c

changed, Apprentice Seaman Church a daring feat recently and earned cently wrote from Camp Peary, Va., he Air Medal. Announcing the that he thoroughly enjoyed The Encoveted award, M. A. Mitscher, Vice terprise for it really is a good little paper. I get all the news from back "In the name of the President of home and it surely does make me

"I wish to thank the Red Cross

"Say hello to all my friends in Martin County. Here's hoping I get meritorious achievement while par- a leave before the tobacco market

Announce Revival Meeting At Vernon Methodist Church

Rev. T. H. House, the pastor, will conduct a series of revival services enemy aircraft and so damaging it near here, beginning Sunday afterthat it spun down, crashing into the noon, September 17, and continuing The new cafe arrangement, pro- sea. By his alertness and aggressive through the 24th. The Sunday serv-

Convinced in 1944."

Today marks the last day of vaca- fairly certain that the opening-day

No Big Amounts Involved but Principle Is Big Factor Few Boys Available Tobacco Sales On In Several Suits

Scheduled to complete the trial docket Monday and a speedy run of the divorce mill Tu sday, the super ior court, Judge Leo Carr presiding, Teen-Age Lads and Men in the plans to start the trial of eleven civcases next week and complete its ask early the following week.

No big time cases have been calendared, and it is fairly apparent that principle is a big factor in several of the suits. Most of them are of a minor nature and involve motions and court orders before certain transactions can be legally closed. D. W. Etheridge, a boundary line is

Mrs. Cletie Griffin is suing J. Eason Lilley and others for \$500, aleged damages resulting from the removal of timber from the plainiff's land.

Mrs. Susie White Nelson is suing Robert B. Nelson for support and he custody of their child.

Another church case is scheduled to be aired next week. The Primitive Baptist Corresponding Association of Eastern North Carolina is suing Julian Collie and others to block the defendants from using the name. The Answering a recent request com- association was formed some time ng from the North Carolina unit ago by seventeen churches. Four f the Infantile Paralysis Founda- churches, Wilson Chapel, Zion Grove, St. John and St. Paul, withdrew from of Women's Clubs, members of the the association. The plaintiffs are local Junior Woman's club solicited said to voice no opposition to the \$243.65 for the polio emergency fund withdrawal, but they deny the dehere during the past few days, it fendants the right to use the name

Ernest Capps is suing Sanford be credited to the county's quota, it Roberson and Garland Roberson for \$129, wages allegedly due him.

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Americans Invading tin and Elliott, \$6 B. and W. Tire Co., Palau In The Drive To The Philippines

Fourth Spearhead Driven Into Germany; Resistance Is Stiffening

Store, \$5; W. C. Bunch, 50c; Outlet forces, including Marines and Army-This is another perosnal picture of Store, \$1; McClees Cash Grocery, \$1; men, the latter led by General Doug-Letters or packages containing life within a parsonage where things Pool Room, 50c; Lindsley Ice Co., \$5; las MacArthur, yesterday invaded Joe Mike Mitchell, 50c; Claude Leg- the Palau and Halmaheria Islands in gett, 50c; Martin Supply, \$5; Wil- the slow but steady drive toward the liamston Hardware Co., \$1; FCX, \$1; Philippines. Few details of the latseas, do it with a postal money or- Prize winner) promises to be a tors, \$5; Chas. H. Jenkins, \$5; Jack Pacific could be had immediately. der. American postal money orders much discussed book. Reviewers Daniel, \$2; Johnnie Gurkin, \$5; Far-The Palau landing, handled by the have differed greatly in their criti- mers Supply Co., \$5; Willard's Shoe Marines, was made in force and a cisms. It is the MGM prize book Shop, 50c; J. W. Andrews, 50c; Mrs. stubborn and costly resistance was encountered. No great opposition was reported in the Halmaheria landings where General MacArthur led his men. Once in possession of the Palau group, the Americans will be only about 500 miles from the southern Philippines.

The Pacific drive shares the spotlight in the war news today and points to a drive on the Philippines,

possibly within the near future On the Western Front, the Allies have driven a fourth spearhead into that holy German soil. But the late reports clearly pointed out that re- liamston. sistance was growing in several secto ... In other areas, the German defenses were buckling under the in creasing attacks, especially in the Aachen sector. To the south. Americans are closing in on Belfort Gap, but the fight there is fierce. Arthur Cross, 60c; Ethel Barber, 50c

Down in Italy, a general offensive has been directed against the Gothic Line, but the military warns that the fight there will be slow and difficult The Russians are now in their final drive to clean out Warsaw, while Advising his address had been thirty-five other divisions have re newed a powerful drive in Latvia, aimed at Riga on the Baltic Sea.

HURRICANE

Sweeping along the Atlantic Coast, a hurricane yesterday and last night caused damage estimated at more than thirty million dollars. Few lives were reported lost and no large number of persons were injured.

Lindsley Ice Company's shelter blew down and a few trees and limbs fell in this section, but damage here was negligible. The Elizabeth City area bore the brunt of the storm in this State, but the damage there was limited in the main to communication and power lines. Virginia Beach residents mov-

ed out. Leroy "Foots" Long, chauffeur for Mrs. Carrie B. Morrison, said, "We were not long in moving out when the house started rocking yester-A wind velocity of 140 miles was reported in New York last

night and the steel pier at At-

lantic City was ripped in two.

County's Pre-Inductee Few Criminal Cases On Civil Calendar In Superior Court List About Exhausted In Superior Court

For September Call Market Here Pass of the nine cases on the criminal Received In County

Non-Essential Jobs Will Bear Brunt of Draft

The favorable progress of the war apparently is reflected in recent rules and regulations governing the drafting of men for the armed services. No official announcement has In the case of G. R. Haislip against been made as far as it could be learned here, but it is now understood that all men 26 years of age or older holding a job included in the list of critical or essential occupations, including farming, will not be called either for pre-induction or final induction, not for the present, any

A man holding a job listed under ne of the thirty-five occupations will not be called if he reaches his 26th birthday on or before the day he would ordinarily answer a final induction call.

It was pointed out, however, that men in non-essential industry or business are subject to call up to thirty-eight years of age. Farmers who have a bona-fide status and who are certified as such by the County War Board will not be call ed for pre-induction or final induction if they are 26 years or age or older. It is now apparent that those lads becoming eighteen years of age and those holding non-essential jobs will be called upon to meet the draft demands unless the regulations are

It is understood that nearly half hundred white men were called for pre-induction from the county this month. The recent rules eliminated men 26 and over and when the list was made ready there were hardly an even dozen left to answer the call The board, it was explained, has not had time to review all the cases, but it isn't believed that many men 26 and over will be found in non-essential jobs.

Of the twelve white men called to report for pre-induction examinations yesterday all but one were in their teens. Six of the group Following up the great aerial at- reached their eighteenth birthday in

vesterday come from the farm. The names and addresses of the men called for pre-induction fol-

Julian Robert Rawls, Oak City and New Bern. Alton Thomas Johnson, RFD 1

Robersonville. Melvin Godard, RFD 1, Williams-

Jasper Bullock, RFD 1, Palmyra. James Clifton Manning, RFD 3, Williamston.

Ransome Nathaniel Davenport, RFD 1, Williamston. Spencer Eldred Coltrain, RFD

Williamston. Otis Clifton Roberson, RFD 1 Robersonville

David Alford Bland, RFD 1, Has Charles Clancey Carson, Hamilton,

Asa Charles Bullock, RFD 3, Wil-Garland Staton Barber, RFD 1,

Jamesuillo..... It is understood that those men have not yet been called for final in- \$100. duction will receive no call if they are 26 years of age or older and hold essential jobs.

Home Economics Girls

A group of home economics girls of the Williamston High School unian nut cake, tea.

Justice John L. Hassell Handles Several Cases

Justice J. L. Hassell handled several cases in his court here during the past few days. Robert Patterson, drunk, was tax-

d with \$9.50 costs. Rome Lee, Jr., drunk and disorderly, was required to pay \$8.50

ut proper brokes Alphanso Litt es required to pay \$8.50 costs Fran Little was taxed \$7.50 for being drunk.

Two Million Mark

Receiving tobacco just about twice as fast as it can be handled, tobacco markets throughout the belt are blocked literally to the gills, leading some to be-lieve that further sales restrictions will be effected to prevent a complete breakdown of the marketing system.

On the local market, tobacco was being placed on the floors this morning for sale next Wednesday. Two houses late yesterday were forced to close their doors and a third house will be filled possibly by early after-

Up until this morning, the local market had sold 2,053,820 pounds for \$869,578.35, a resulting average of \$42.34. Sales today wil boost the total for the season to date to nearly two and one-third million pounds. Despite the heavy deliveries, the price trend continues to hold

Finding their markets blocked, professional haulers were seen carrying their tobacco back across the river this week.

It is still rumored that the companies will call for a holiday one day each week, but no official action has been take nto create a four-day selling week. During the meantime, some of the companies are struggling in their efforts to remove their purchases from the floors.

Judge Smith Calls Twenty-Four Cases Before Adjourning

Vehicle Drivers Without Operators' Licenses

In one of the longest sessions held of the month, All the others were last Monday, the activities of the tion .It is claimed that the operasecond week of the marketing season. The court was in session until almost five o'clock and the court- bonds. room was fairly crowded during the early part of the day.

Judge Smith cracked down or unlicensed motor vehicle drivers and imposed several substantial higher tribunal Monday. fines and meted out road sentences after a liberal fashion. Proceedings

Charged with driving after his license was revoked and with speeding, Grover B. Lilley pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost. The court recommended that the revocation of the defend- county court. ant's license be extended for six

The case charging Leonard Mob ey with bastardy was continued under prayer for judgment upon the payment of the cost and \$7.50 months for the use of his illegitimate child. The first payment is to be made the first Monday in Ostaber and bond guaranteeing his compliwho reported for pre-induction and ance with the judgment was fixed at

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Bandage Room Must Serve Meal To Teachers Move to New Rooms

Asked to vacate the room over der the supervision of the home ec- Pittman's Firestone Store, the Red North Carolina, it was announced toonomics teacher, Miss Verna Belle Cross Bandage project is moving to Lowery, served Fluncheon to the new quarters on the third floor of Lowery, served lunched not the new quarters on the third floor of chairman of the United War Fund. teachers of Martin County and their the town hall, it was announced by Mrs. Mark W. Clark, wife of the comguests in the gym here yesterday. the chairman this week. The volun-The center of each table was at- teers are trying to complete the Autractively decorated with fall flow- gust quota before moving, but last ers. The menu included: Cold boiled night there were nearly 900 of the ham, potato salad, snap beans, pickl- large dressings to be prepared and ed beets, pepper rings, rolls, Bavar- there is some doubt if the project can be completed before the premises The following girls served: Eliza- will have to be vacated. Few volunbeth Manning, Jeanette Myers, Dor- teers visited the room yesterday and s Hart, Louise Hines, Jean Stinnette, last night, and another appeal is Dorothy Leggett and Peggy Ann being addressed to anyone who will to help complete the work this afternoon and tonight.

Reports from Jamesville and Hamilton state that their assignments have been completed, that the volunteers there are ready and willing to help handle the next allotment. Macedonia plans to complete its assignment next week. No late report has been received from Bear Grass.

The names of those reporting since ast Monday to the room here fol-

W. O. Griffin

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the Let Carr To Convene Two Weeks Term

With only nine cases on the docket, the Martin County Superior Court opening a two weeks mixed term here next Monday, is expected to attract very little attention from the general public. There are no murder cases on the docket, but one or two of the charges are expected to attract more than casual inter-

Judge Leo Carr of Burlington will preside over the term called for the rial of both criminal and civil cases. line new members will be drawn or grand jury service, that number retiring after serving for one year.

Scheduled to clear the criminal locket the first day, the court plans o crank up the divorce mill Tuesday. Fourteen suits for divorce, all based on two years of separation, are on the trial calendar. The civil docket carries several varied and interesting cases, and the proceedings are expected to amger crowds han usual.

The divorce cases on the calendar nclude the following: Geo. Shannon of Plymouth against

Sther Shannon of New York. Maggie Davis against Harry Davis. Linwood Rhodes against Cora Rhodes

Maude Ward against Turner Ward. Gladys Taylor against Jeffrey Tay-

Jasper Weaver against Myrtle Perry Weaver. Dr. John W. Smith of Ahoskie against Harriett Smith.

Lonnia Langley against Arzelia John T. Bunting against Aleen

Bunting Lewis Bond against Pecolia Bond. Claude Jenkins against Nina Jen-

Minnie Bullock against Charlie Iac Bullock. Lucille Hardison against James

ardison. Kelly Teel against Alice N. Teel. James Douglas, charged with robing the Jamesville liquor store last Jurist Cracks Down on Motor January 27, is being called a second time for trial. His \$500 bond was or-

dered forfeited when the case was called last June. Presented to the court by the grand jury, Joe Martin and Herman in recent months, Judge J. Calvin Manning are scheduled to answer Smith called twenty-four cases in in the case charging them with aidack on Jap shipping in the Philip- August, one as late as the thirtieth the Martin County Recorder's Court ing and abetting in an illegal operaeighteen except one and he is only 21. day resulting, in part, from increas- tion resulted in the death of Beu-Ten of the young n.en reporting ed money in circulation during the lah Brown, young county white woman, some months ago. The defend-

ants are now at liberty under \$500 Appealing from a judgment handed down in the county court, George Moore will carry the case charging him with drunken driving to the

Leamon James, sentenced by the county court to thirty days on the oads for alleged vagrancy, will carry his case to the jury Monday.

Gadys Peele, colored man who struck and knocked one of his wife's eyes out, appealed from a six months road sentenced meted out by the

Appealing from a county court judgment, Lucile Bowen Brown is being called to answer in the case charging her with resisting arrest. refusing a bus driver's order, using indecent language. She was adjudged guilty in the lower court and was fined \$25 with the costs added. -Many Wynn and Raymond Wymr

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Noted Personages To Speak Monday

Two noted personages are to make public addresses in Washington, N. C., on Monday, September 18, in behalf of the United War Fund of day by James T. Little, district manding general of the victorious American Fifth Army, and Dr. Y C. Yang, president of Soochow University, China, will make public addresses in the auditorium of the John Small School at 3:15 P. M. on that day.

Seldom have the people of this section had greater opportunities to hear such noted personages. Martin County people are being extended a cordial invitation to hear

Working for a great humanitarian cause, the two speakers are in a position to release interesting facts and discuss timely subjects. Mrs. Clark is expected to quote from the letters of her famous general husband, telling of heroic deeds and conditions in various war areas. Dr. Yang, president of Soochow University of China, could talk hour after hour, relating interesting facts about his country. However, both talks will be short, and Mr. N. C. Green, channun of the one was War Paint Drive in this county, hopes Martin will be well represented at the meeting

next Monday.