CARRYING FULL PACK and wearing

a helmet, this ten-year-old Chinese

at the North Airstrip. Myitkyina,

Burma, with members of his divi-

sion. He is one of a large number

of boys in China's huge army. Sig-

nal Corps photo. (International)

Judge Calvin Smith

Calls Eight Cases in

The County's Court

Very Small Crowd Present

To Hear Court's Routine

Proceedings

Following one of its biggest ses-

sions last week, the Martin County

J. C. Smith called only eight cases

with violating the fire laws in Wil-

In the case charging William Fai-

orderly conduct, was nol prossed.

without a driver's license, was fined

\$15 and taxed with the cost. He en-

ered a plea of guilty in the case.

Pleading guilty of operating a mo-

or vehicle without a driver's li-

After coasting through the

first week of the current year,

motorists on Martin County

highways broke into the accident

column. The facts represent mi-

nor accidents, to be sure, but

they are of sufficient meaning to

serve as a warning against what

may happen and what did hap-

The following tabulations of-

fer a comparison of the accident

trend: first, by corresponding

weeks in this year and last and

for each year to the present time.

pen last year.

ingster prepares to board a plane

NEARLY 1000 MARTIN COUNTY

Meeting in the county courthouse

here last Tuesday evening, represen-

tatives of the Martin County Farm

Bureau reelected officers, named ten

directors and passed resolutions fav-

oring an over-all crop insurance pro-

gram and the measurement of to-

bacco acreage this year. The meeting

also expressed confidence in the or-

ganization's state leadership and fav-

ored their continuation in office. A

report on the Chicago convention

was offered by Messrs. S. T. Everett,

Messrs. Chas. Daniel, president,

and A .B. Ayers, vice president, were

re-elected and T. B. Brandon was

elected to succeed L. L. McLendon

who resigned to enter employment

in another county. The ten directors

Griffins; H. U. Peel, Bear Grass; D.

V. Clayton, Williamston; G. H.

Forbes, Cross Roads; Sam T. Ever-ett, Robersonville; Mayo Hardison,

ton, and Henry Early, Goose Nest.

was agreed. The meeting, recogniz-

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Dr. Broun stressed the importance

them with an improved diet.

Jamesville Youth

Stallings, Sr., of Jamesville, has re-

courses in the Army Air Forces

Training Command, which is train-

ing thousands of men in the largest

These "Winged Commandos" have

educational program in history.

dos" at Lubbock, Texas.

school for invasion.

Eye Clinic Is Held

to get the supervisors.

G. H. Forbes and Chas. L. Daniel.

Officers Baclected by Committeemen Hear County Farm Bureau For Martin County

Of Tobacco Acreage The annual drive for the in-

And Crop Insurance fantile paralysis fund is making splendid progress in this county, according to a preliminary report released yesterday after-Re-elect Officers and Name noon by L. B. Wynne, chairman Ten Directors at Meetof the drive. ing Tuesday Night

Sending out approximately 300 appeals by direct mail on Wednesday, six were received a few hours later, the early contributions amounting to \$55.00. None was for less than \$5 and ranged up to \$25. Two grade rooms in the local schools, the first and only ones to report up until yesterday afternoon, raised \$43.70, one reporting \$24.30, and the other about \$19.40.

The March of Dimes is really on and is expected to reach a new record by early next week. Appeals for support of the drive have been well received by the school people in the county, and it is sincerely believed the drive will reach and pass the \$2,282 goal in the county.

Eighty-Four Tires elected: Carl Griffin, Jamesville: C. L. Daniel, Williams; Geo. C. Griffin, **Allotted By Board**

Poplar Point; Geo. Oglesby, Hamil-The Martin County War Price and issued certificates for the purchase er-all production goal, the State, as Discussing the resolution calling for the measurement of tobacco acre- of eighty-four tires-78 for cars and ages this year, the meeting stated six for small trucks.

that much complaint had been di-Tire rationing has just about been rected against the "spot" or percentmoved from the OPA to the dealers, age plan for checking compliance. It reports stating that certificates are was explained that in some cases plentiful and that tires are scarce. where the acreages were measured Possibly several hundred certificates flue-cured tobacco from 663,000 to and the plantings exceeded the allot- are outstanding, the holders finding 697,000 acres. Even the greater toment, the farmer paid the penalty it next to impossible to supply the while others who planted in excess of demand. Assigned quotas far larger their quotas were not required to than the actual supply of tires, rapay any penalty because their lands tion boards seldom find it necessary were not measured by representa- to deny an applicant, and then the broilers and turkeys and eggs. tives of the Triple A. Uniform check- dealers have to follow a policy of ing will be fair to all, and it is about first come, first served.

the only way to solve the problem, it Certificates for Grade I tires were issued to the following: Ervin Woolard, Leo Harrell, Mer-

ing the labor shortage, urged that the lands be measured if it is possible lin Hollis, J. D. Price, J. D. Wynne, next month. J. T. Phelps, W. H. Vanderford, C. While those present admitted they D. Pittman, Tommie L. Harrell, L. knew little about it, the meeting H. Gurganus, John A. Ward, Z. S. practices are expected to receive the Roberson prosecuting the docket, went on record as favoring an over- Cowin, James H. Gray, Z. D. Cox, most attention in the county's 1945 was in session hardly an hour. A all insurance program for farm Jesse W. Martin, Rosa Elizabeth farm program. The big production very small crowd was present for Briefly addressing the meeting in Fertilizer Co., King Tobacco Co., H. impressive, but it is admitted that ed very little attention. connection with his trip to the Chi- A. Bowen, Herbert Bunting, Simon those figures were attained only by Eight or ten cases were continued cago convention, Mr. Sam Everett Rogers, Henry Hollis, H. F. Wil- superhuman efforts and by draw- last week and two or three new Here Wednesday W. C. Jones, J. D. Britton, Ernest acreage yields will be necessary if Proceedings:

Beach, K. B. Etheridge, J. C. Counproduction costs are met and profits

The case charging S. A. Mobley cil, Prince Ayers, D. E. Bunting, H. are to be realized. The Martin County Welfare Department, with the cooperation of the Williamston Lions Club and the State Commission for the Blind, held an eye clinic for children, both white and colored, at the Woman's Club building here last Wednesday. Dr. Matthew S. Broun, Opthalmologist of Roanoke Rapids, was the examin-

ing physician. Fifty-four children, 29 white and 25 Negro, attended the clinic. Glasses were prescribed for 30 of this number. Twenty did not need Harrison Oil Co.

glasses but were advised by the doctor and nurses to drink more milk and eat vegetables in order to improve their general condition. Four Conservation Checks and he will pay at the rate of 95 cents at the direction of the county bursed at the direction of t tor and nurses to drink more milk children's glasses were checked and found to meet the child's visionary Received In County

The first soil conservation payof adequate diets for all 54 children ments, earned by those farmers emwho attended the clinic. He stated them were badly in need of milk, year, have been paid in this county. their 1945 farm plans," A. P. Hastresh vegetables and eggs. He befresh vegetables and eggs. He believes that if these suggestions are have been delivered to Martin far- so participate up to \$6 per acre in carried out there will be less eye demers, it was learned from the office ficiencies among this group of children. The Welfare Department plans of the county agent this week.

Approximately 800 applications for payments have been filed by farto discuss this situation with the parauthorities in an effort to provide mers and forwarded to the State Trients of these children and the school ple A office where about 530 are farmers in this county are eligible to file approximately 1,500 applications for the payments.

The checks do not include any parparity figures. The payments are based solely on soil building practions are based solely on soil building practices are based solely on soil building practices are based solely on soil building practices. South Plains Army Air Field, Tex. -Flight Officer Ferdinand C. Stallings, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. ceived his wings as a glider pilot and building and parity payments. This ple Heart. appointment as a flight officer at year, they will receive approximatethe "Home of the Winged Commanly \$25,000 for their soil building prac-The graduating officers have un-

Those farmers who have not filed dergone one of the most intensive applications are asked to do so.

Capture Small Plant And

just completed their course of training in Uncle Sam's giant cargo and of Jamesville Township a few days shells all over the forest. One of the troop carrying gliders at SPAAF, the ago, Officers J. H. Roebuck and Roy big ones landed near me and a couple school for invasion.

Peel wrecked a small liquor plant, of fragments hit me." Stallings graduated from James- the third to go down in the 1945 drive ville High School and also attended to date. Approximately 300 gallons Store in civil life, Sgt. Tyson has Campbell Junior College at Buies of poor-grade mash were poured served over a year in the Army. His

pecially Use of Lime, Urged This Year

In an all-day meeting in the couny courthouse last Wednesday, Triple A committeemen, including those from the county and the several communities, discussed a proposed farm plan for the current year. No goals were fixed and the program allows the farmer free reign except for topacco plantings. Soil building practices will be urged on a greater scale than ever before, however, it was

Briefly stated, the program is to enter around the theme, "Looking Ahead," while it will make every effort to maintain the record production figures established last year in this county and throughout the nation. The program will be carried to every farmer in the county by his community committeemen during the early part of February, either on the second and third or on the anth and tenth of next month.

The program anticipates a marked reduction in cotton acreage in the county, some estimates pointing to a drop in reduction greater than the 1,000 bale decrease reported last year from the year before. Since no increase is apparently needed in peanut acreage, it is likely that land taken out of cotton production will be planted to extra tobacco, general feed crops, sweet potatoes and some will add to their peanut acreages. Rationing Board last Friday evening While the county is assigned no ova whole, is being asked to increase its plantings, as follows: oats from 365,000 acres to 400,000; hay from 1,-281,000 to 1,400,000 acres, soybeans from 190,000 to 220.000 acres, sweet potatoes from 80,000 to 90,000 acres, bacco acreage will still be within the established allotment. Marked in-

> Just how much the farmers Martin County can accomplish in the proposed program will be tentatively determined when they chart Recorder's Court went to the other their plans with the committeemen extreme last Monday when Judge

creases are being asked in the num-

ber of beef cattle, sheep, chickens,

Next to the production of vital and continued one or two of them. food and feed crops, soil building The court, with Solicitor Paul D. Williams, Nora Cherry, Standard figures in recent periods have been the proceedings which attractliams, William Archie Mobley, Na-than Thompson, W. E. Holliday, Da-duction figures, while important now docket since Monday of this week. vid Gurganus, Walter Williams, J.
R. Rogers, J. C. Eubanks, C. B. Roebuck, Johnnie Bland, Bernard Moore, W. C. Jones, J. D. Britton, Ernest acreage yields will be necessary if proceedings:

drews, John H. Roberson, George A. gram is expected to center around first Monday in January of next year Dennis Moore, Thurman Williams, land were tested last year, and it until January 29. Cleo Daniel, Daniel Mobley, Sam Moore, Perlie Moore, L. H. Lilley, liberal quantities of lime were needing him with non-support, James timated 10,000 killed.

In the Philippines, the Americans made to have the lime delivered di- welfare department. rect to the farms, but delivery dates farmers in this county should give was suspended upon the payment of Road route. ploying soil building practices last serious consideration in mapping and representing 267 applications, pointed out. The government will al-

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Youth Recuperating now pending. It is estimated that In Station Hospital

The 303rd Station Hospital, England-Wounded in the left arm and Is A Glider Pilot The checks do not include any par- land—wounded in the left arm and shoulder by shrapnel as he fought crops are supposed to have reached with his infantry unit in the Hurtand in some instances passed the gen Forest in Germany, Sgt. Tyree tices employed. Last year Martin States Army station hospital in Eng-farmers received over \$100,000 in soil land. He has been awarded the Pur-

> progress," said his ward surgeon, Capt. Paul L. Lane of Chicago, Ill. "and at our rehabilitation center he will be helped to get back into physical trim.'

out in the attack and my company Six Barrels Of Mash was waiting for another one to pull ahead of us," Sgt. Tyson recalled. Raiding in the Free Union section "The Germans seemed to be firing

An employee at Barrett's Drug Creek, and North Carolina State out and the old gas drum used for parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter E. TyCollege. son, live in Oak City.

Red Armics Driving Direct County Schools Into Germany; Other Fronts Are Cracking To Curtail Use of Fuel

Death dealing blows are being administered to Germany on both the Eastern and Western Fronts today as the Russians drive into Silesia and East Prussia while late reports indicate sections of the Western Line are cracking before new attacks by the British in Holland and the Amerian Third Army in the Louxembourg

Forward; China Coast

Bombarded

The great industrial section in German Silesia is reeling and rocking today as the Russian drive, one of the greatest in military history, gains momentum despite gigantic attempts by the Germans to check it. Late news from the active battle fronts in the East is running well behind the fast moving Red Army, but the force and seriousness of the drive are admitted in reports coming out of Berlin. The Nazi military has thrown what were described as "astronomical forces" into the fight, but the Red Armies continue their lunge forward. Silesia, one of the richest industrial areas in Europe and where Hitler's big guns and tanks have been turned out in vast numbers, is believed to be in immediate danger. Farther to the north, gains have been chalked up in a powerful drive by the Red Armies into East Prus-

Berlin reports that Krakow has than 1,000 localities and is driving to

Berlin, the home army of over-age and physically poor recruits have been placed under a baptism of fire. toward the Rhine.

plunged on two miles into the mountainous defenses on which the enemy must rely to hold his shrunken positions in Belgium.

with equipment had been transfer- ville Cemetery. steamroller in the East.

A. Sexton, S. H. Grimes, Claude An- In this county the soil building pro- liamston was continued until the Western Front now stand at 74,788 Mrs. G. N. Warren of Stokes, Mrs. for the month of December, boosting | Elector Cherry of Wilson, Mrs. Bes- labor recruiter for the Norfolk Navy Peel, W. K. Roebuck, Robert H. the use of lime in large quantities or until Tokio burns, according to the total since D-Day to 322,912. Am-Cowan, Lewis Arthur Shaw, H. G. and in the seeding of new and im- one interpretation of the judgment. erican casualties in all theaters dur- Jones and Mrs. Lillian Berry both of Employment Service office that the Godard, Ruby Williams, T. H. Lynch, provement of old permanent pas- The case charging Fate Gurganus ing the war up to January 7 were Norfolk; three brothers, Messrs. Geo. Norfolk Navy Yard, which is locat-Julian L. Mizelle, Nathaniel Coltrain, tures. Hundreds of samples of farm with drunken driving was continued placed at 580,495. Included in the S. Whitfield of Mackeys, and P. W. Belgian bulge casualties were an es- and F. L. Whitfield, both of Wilson.

Clyde Barber, C. B. Burroughs.

Certificates for small truck tires can well use over 100,000 tons of lime roads for nine months. The road nila in the face of stiffening oppowere issued to the following: R. this year. Under the soil-building term was suspended upon the pay- sition in some sectors. Following Sears, G and H Builders Supply, program, farmers may participate in ment of \$60 and costs and with the closely their setback on Luzon, the the particular soil building practice understanding that \$15 is to be paid Japs are greatly disturbed by the reup to his maximum soil-building pay- each month during the next twelve peated attacks on the China Coast the Asiatic continent.

Down in Burma Chinese troops land, following two operations per-

The case charging Mariah Peter- minor successes during the past few removal of a bullet or shrapnel from son with aiding and abetting in dis- days, but the line there is little his heart, that he was able to be up George Thomas Roberson, charged with operating a motor vehicle from other fronts.

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Widows Eligible For recovery "was not proceeding satisfactorily." World War Pensions The Adjutant General went on to say in his letter to Mrs. Whitaker,

Widows and minor children of deceased World War I veterans are now eligible for pensions under the terms of an act recently passed by Congress, according to information released by Herbert C. Bonner, First District Congressman. The law provides a monthly payment of \$35 for the widow, plus \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child; no widow but one child, \$18; no widow but two children, \$27 (equally divided) and so on.

Congressman Bonner stated that he would be glad to furnish eligible widows or guardians the proper forms on which to make pension ap-

TAX LISTING

Property listing while hardly half complete, is progressing fairly rapidly in most of the townships in the county, most of the reports coming through Supervisor M. L. Peel before he left for Arkansas yesterday to see his son in the service, stating that the listing was well ahead of that et the same time last year.

The reports indicated that values were holding up unusually well in most if not all the districts. Very few inventories have been listed, but in three cases reported here sizable gains have been recorded. In one instance, values were double those a year ago. There are only eight more days for listing property, and late listings will be made subject to penalties.

David H. Whitfield Passes At His Home

his home in Robersonville Wednes- term and to make ready for a still an illness of only a few hours. He was working on a house roof that each morning and closing them about been evacuated, opening the way for afternoon and went down about 4:30 or possibly fore the usual hour, it the drive into East Prussia. The Rus- o'clock, suffering a cerebral hem- will be possible to save from threesian White Army has overrun more orrhage a minute or two later. He quarters to a ton of coal in the counwas removed to his home, regaining ty school system each day, authoriconsciousness for a short time only. ties estimated. Play and lunch per-In Silesia where the Red Armles He had been unusually active and iods will possibly be shortened to are now less than 250 miles from in good health until he was fatally offset the delayed opening each

County on January 29, 1878, the son

the Spring Green section. She died a few tons during the month of Febseveral months later and on Septem- ruary. Orders were placed for more ber 15, 1918, he was married to Miss coal to be delivered next month as Fannie James of Pitt County. Mr. usual, but the school authorities de-With some infantry wearing white Whitfield was an able craftsman in clare that additional shipments are camouflage suits such as those worn his profession and he was a promi- not to be expected. In those cases on the Russian front, Lt. Gen. Geo. nent and faithful member of the where the supply is nearly exhaust-Patton's Doughboys fought into Primitive Baptist Church at Flat ed, it will be replenished from the iekirch, 17 miles northeast of Lux- Swamp for about eighteen or twen- larger stocks in other schools. embourg City, and Bettendorf, three ty years. His pastor, Elder W. E. miles east, while other forces seized Grimes, assisted by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers, will conduct Late reports declare that the Ger- the last rites in the Robersonville man defenses in the two areas are Primitive Baptist Church Saturday eracking, and it was rumored that afternoon at 3:30 o'clock and intersome of the seasoned German troops ment will follow in the Roberson-

red in an effort to check the Russian Besides his wife he leaves one son Cpl. David H. Whitfield, now sta-American casualties along the tioned at Dayton, Ohio; five sisters,

Youth's Condition Not So Favorable

A late report just received by his mother, Mrs. Maniza Taylor Whitaker, stated that Pfc. Lewis T. Taylor is not getting along so well in an Army hospital somewhere in Engwill have to be agreed upon. "This son with assaulting a female, the are closing in on Wanting, last en- formed on his heart. About a month is one feature of the program that defendant pleaded guilty. Judgment emy stronghold on the Ledo-Burma ago the young man wrote his mother and explained that he had under-In Italy the Germans have scored gone the second operation for the changed with the Allies holding an and walk around and that he was estimated 27 enemy divisions away getting along very well. At that time he expected to be leaving for home pertty soon.

In the late message, the War Department said that the young man's factorily.

The Adjutant General went on to "It may be comforting to know that some of this country's finest doctors are assigned to the many excellent hospitals maintained at our overseas bases, and that your son is receiving the very best of medical care."

Young Taylor was critically wounded in action in France last June 11.

The young man's case is one of the most unusual of the war. He surviv- on the Western Front in Belgium ed a heart wound and two oper- last December 30, his wife, the forations on his heart.

Justice John L. Hassell Hears Two Cases In Court

Business continues to hold to a decations at their earliest convenience. \$1.50 and required to pay \$8.50 costs. Street for the duration.

10 Emminate Extra Curricular Activity **Effective Next Week**

Daily Sessions To Open Each Morning at 9:30; Close **About Usual Time**

Taking action to prevent an acute fuel shortage in the achools, the Martin County Board of Education, in a special session here Wednesday morning, advanced a fairly definite conservation program. Scheduled to go into effect next Monday, the conservation program calls for a shorter school day and the elimination of all extra-curricular activities where fuel is used. The action designed to conserve a rapidly dwindling fuel upply is not a mere suggestion, authorities pointing out that it was advanced in the form of a necessary order and its enforcement is to be ex-

It was pointed out that no schools are likely to be closed on account of fuel shortage, that the action is be-David Henry Whitfield, well- ing taken to offset a ten per cent reknown building contractor, died at duction in the fuel allotment this day night at 10:25 o'clock following more drastic reduction next term.

By opening the schools at 9:30 morning while extra activities will stricken.

Mr. Whitfield was born in Pitt be eliminated in their entirety.

Discussing the fuel situation, the On the Western Front, the British of the late George W. and Susan county superintendent explained Second Army, backed by American James Whitehurst. He spent his early that maximum orders allowed by heavy artillery, advanced two and life on the farm and located some the Solid Fuels Administration were one-half miles on a 28-mile front over thirty years ago in Roberson- placed last summer and early fall, ville where he operated a coal and that the orders had been filled. Stor-Simultaneously, the U. S. Third wood yard for a number of years, age space in the various school base-Army opened a new assault in north- later going into the building trades. ments was filled to capacity, and orern Luxembourg, broke across the Sure River on a seven mile front and married to Miss Maggie Salsbury of through the term if replenished with

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Critical Need For Ship Yard Workers

In line with the current national movement to get 4-F's into war work, Mr. M. F. Vaughan, Civil Service ed at Portsmouth, is urgently in need of more than thirty types of skilled and unskilled labor.

He urged men classified as 4-F who are looking for war work to contact him at the employment office in the City Hall building. Excellent wages are paid at the Navy Yard, housing is available and the government pays transportation to Portsmouth.

In rushing "must" naval construction to completion electricians, machinists, sheetmetal workers, welders and other types of skilled tradesmen are needed, and laborers and helpers are wanted badly.

never worked before, to supply the necessary ships to transport troops, guns, food and ammunition and the Norfolk Navy Yard offers every man an opportunity to do his part in the

war. He cautioned men already in essential work, however, not to apply. For the next several weeks, Mr. Vaughan will be in the local U. S. Employment Service office each Wednesday and Thursday. On other days he will be in the Washington

Local Young Man Slightly Wounded

Pvt. Wilson B. Partin, local young man, was slightly wounded in action mer Miss Mary Walston of Scotland Neck, was advised here yesterday. The message, coming from the War Department, offered no details.

Pvt. Partin, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Partin, RFD 2, Tarboro, entered the service from Williamston last plications. When the applications are pression level in Justice J. L. Has- March and had been overseas since prepared they may be returned to sell's court here. During the past last October. He has two children, Mr. Bonner and he will file the claim several days, the trial justice has Master Billy, a first grader in the -see that it is properly considered heard only two cases. Henry Price, local schools, and little Miss Penny. by the Veterans Administration and charged with simple assault, was Mr. Partin moved his family here in lend such other aid as he can. sentenced to the roads for thirty July, 1943, and was local represen-The congressman pointed out that days. The sentence was suspended tative for the Royal Baking Comthe pensions are not retroactive, and upon the payment of \$7.45 costs. pany until he entered the service. those widows in need or entitled to Wheeler Beach, charged with being Mrs. Partin and children are makthe pensions should file their appli- drunk and disorderly, was fined ing their home here on Williams

cense, John Henry Saunders was (Continued on page six) THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

the court costs.

"Sergeant Tyree has shown good

"We were getting ready to move

2nd Week Comparison Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 0 Comparison To Date