

## Officers Re-elected by County Farm Bureau

### Of Tobacco Acreage And Crop Insurance

#### Re-elect Officers and Name Ten Directors at Meeting Tuesday Night

Meeting in the county courthouse here last Tuesday evening, representatives of the Martin County Farm Bureau re-elected officers, named ten directors and passed resolutions favoring an over-all crop insurance program and the measurement of tobacco acreage this year. The meeting also expressed confidence in the organization's state leadership and favored their continuation in office. A report on the Chicago convention was offered by Messrs. S. T. Everett, G. H. Forbes and Chas. L. Daniel.

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 elected: Carl Griffin, Jamesville; C. L. Daniel, Williams; Geo. C. Griffin, Griffins; H. U. Peel, Bear Grass; D. V. Clayton, Williamston; G. H. Forbes, Cross Roads; Sam T. Everett, Robersonville; Mayo Hardison, Poplar Point; Geo. Oglesby, Hamilton, and Henry Early, Goose Nest.

Discussing the resolution calling for the measurement of tobacco acreage this year, the meeting stated that much complaint had been directed against the "spot" or percentage plan for checking compliance. It was explained that in some cases where the acreages were measured and the plantings exceeded the allotment, the farmer paid the penalty while others who planted in excess of their quotas were not required to pay any penalty because their lands were not measured by representatives of the Triple A. Uniform checking will be fair to all, and it is about the only way to solve the problem, it was agreed. The meeting, recognizing the labor shortage, urged that the lands be measured if it is possible to get the supervisors.

### Eye Clinic Is Held Here Wednesday

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, Ophthalmologist of Roanoke Rapids, was the examining physician. Fifty-four children, 29 white and 25 Negro, attended the clinic. Glasses were prescribed for 30 of this number. Twenty did not need glasses but were advised by the doctor and nurses to drink more milk and eat vegetables in order to improve their general condition. Four children's glasses were checked and found to meet the child's visionary needs.

Dr. Broun stressed the importance of adequate diets for all 54 children who attended the clinic. He stated that obviously a large percentage of them were badly in need of milk, fresh vegetables and eggs. He believes that if these suggestions are carried out there will be less eye deficiencies among this group of children. The Welfare Department plans to discuss this situation with the parents of these children and the school authorities in an effort to provide them with an improved diet.

### Jamesville Youth Is A Glider Pilot

South Plains Army Air Field, Tex.—Flight Officer Ferdinand C. Stallings, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stallings, Sr., of Jamesville, has received his wings as a glider pilot and appointment as a flight officer at the "Home of the Winged Commandos" at Lubbock, Texas.

## Committeemen Hear 1945 Farm Program For Martin County

### Precisely Use of Lime, Urged This Year

In an all-day meeting in the county 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 rein except for tobacco plantings. Soil building practices will be urged on a greater scale than ever before, however, it was learned.

### Eighty-Four Tires Allotted By Board

The Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday evening issued certificates for the purchase of eighty-four tires—78 for cars and six for small trucks.

The rationing has just about been moved from the OPA to the dealers, reports stating that certificates are plentiful and that tires are scarce. Possibly several hundred certificates are outstanding, the holders finding it next to impossible to supply the demand. Assigned quotas far larger than the actual supply of tires, ration boards seldom find it necessary to deny an applicant, and then the dealers have to follow a policy of first come, first served.

### Conservation Checks Received In County

The first soil conservation payments, earned by those farmers employing soil building practices last year, have been paid in this county. So far 299 checks, totaling \$8,198.50 and representing 267 applications, have been delivered to Martin farmers, it was learned from the office of the county agent this week.

### Youth Recuperating In Station Hospital

The 303rd Station Hospital, England—Wounded in the left arm and shoulder by shrapnel as he fought with his infantry unit in the Hurtgen Forest in Germany, Sgt. Tyree B. Tyson, 19, of Oak City, N. C., is now recuperating at this United States Army station hospital in England. He has been awarded the Purple Heart.

## Young Fighter Red Armies Driving Into Germany; Other Fronts Are Cracking

### Forward: China Coast Bombarded

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### Very Small Crowd Present To Hear Court's Routine Proceedings

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### Widows Eligible For World War Pensions

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## Direct County Schools To Curtail Use of Fuel

### To Eliminate Extra Curricular Activity Effective Next Week

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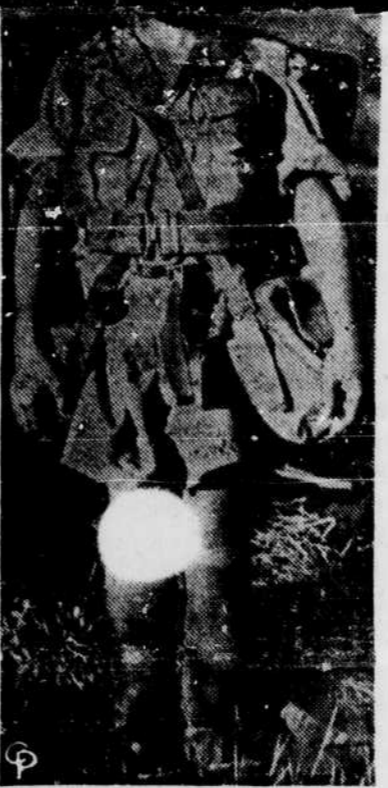
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CARRYING FULL PACK and wearing a helmet, this ten-year-old Chinese youngster prepares to board a plane at the North Airstrip, Myitkyina, Burma, with members of his division. He is one of a large number of boys in China's huge army. Signal Corps photo. (International)