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SERVICE MEN NOW READING

THE ENTEPRISE IN ALL PARTS

OF THE WORLD EACH WEEK.

Schedule Next Week

New Books Added To Collection for Distribution In This County

all books belonging to the bookmobile ready to return. Students de- County, according to the preliminary when completed, Mr. Lupton said. summer reading may meet the truck at the scheduled stop in their community in June. Copies of the summer schedule will be available for preliminary 1945 census count for late the findings, it was explained. the pupils in each school.

Excluding the new mysteries, west-erns, and light romances, there are several unique items.

There is Baker's "Party Line". No person could give such a vivid description without a background of definite experiences. For those who have ever listened in on a neighbor's conversation, here is a charming book, with Miss Elmira in control of the lines.

More laughs from the Woollcotts. This time it is Alexander's niece, Barbara, who gives from her pen the home life of four unpredictable youngsters with their lovable Pop and their Hom who hod "social sense". "None But a Mule" is filled with the joys and heartaches of a happy, imaginative and quite unorthodox family.

Those who have been reading with Dr. A. L. Crabb have enjoyed "Dinner at Belmont", and "Supper at Maxwell House". An invitation is now extended for "Breakfast at the Hermitage". This is the last of three novels on the rebuilding of Nashville, Tenn. Most fittingly this one is centered around "the Hermitage, the home Andrew Jackson Lt. Harris Awarded planned for his beloved wife, Rachel". It is the love story of a boy and girl of old Nashville.

Ira Wolfert has another book, "America Guerilla in the Philippines". This is the story as told by Lt. Richardson who relates how a an adventure story with much jungle life in it. "It's a how-to-do book-how to make fuel for your automobile out of the sap of the

a story of real people.

These are only a few of the many books ready for circulation this months. The old schedule of stops will be observed.

Justice Calls Five

Justice J. L. Hassell handled five diction and he sent the defendants Carolina." up to the county court for Judge J. C. Smith to pass upon their guilt.

Paul Griffin, charged with an affray, were each fined \$2.50 and required to pay \$5.50 costs.

James Slade was required to pay \$7.50 costs for allowing a minor to work in a pool room.

Noah Andrews was bound over to

the county court in \$100 bond.

ty court next Monday.

Bud Freeman, laboring already under a suspended sentence, was bound over to the county court in \$50 bond for interfering with an officer while in the performance of

Mother of Teacher Dies at Ayden Home

Mrs. J. R. Turnage, mother of Miss Frances Turnage, popular teacher in the local schools, died at her home in Ayden last Tuesday morning following a critical illness of five weeks' duration. Mrs. Turnage, the former Miss Eva Moseley, was 61 years of age.

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Ayden yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock and interment followed in the Ayden Cemetery.

Besides her daughter here and her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hal W. Stafford of Greensboro; a sister, Mrs. H. F. Laws of Kinston and a brother, Laurie Moseley of St. Petersburg,

The local schools ended the daily session earlier than usual yesterday and many of the teachers attended the funeral.

County Bookmobile County Has More Farms Now Seventh Army Men Will Make Regular Than It Had Five Years Ago Pouring Through

The number of farms in Martin Martin County was 67.6 acres as County as shown by the preliminary compared with 76.7 acres in 20.0 count of returns of the 1945 Census and 73.8 acres in 1935.

The total land in farms in Martin and announced from Washington 1945 census county was '95,230 acres, The census was started in this as compared with 184,466 acres in county several weeks ago, and while 1940, and 198,109 acres in 1935. Av- the field survey has been completerage size of farms shown in the ed, it will take some weeks to tabu-

In announcing the 1945 census of Agriculture was 2886, as compar- totals of farms and land in farms ed with 2406 in 1940, and 2633 in in Martin County, Supervisor Lup-1935. This was announced today by ton pointed out that the figures are As the bookmobile makes its Denton W. Lupton, supervisor for preliminary and subject to correcscheduled trip next week it will pay the 1945 farm census in the First tion. Final tabulations of Martin its last visit to the schools this North Carolina Census District with County farm census returns will be Teachers are urged to have headquarters at Washington, N. C. made by the Bureau of the Census

Many new books are ready for distribution this month. Their types are as varied as a patchwork quilt. are as varied as a patchwork quilt. Pre-Induction Exams sians on the Danube, and the American Seventh is steaming through the Brenner Pass for a meeting with

LIBRARY

According to a report by Rev. John L. Goff, chairman of the Williamston Public Library, the response to letters sent out last Saturday for the annual support of the institution is very encouraging. A much finer response must come, however, in order to insure a growing serv-

The budget for the coming year cannot be set up until all those contacted send in their replies, it was pointed out. Every citizen is asked to help underwrite this excellent community service.

Bronze Star Medal

First Lieutenant James L. Harris. Jr., was recently awarded the Bronze Star Medal for "heroic conduct," his guerilla army must operate. It is wife, the former Miss Eva Harrison, was notified here this week.

The citation reads: "First Lieutenant James L. Harris, Jr., 01018682, Cavalry, Company palm tree; how to scrape your way B, 22nd Tank Battalion, 11th Armthrough jail bars with a can opener; ored Division, United States Army. from the farm. Most of the others how to make field artillery out of For heroic conduct in connection were employed in industry, but one a brass pipe; how to court a girl in with military operations against an or two had quit the farm and were the Philippines; how to tell time in armed enemy. From 5 February 1945 not regularly employed when callthe jungle at night when you don't to 22 February 1945, while serving ed. have a watch, etc. Most of all, it is as Company Commander of Com- Names of the men answering the

pany B, 22d Tank Battalion, near call and their registration and last-For the history lover, Evelyn Eat- Heckhuscheid, Germany, Lieutenant given addresses follow: on has a new story of violence, love, Harris contacted his three platoons Roland Chesson Raynor, RFD 1, and sacrifice with its setting on the personally each day to see that they Oak City. island of Corsica in the middle of received adequate supplies. During these actions Lieutenant Harris was liamston, and RFD 5, Greenville. exposed to heavy enemy artillery and mortar fire and had to travel through heavily mined areas. Lieutenant Harris often acted as liaison between infantry and his tanks, exposing himself to enemy fire in an open vehicle. Through the untiring efforts of Lieutenant Harris, both Cases In His Court his company and the infantry were able to accomplish their missions. able to accomplish their missions. His conduct was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United cases in his court this week, but States Army. Lieutenant Harris enthree of them were out of his juris- tered the military service from North Jamesville.

E. Smith to pass upon their guilt. Lafayette Pearsall, D. D. Hill and Air Medal Awarded Thomas Cleen Pilgreen, RFD 1, Palmyra.

T/Sgt. H. Herman Rawls of Robersonville, was recently awarded Jamesville. Charged with disorderly conduct achievement in accomplishing with ferred to Baltimore for his pre-inand assault with a deadly weapon, distinction aerial operational missions over enemy occupied Conti-Ted Scott, charged with an assault in the citation continues, "The courage, coolness and officials Are Named or participated in the election. Altiques, "The courage, coolness and officials are Named or participated in the election. Altiques, "The courage, coolness and officials are Named or participated in the election. Altiques, "The courage, coolness and officials are Named or participated in the election. Altiques, "The courage, coolness and officials are Named or participated in the election. Altiques, "The courage, coolness are not participated in the election and officials are not participated in the election. Altiques, "The courage, coolness are not participated in the election and officials are not participated in the election and officials are not participated in the election. Altiques, "The courage, coolness are not participated in the election and officials are not participated in the election are not participated in the election and officials are not participated in the election are not participated i with a deadly weapon, was required to furnish bond in the sum of face of determined opposition manages and the course of the course of the course of determined opposition manages and the course of t \$50 for his appearance in the counterially aided in the successful completion of these missions. His actions reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the of one or two towns in the county ed a much larger participation in United States.'

Prior to entering the AAF in Oc- last Tuesday. tober, 1943, he was employed by Baltimore.

WARNING The warning issued a few days ago to draft registrants by the Martin County Draft Board against job changing applies to farmers also, Miss Mary Rodgerson, clerk, pointed out yesterday. While a farmer may move from one farm to another, he cannot quit the farm and enter any other industry without subjecting himself to call for duty in the armed forces. Before a farm registrant may quit the farm without subjecting him-self to call, he must first get permission from his draft board. Some few farmers are quitting the farm without permission, it is understood, and they are subject to call; in fact, several have already been inducted into the armed forces for quitting the farm without draft board permission.

Eight Non-Farmers Included In Group Leaving This Week

Few Teen-Age Boys Are Called for Pre-Induction Yesterday

Fourteen Martin County white the time to leave for the preliminary examination at Fort Bragg.

Only four in the group are in Only four in the group are in their teens, and all of them turned Few Votes Cast In eighteen not so long ago. Four of the fifteen answering the call are married and they leave six children behind. Excluding the teen-age lads, the men called yesterday are from 22 to 33 years of age, the average age of the group being about the oldest of any other contingent to leave the county in recent

Six of the fourteen men come

John Thomas Farmer, RFD 2, Wil-

Arthur Bailey Gurganus, RFD 3, Williamston. Marion Clyde Ward, RFD 2, Wil-

liamston. Thomas Earl Roberson, RFD 1,

Williamston. James Russell Lee, RFD 2, Wil-

Tom Fenner Jackson, Robersonville and Baltimore. William Robert White, RFD 3, Wil-

liamston and Norfolk. William Carroll Fagan, RFD 1.

Luther Faith Lynch, RFD 1, Oak City and Ahoskie.

James Lesley Williams, RFD 3, Dennis Warren, Robersonville.

Elwood Preston Alexander, RFD 1,

Jamesville, reporting a light vote the Bethlehem Steel Corporation in following a spirited convention the last regular meeting next Monday Friday before, retained only one night and meet as a new governing member of the board of commission- body for the first time on the first ers. G. M. Anderson was nominated Monday in June. At the latter meetand elected to succeed Joe Holliday ing, they will consider budget estias mayor. John Long, Clyde Brown mates for the new fiscal year. and U. S. Hassell were elected commissioners, Mr. Long succeeding him-

self as a member of the board. Oak City, according to reports reaching here, nominated J. N. Hopkins for mayor, E. N. Harrell, J. C. Johnson, Wheeler Daniel, J. C. Ross and J. H. Ayers for town commissioners at a nominating convention this week.

Little Business Scheduled For County Commissioners

Very little business other than that of a routine nature, is on the schedule for consideration by the county commissioners at their regular meeting here next Monday. Jurymen for the one week term of the superior court will be drawn and it is possible that the officials will study preliminary budget figures for one of the county departments.

Numbers 'They Are Allies' reatest Problem

With Allied forces pouring through the Brenner Pass and advancing on all major fronts, victory is apparently at hand in Europe today. Germans by the hundreds of thousands are surrendering to the British and Americans, and they are becoming the Allies' greatest problem. During the meantime, negotiations for a general surrender are in progress, and are nearing completion, accord-

The British are plunging into Denmark. Patton's Third Army, despite Linz and a junction with the Rusthe Brenner Pass for a meeting with the American Fifth less than eighteen miles away.

A general surrender of all German forces in Italy came this week, and organized resistance in the north has collapsed, one report stating that the British yesterday took half mil-lion prisoners, most of them fleeing from the Russians and seeking safe refuge. The British were said this morning to have landed at Putland in Denmark, and it is indeed apparent that a general surrender will have to come shortly.

The prisoner problem, during the examinations for possible call into United States is out of the question. and Public Works Commission for chose the Merchant Marine and he with by them. German spokesmen was sworn in a short time before despite the fiendish atrocities un-

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Municipal Election Here Last Tuesday

Vote Almost Solid for Entire Ticket for New Term Beginning in June

Williamston's town politics were settled after a final fashion for an- after fifty air missions in the Italother two years last Tuesday when ian area. the biennial municipal election.

election, and Registrar J. E. Pope he was getting along all right. Adand Judges of Election O. S. An- dressing his young daughter, who derson and Jesse T. Price had a dull is making her home with his parents time between 8 o'clock that morn- and attending school at Bear Grass, ing and sunset. Completing the count Pvt. Hardy said he was anxiously without delay and with little effort, looking forward to seeing her on or the election officials announced the before next Christmas. following results:

J. L. Hassell for mayor, 75 votes; N. C. Green, V. D. Godwin and R. T. Griffin, 75 votes each, and G. H. Harrison and Lawrence P. Lindsley 74 votes each for commissioners.

There had been some talk of an independent ticket, but no petition was prepared and filed and such a ticket could have been ruled out by default. However, if there was opposition it could have been recorded by the individual voter by writing in the names of his candidates. There were no write-ins and not more than two tickets refused to advance a 100 per cent support of the entire ticket. All but one of the lowing: commissioners participated in the

While the election supported the nominating convention's ticket almost 100 per cent, the size of the vote was dangerously small. Out of a potential reserve of possibly 1,-400 voters, only seventy-five electthough the vote count is one-third

It is quite likely that a primary will be asked of the next session of A few changes in the government the legislature, and if one is creatwere made in municipal elections local elections can be reasonably expected.

The old officials will hold their

MOVING

After seeing action in the front lines on the Continent, Frank Saunders Weaver was transferred to the Army Air Corps ground forces, and it is believed that he is now on his way to the Pacific theater direct. The young soldier has advised that his address is being changed, and that he would hardly be in a position to write during the next several weeks.

As far as it can be learned, no land troops have been moved directly from the European area to the Pacific, but the movement of air forces to that sector is well underway, according to re-

Grady B. Hardy Killed Twenty-four Cases The Brenner Pass In Action In Germany

Nazis Surrendering in Such County Young Man Had Been Overseas **Nearly Two Years**

Makes Supreme Sacrifice on April 25, Parents Are Advised This Week

Pvt. Grady Burroughs Hardy, Martin County young man, was killed ing to reliable reports heard this in action in Germany on April 20, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lon Hardy, RFD 2, Williamston, were notified Wednesday by the War Departa snow storm, is pushing on toward ment. The terse message, carrying few details, will be followed by a letter of confirmation shortly, the Adjutant General explained.

Pvt. Hardy entered the service in July, 1941, and after receiving his training as a member of an air force ground crew, he left for England in September, 1943. He served well in that position until a few months ago when many young men were transferred from the air corps to the infantry. Since he was transferred the young man saw much land action in the German offensive.

He was the 44th Martin County young man to lay down his life for his country during World War II. The son of Mr. Lon Hardy and Mrs. Nellie Burroughs Hardy, he was born near Williamston on May meantime, is causing much concern. 10, 1916, and spent most of his life men left yesterday morning for England is crowded with the once on the farm. He was employed by Fort Bragg to undergo pre-induction supermen, and their transfer to the the North Carolina State Highway the armed forces. Fifteen were call- It has been suggested that they be several months, working out of Wiled originally, but one in the group returned to the Russians to be dealt liamston. He later entered the employ of the Williamston Package v four years ago.

vear-old Julia Dail, survives the unon. Besides his parents he is also Pfc. Lance Dutton Hardy who is sta- gates from Bertie, Pitt, Beaufort, for one year upon the payment of tioned somewhere in the Pacific, Tyrrell, Washington and Martin a \$20 fine and court costs. Pfc. Calton Hardy who is somewhere

dy who returned a few months ago the last word received from him by Martin. Little interest was shown in the his parents, Pvt. Hardy stated that

Fifty-Four Tires Allotted by Board

A record low issuance of passen- Carolina. ger car tires was reported in this county last Friday night when the was given at the agricultural buildwar price and rationing board is- ing for Mrs. Whedbee, retiring chairsued certificates for the purchase of man. only thirty-nine. In addition to that number, certificates for the purchase of fifteen truck tires were is-

Certificates for the purchase of Grade I tires were issued to the fol-

John A. Ward, Jr., Raleigh Har-State Highway Patrol, A. T. Perkins, J. R. Rawls, S. T. Brady. L. C. C. Peele, F. D. Williams, J. L. Whitfield, Elbert Roberson, G. P. Hall, larger than the total vote cast two F. Woolard, Geo. A. Oglesby, J. O. Stokes, W. V. Ormond, W. C. House, J. E. Copeland, Sr., Marie Johnson, Lester Scott, Foy Rogerson, Thad Newsome, Russell Collier, J. R. Matthews, Charles Ferris, L. A. Croom, John A. Griffin, W. S. Peele, G. W.

Truck tires were issued to the fol-E. E. Brown, Williamston Pack-

age Mfg. Co., A. T. Gurkin, Chas. H. Jenkins, Williamston Lumber Co., Lindsley Ice Co., J. F. Crisp.

Issuance of Wine Licenses Delayed

The issuance of wine licenses to etailers in Williamston is being delayed with the possibility that none will be issued, according to an unofficial report heard yesterday. It is expected that the commissioners will consider applications for licenses at their meeting next Monday. It is understood that the town and

county can't deny licenses to an applicant except in certain cases, but ome are of the opinion that a general law passed by the last session of the legislature outlaws the sale of certain types of synthetic wines. In that case licenses could be denied when such wines are included in the retailer's stock.

KILLED IN GERMANY



Pvt. James William Manning, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dave Manning, RFD 1, Williamston, was killed in action in Germany on April 11, 1945. The young man was home on furlough last February 19 visiting his wife and young daughter and other relatives.

County Women Will Head District Clubs

Mrs. J. Eason Lilley of the Macedonia Home Demonstration Club prosecuting witness' car. The de-Manufacturing Company and was was elected president of the 15th disworking at the local plant at the trict of the North Carolina Home time he was called for service near- Demonstration Club Federation at the annual meeting which was held In early manhood he was married in Swan Quarter last Friday. Mrs. Miss Hilda Roberson of near Wil- N. R. Rogerson of the Bear Grass

iamston, and a daughter, seven- club was elected district secretary. Mrs. T. G. Whedbee of Ahoskie, retiring chairman, presided over the survived by a sister, Mrs. June all-day meeting, held in the Metho-Beach whose husband is in the Navy dist Church there. Words of welcome serving at Washington, D. C., at by the president of the Hyde Counthe present time, and three brothers, ty clubs were extended the delein Germany and T/Sgt. Martel Har- Bear Grass club in Martin County, William Archie Mobley pleaded responded.

ty in the district. Mrs. Arthur Peaks ate a motor vehicle was revoked for seventy-five voters participated in In a letter written on April 13th, of the Sweet Home club reported for one year, the order to take effect at

Mrs. June Harris of the Sweet cation.

Bertie County. Lunch was served to the delegates

the agricultural building. Miss Ruth Current, State Home Demonstration Agent, brought the highlight of the program with her greetings from State College and an inspirational message on Home Demonstration Club work in North

After the meeting adjourned a tea

Boy Home on Leave

rington, Geo. E. Peele, J. T. Bennett, wounded in Germany on last Febru- the close of the current term, ac-Gardner, L. R. Beach, Dennis A. ily. Following the stay in the counschool this week. Williamston re-Roberson, W. Bruce Johnson, Tom- ty, he will return to the Finney Gen- ports two, Oak City has two and mie Whitley, Roland Harrison, D. eral Hospital in Georgia to under- Robersonville has three resignations go further treatment for his wounds. in their files.

the right shoulder and suffered a aggravated teacher shortage in the broken collar bone. He just recent- schools for the coming term. A few ly returned to the States following a applications have been received, but

NEWS TO HIM

Hugh G. Horton, local attorney, was recently mentioned as a potential candidate for the National House of Representatives from this district. But Mr. Horton said yesterday that the report was news to him, and refrained from making any comment at that time.

A Raleigh colmunist for afternoon newspapers said that Herbert Bonner will almost certainly have vigorous opposition. He continued, "This opposition may be sufficiently divided to prove less threatening than if it gets together on one man."

The columnist then mentioned Mr. Horton, Arthur Corey of Pitt and W. C. Morse of Elizabeth City as possible candidates for

At the same time, Attorney Horton has been mentioned as a possible successor to Don Gilliam, district solicitor, whose nomination for a federal judgeship is now pending before the United States Senate.

Called in County's Court Last Monday

Court Takes in About \$700 In Session Lasting Late Into Afternoon

Calling twenty-four cases, Judge J. Calvin Smith held the Martin County Recorder's Court in session until 5 o'clock last Monday afternoon before clearing the docket, and adjournment came then only after a few cases had been carried over for trial later. The session attracted a fairly large crowd early in the day, but it dwindled gradually and by late afternoon, there were less

than a dozen spectators on hand. Over \$700 was taken in during the day, the figure including both fines and court costs.

Proceedings: The case charging Harry Paul with careless and reckless driving was not prossed. It was superceded by a warrant charging the young Greenville white man with manslaughter. He pleaded not guilty, but Judge Smith found probable cause of guilt, and the defendant was bound over to the superior ourt under bond in the sum of \$500. Charged with drunken driving, Mayo Matthews was found not guil-

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Lafayette Pearsall with operating a motor vehicle without driver's license.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with drunken driving, Hardy Williams was sentenced to the suspended upon the payment of a \$60 fine and costs, and \$12.50 to P. T. Norwood for damage done to the fendant's license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

Charlie Mack Jenkins, charged with speeding, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for ninety days. All but the first two days of the term was suspended on condition that the defendant pay a \$15 fine and costs and violate no motor ve-

suspension period. Willie Jasper Jones was sentenced to the roads for sixty days for speed-

Counties. Mrs. R. L. Leggett of the Charged with drunkin driving, guilty and was fined \$100 and taxed Reports were given by each coun- with the costs. His license to operthe termination of the present revo-

Home Club in Martin, chairman of Charged with speeding, Grover W. the transportation committee, report- Jernigan pleaded guilty and was ed that the attendance gavel went to fined \$15 and required to pay the

court costs. M. M. Smithwick was fined \$25 by the Hyde County club women at and taxed with the costs in the case charging him with speeding. His license to operate a motor vehicle

was revoked for ninety days. Leslie Vernon Dickerson, charged with speeding, was fined \$20 and required to pay the costs. His license to drive a motor vehicle was revok-

ed for ninety days. (Continued on page six)

Teachers Resigning In County Schools

At least seven teachers have already resigned and a goodly number of others will likely withdraw from Pvt. Winford Mobley, slightly faculty positions in this county at ary 23, is spending a 30-day furlough cording to information coming from in the county with his wife and fam- the office of superintendent of

The young man was wounded in Present indications point to an stay of a few months in the European even with those the prospects for filling faculty positions during the 1946-46 term are not as bright as they were about this time a year ago for the 1944-45 term.

Funeral Today For Respected Citizen

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the A. M. E. Zion Church here for Will Jos. Huff, respected colored citizen, who died at his home on Sycamore Street last Monday afternoon following an illness of several months duration. His pastor, Rev. Lee, will

onduct the last rites. He was born in Williamston 68 years ago and was employed by the A. C. L. Railroad Company for nearly half a century. In recent years he maintained a public dray. He was a hard worker and upright in his dealings with his fellowman. He was a leader in his church and a good cit-

He is survived by his widow, the former Annie Battle, and two children, William Huff and Dorothy Huff Thompson.

Interment will follow in the Odd Fellows Cemetery.