

## Plans Advanced At Meeting Last Week For Wildlife Club

### New Organization Proposed To Improve Hunting and Fishing In State

Meeting in the courthouse last Thursday night, a number of Martin County hunters and fishermen expressed keen interest in the North Carolina Wildlife Federation and made plans for the organization of a wildlife club in this county in support of the State federation.

Addressing the group, Ross O. Stevens, executive secretary of the state organization, stated that clubs had already been organized in forty-seven counties, that the organization would reach into possibly ninety counties by the end of this year. He reviewed the history of the new federation, explaining that the business of the organization was not to rob anyone of his job, but to relieve a bad situation existing in the game and fish division of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development. Mr. Stevens was not critical of the present department, but he frankly pointed out quite a few of its shortcomings and declared that the evidence shows the hunters and fishermen of this State are getting what may be called a raw deal.

According to Mr. Stevens, both candidates for governor in the last campaign promised a new game set-up, but the successful candidate changed his mind. He did appoint a committee and a hearing was held. It was apparent that a plan for an effective game and fish commission would get no where in the face of dictatorial policies characteristic of policies formulated in Raleigh's high places, and a small group of men, representing nearly every section of the state, met in a hotel and laid the plans for the state wildlife federation. The committee, Mr. Stevens continued, studied systems in other states and gave the problem serious thought with the view of correcting flagrant errors in the present system and advancing an effective organization.

The organization committee first admitted that an effective cooperation on the part of farmers and landowners was necessary, that the organization would sponsor a new department in this state for hunting and fishing exclusive of commercial fishing. It was pointed out that the present commission of fifteen members is interested in too many things, that much money is wasted, that a change every four years destroyed the effectiveness of the commission. The new organization proposed to have a man selected from nine districts in the state with definite qualifications to serve as a continuing board.

The federation, financed strictly by the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and not by general taxation, proposes a state-wide wildlife conservation and educational program, to get more people interested in wildlife.

The federation also proposes to protect the rights of hunters and fishermen. Mr. Stevens explained the organization set-up, how every county would be represented by a delegate and every club members would have an opportunity to be heard.

Speaking briefly to the group, Attorney R. L. Coburn said he was fed up with so many appointments by the governor, that while some were good and some were bad, there was too much political flavor in them to guarantee effectiveness.

The small group discussed various problems, everyone agreeing that it was high time for something to be done. Those present pledged their efforts in advancing club membership, and agreed to hold a meeting in about three weeks for further discussions.

Almost one hundred hunters and fishermen were in attendance upon a similar meeting held in Windsor last Friday evening, and much interest was shown in the new wildlife organization there. A membership drive was launched there, quite a few signing up at the time, according to reports reaching here.

## Stolen Car Found Here Last Sunday

The 1940 Chevrolet car belonging to Chas. Forbers and stolen from the streets here last April 1 was recovered Sunday morning when Officer John Roebuck arrested John J. McColgan, stationed in the U. S. Navy at Edenton. The seaman, accompanied by a 16-year-old girl whose name was not divulged, had spent the night in the car near Dinah's hill just off East Main Street. Police were notified the car was parked and when they investigated they learned the car had been stolen here six months ago.

McColgan stated he borrowed the car from Harry Lee Spruill in Edenton, and Patrolman Whit Saunders and Sheriff Roebuck called for him that morning. Spruill, returned here for a hearing, maintained that a sailor known to him as "Frenchie" turned the car over to him when "Frenchie" was transferred months ago.

The car is almost worn out, officers said.

## County People Appeal For Secondary Roads

### Two Groups Appear Before Meeting In Interest Of Roads

#### Court Clerk Makes a Record Settlement For Month Of September

Meeting in regular session Monday, the Martin County Commissioners received several delegations who aired their road problems and appealed for action. The action of the highway commission in centering its first big contract letting on primary roads and super highways has come in for some bitter criticism, the people in the rural districts coming forward to register deep indignation.

Headed by J. A. Everett and H. A. Early, a delegation asked the board to take immediate action in having the road from Hamilton to the Halifax County line via Palmyra paved as soon as possible.

Heading a seven-man delegation, John W. Eubanks of Hassell appealed to the board in the interest of the road from Butler's Bridge on Highway No. 125 to Fountain's Cross Roads via Hassell. "We can't get out during bad weather without getting stuck in the mud," Mr. Eubanks explained in advancing an appeal to the commissioners to exercise their influence in having the road surfaced as soon as possible. The delegation also pointed out the bad condition existing on the road running by D. W. Etheridge's farm and on the Cross-Downs road. They were too narrow and there are many bad hills, the delegation spokesman pointed out in describing the present condition of the roads.

The commissioners passed a resolution asking the state to add 1.1 miles of road in Griffins Township, run by Arthur C. and Oscar B. Roberson, to the highway system.

The Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce was exempt of county taxes on the club-sponsored circus playing in the county a few weeks ago.

Johnnie Williams and others, heirs of L. H. Williams, were relieved of cost and penalty on old land sales for taxes on property listed to L. H. Williams in Williams Township in the sum of \$14.50.

W. T. Bunting, Robersonville, was granted license to sell 20 percent wines provided he can qualify under state law.

Tax relief orders were granted in a few cases for the 1944 tax year, as follows:

Daniel Webster, \$2, double-listed in Jamesville Township, Henry Bell, \$5.30, double-listed in Williams Township. Earl Taylor, \$2, died in Williams Township. William Manning, \$4.31, of Griffins Township, dead, and Woodrow Wisby, \$2, Griffins Township, now in Army. Four were relieved in Williamston Township: H. E. Bellflower, \$2, physical; P. E. Cherry, \$2, Army; Ivory Hemmingway, \$2, Army, and Lindsley White, \$2, dead. Ira Manning, \$4.73, Cross Roads, dead. Raleigh Gurganus, \$2, Robersonville, for physical disability. John Wesley Dunn, \$3.05, of Hamilton, Army.

Making his turn-over to the commissioners for last month, Clerk of Court, L. B. Wynne submitted \$2,382.55, the amount being about the largest, if not the largest, ever turned into the county treasurer in any one month. All but \$158.25 was collected in Judge J. C. Smith's recorder's court, fines amounting to \$1,380.00 and costs totaling \$844.30. The \$158.25 was collected as costs in the superior court. The county court was in session only two days during the month.

Reviewing tax collections for the commissioners, Tax Collector M. L. Peel stated that \$92,447.58 of the 1945 levy of \$188,759.65 had been collected. All but \$4,379.83 of the 1944 levy of \$194,196.08 had been collected.

### Charged With Possessing And Transporting Liquor

Guilford Brown was detained last Saturday night when Patrolman W. E. Saunders found him transporting a gallon of illicit liquor on Highway 17, near Williamston. Brown's old model Chevrolet is being held subject to confiscation orders by the court.

Brown was accompanied by Louis Riddick and Washington and Samuel Manning, colored.

**ROUND-UP**  
County, state and local officers had a fairly busy time last week when they rounded up and jailed twelve persons, one of them twice during the period. Eight of the twelve were charged with public drunkenness, two with larceny and receiving of an automobile, and one each for disorderly conduct and non-support.

Nine of the dozen were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 60 years.

## Over \$35,800 Paid For County Schools During First Month

### Colored Teachers On An Average, Receiving More Than White Teachers

Martin County's school faculty, exclusive of maintenance forces and mechanics, were paid \$35,851.83 in salaries for the first month of the current term. The lion's share, over \$25,000, went to the 154 teachers in the elementary schools. The total pay roll is slightly larger than usual since some of the salaries covered a six weeks period.

A break down of the salary figures follows:  
High school principals: twelve white, \$2,337.62; two colored, \$802.00, for six weeks.  
High school teachers, sixteen white, \$2,351.63; six colored, \$1,018.98.

Elementary teachers: 76 white, \$12,110.08; 78 colored, \$12,968.74.  
Elementary principals: one white, \$319.50; one colored, \$213.00 for six weeks.  
Janitors: twelve, \$3,239.55.  
Truck drivers: forty, \$540.00.  
Vocational departments: three white home economics teachers, \$585.13; one colored home economics teacher, \$205.90. Agriculture: two white teachers, \$386.00; two colored teachers, \$378.00.

Superintendents' office, \$416.50. A comparison of salaries shows that colored teachers, on an average are receiving more pay than the white, that both have fairly sizable increases over their 1944 salaries. Last year, the 75 white elementary teachers received \$10,032.62, an average of \$133.76 as compared with \$160 received this year. The 76 colored teachers last year received \$10,782.31, an average of \$141.87. This year, the 78 colored elementary teachers received \$12,968.74, an average of \$166.00.

In the high schools, the 17 white teachers last year received \$2,104.99, or \$123.82 on an average. This year, the sixteen white teachers received \$2,351.63, or an average of \$146.98. The six colored high school teachers last year received \$335.33 or \$139.22 on an average. This year they received \$1,018.98 or an average of \$169.83.

The colored elementary teachers in this county, on an average, are receiving about \$6 a month more than the white. The colored elementary teachers are receiving about \$22.85 more than the white teachers, on an average.

Possibly the colored teachers, on an average, hold higher certificates than the white. The state paid all the \$35,851.83 except for vocational teachers which amounted to \$1,555.03, the county and federal governments supporting those services.

**McAuliffe Says War Fund Still Needed**  
Few men have attained such deserved fame for the use of well-timed slang as Major General A. C. McAuliffe. His classic answer to the German commander who demanded the surrender of the badly beleaguered American troops at Bastogne, "Nuts" will long be remembered.

General McAuliffe is now the commanding general at Camp Mackall. From him State Chairman Victor S. Bryant has recently received the following letter:

Dear Mr. Bryant:  
For many thousands of our wounded in hospitals the war is not yet over and will not be over for many months to come. In addition, there are millions in wartorn lands who are in need of aid which is dependent on funds raised through organizations such as those represented in the National War Fund. During my service in Europe I had an opportunity to see the great work that USO Camp Shows was doing to relieve the boredom and homesickness which are the inevitable accompaniment of occupation duties following the war. I feel that the National War Fund is a most worthy cause and I hope that it will receive enthusiastic support.

**Willie W. Mizell Granted An Honorable Discharge**  
SWANNAHOA.—T/5 Willie W. Mizell of Route No. 1, Williamston, has been granted an honorable discharge at the Separation Station of Moore General Hospital here.

Sgt. Mizell was inducted into the army September 27, 1940 and after training at Fort Bragg he served overseas three years with the 9th Division of the 47th Infantry Regiment as a lineman. He saw action in Sicily, France, Belgium, Germany and North Africa.

The son of Mrs. James A. Roberson he wears the Combat Infantry Badge for meritorious achievement in action, the Bronze Star, and the Purple Heart for battle wounds in action.

### Hit-And-Run Driver Is Arrested By Patrolman

Charged with hit-and-run driving, Oscar Cherry, colored, was arrested last week by Highway Patrolman and Bethel officers, and will be given a hearing within the next few days over in Edgecombe County.

Cherry is alleged to have side-swiped a car driven by Claude Freeman on the Bethel-Hassell Highway a week ago. He is alleged to have driven his car home and wrapped it up with sacks.

## Repeat Appeal for an All-Out Support for United War Fund

### On the Eve of the 1945 United War Fund Drive, County Chairman Clarence W. Griffin Today Directed Another Appeal to Every Man, Woman and Child in Martin County to Support the Campaign to the Limit

Martin County is being asked to raise \$13,232.96 during the drive scheduled to get underway throughout the nation tomorrow. This county has met every challenge in the past, and while the amount asked this year is slightly larger, it is believed that our people will not slow down until they have raised the amount to make certain that the pages of history will not show they quit until every service flag came down.

The fund is slightly larger than last year because the new budget is based on fifteen months instead of twelve, and this is slated to be the last drive for the fund.

During the war years, the Fund had trouble in reaching many places. The only drawback possible now can be insufficient funds. The need is

### Receiving an appeal from the service hospitals, the Red Cross is calling upon production units here and throughout the nation to make hospital supplies and articles for the wounded.

The production unit here has been asked to accept a sizable quota, but acceptance is being delayed until sufficient workers volunteer their services.

Mrs. N. C. Green, chairman of the production unit, will gladly list the names of volunteers and accept the quota when an ample number of workers is available to handle it.

## Pfc. Lucius Turner Tells Experiences On Okinawa In May

Writing to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ruel E. Turner of Oak City, under date of September 9, Pfc. Lucius R. Turner relates a few of his experiences on Okinawa and in other areas beginning last May.

Stationed at the time the letter was written on Mindora Island, the young man briefly mentioned the weather, declared he was getting along fine and getting plenty to eat for a change, and added that censorship had been lifted. Going back to the Okinawa campaign, he said:

"I hit the island of Okinawa on the fifth day of May, 1945. I was assigned to my outfit on May 8 and went into the line on May 10th. I didn't have much time to chat with the fellows, but one thing they told me was that when they came off the line on the first of May there were only 35 men left out of their company. That gave me a queer feeling. They also told me that if I hadn't been used to praying, I soon would be."

"I was just a member of a litter bearer team, and I thought that was tough, especially in all the mud and water. I mean I really hated to see a large fellow get hit. Well, I hated to see anyone get hit, but the large fellows were a pain for us as well as for them. I'd try to double-time, but in most cases all I could do was creep."

"I was also called upon to help deliver C rations when a company was pinned down. We had to take rations and water to them under the cover of darkness. One company was pinned down for two days, and we pulled up and went in to help them out of the tough spot. There were many casualties and we had to help them with their litter cases."

"One of our shells fell short and wiped nine men out of a platoon and

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### Minor Accident Reported Near Jamesville Saturday

No one was hurt but property damage amounted to about \$200 when two cars crashed on Highway 64 near Jamesville about 12:20 o'clock last Saturday morning.

Clyde Tilghman Modlin, U. S. Navy, stationed at Yorktown, Va., was on his way home when Jos. J. Walker, of Washington, D. C., and Jamesville, started to turn around on the highway and virtually blocked the road. Walker accepted the responsibility and paid for the damage done to the Modlin car.

### David C. Mizelle Promoted To Private First Class

MANILA.—David C. Mizelle, whose wife, Alvarita, and young daughter reside in Williamston, has been promoted to private first class while serving as supply clerk at the 5th Replacement Depot near Manila.

Pfc. Mizelle has served overseas five months and now wears the Asiatic-Pacific and Philippine Liberation ribbons.

### TOBACCO SALES

Tobacco sales exceeded the seven-million-pound mark on the local market this morning, a semi-official report placing the sales through last Friday at 6,857,328. Up until that time, \$2,995,508.28 had been paid the growers, the average price for the season to date being \$43.83.

Approximately seventy percent of the crop has been sold in this section, and it is fairly certain that the glut will be relieved if not eliminated by the latter part of this week. However, tobacco moved in in fairly large quantities over the week-end, filling two of the first sale houses before yesterday. It is now fairly certain that by the latter part of this week and certainly by next Tuesday tobacco can be delivered one day for sale the next, and possibly for sale the same day by the middle of next week.

## Robert McClaren Is Turret Electrician Aboard Mississippi

### Third Ship Out of Pearl Harbor Name Is A Happy Story County Youth Declares

Robert McClaren, E. M. 2/c son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McClaren of Robersonville, has sent a history of the activities of the USS Mississippi to his home folks.

Of his personal duties aboard the big battleship, McClaren says: "Reporting aboard at Pearl Harbor, Jan. 10, 1944, I missed out on Kiska and Makin, but was in on Kwajalein, Tarawa, Wotje, Kavieng, Pellilleu, Leyte, Luzon, Okinawa, and the famed battle of Surigao Strait."

"The ship has taken two Japanese suicide planes, one at Luzon and the other in the most recent battle for Okinawa. Damage and casualties were moderate.

"I am a turret electrician, having charge of all electrical gear in No. II turret."

"The saga of the battleship U. S. S. Mississippi can finally be told. After twenty-eight years of devoted duty, her long, arduous, and awe-inspiring career was gratifyingly climaxed when she, as one of Vice Admiral Jesse B. Oldendorf's 'old battleships' of Battleship Squadron One, sailed proudly into the Japs' own Tokyo Bay as a member of Admiral 'Bull' Halsey's Third Fleet Occupation Force."

The jaunt to Tokyo was a return engagement for the Missy, the third ship of the line to bear the state's name. Ninety-two years ago the first Mississippi, as flagship for Commodore M. C. Perry sailed the uncharted waters of Tokyo Bay in an expedition that opened the doors of Japan to world commerce. The Commanding officer of the original Missy on that hazardous mission was Captain Sidney Smith Lee, brother of General Robert E. Lee. During the War Between the States, Captain Lee became commander-in-chief of the Confederate Navy at the same time General Robert E. Lee was Commander-in-chief of the Confederate Army. It was in this war that the Mississippi was severely damaged in the battle off Port Hudson and was subsequently destroyed.

The second Mississippi, displacing 13,000 tons, was commissioned in 1907. She played an early role in the beginning of aviation, but was, in 1913, decommissioned prior to World War I and later sold to Greece.

The present Mississippi, now displacing 40,000 tons, was commissioned on December 18, 1917. She saw little action in the first World War, and contented herself in the interim period of peace with normal duties in both Atlantic and Pacific Waters.

The fateful day of December 7, found the Mississippi operating in the North Atlantic with her sister-ships of Battleship Division Three, the New Mexico and Idaho.

Already an old lady, virtually untried in war, the Missy, as one of the few undamaged battleships remaining, became the bulwark of defense against the rapidly approaching Nips.

From the icy waters of the North Atlantic to the sweltering Solomons; from the foggy Aleutians to the typhoon-foggy waters of the China Sea, the Mississippi has been fighting the war, supporting practically every major amphibious landing in the Pacific. Firing more than 12 million pounds of steel at the enemy, probably more than any one ship in all history, she has participated in many operations in the Pacific, and was flagship of Rear Admiral Weyler's battle line on the night the southern force of the Jap navy was practically annihilated in Surigao Strait by Rear Admiral Oldendorf's task group, crossing the "T."

Skipped today by her 25th Commanding Officer, Captain J. F. Crowe, Jr., USN, of Washington, D. C., the Mississippi is playing her part, along with the other old battleships of her class in the occupation of Japan.

The Missy, having been commanded by such outstanding naval officers of today as Admiral R. A. Spruance, Admiral Reichmuth, and Admiral T. S. Wilkinson, has lived up to the tradition of the state for which she is named for "true hospitality," which in the Navy means a "happy ship."

**Hunters Open New Season Yesterday**  
Braving mosquitoes and the hot weather, quite a few hunters went into the woods in this section yesterday in search of squirrels and deer, the day marking the opening of the 1945 hunting season.

Bag limits were obtained in quite a few cases, but most of the hunters, it was reported, fled from the woods for relief from the mosquitoes. No reports on deer hunts could be had immediately.

According to reports, game in this section is more plentiful this season than at any other time in recent years. Squirrels are quite numerous and birds have been seen in unusually large numbers.

The season was unofficially and illegally opened some time ago.

## Hundred and Thirty Tires Are Allotted By Rationing Board

### Allotment For Current Month Slightly Smaller Than September Quota

One hundred and thirty tires—102 for passenger cars and 28 for trucks—were issued by the Martin County War Price and Rationing Board last Friday.

The passenger tire quota for the current month is slightly smaller than the September quota, the number dropping from 390 to 370. Truck tire quotas for the month were not changed, it was learned.

Passenger car tires were released to the following:  
Lester J. Griffin, J. B. Biggs, Marion Evans, C. T. Gaines, W. Jackson Holliday, Jesse Lee Hale, W. T. Hurs, Woolard Furniture Co., Manning's Laundry, B. S. Courtney, Harry Roberson, Harry E. Mobley, Cleo Jackson, Jimmie Roberson, N. W. Worsley, Wiley B. Rogerson, Mrs. Dora C. Rawls, O. P. Roberson, A. F. Weaver, J. W. Hardy, James Reddick, Willie W. Briley, W. T. Andrews, Arthur Peaks, Henry Gabe Roberson, John C. Gurganus, Leslie W. Hardison, Elbert Roberson, John Stalls, C. G. Crockett, Jr., H. A. Early, D. S. Cobb, D. R. Chandler, J. W. Martin, Church M. New, A. Highsmith, Mrs. Alice B. Tyson, Fernander Bowen, J. Sam Getsinger, Mrs. Shirley B. White, Sam Bell, R. A. Haislip, Hubert C. Smith, Dorothy Wilson, Leroy Harrison, Dr. A. J. Osteen, Earl M. Coburn, Edith Mardis, J. S. Wynne, Joe Mizelle, H. E. Brown, Daniel Gurganus, Ervin Roberson, Albert T. Perry, J. M. Saunders, W. E. Stevenson, Garfield Mobley, Bennie Bryant, V. R. Peaks, James A. Hassell, Better Chevrolet Co.

R. Sherrod Corey, Hayward Rogerson, Don E. Johnson, Ernest Owens, Ronald Clark, Fletcher C. Thomas, J. T. Harris, J. E. Copeland, Sr., Hewett Edwards, N. P. Roberson, Stator Griffin, Joe Daniel, George W. Taylor, Shepard Lynch, Asa H. Crawford, B. B. Taylor, H. M. Peel, Clayton Lynch, Benny Stoyens, H. L. Swain, W. T. Ross, H. J. Brown, E. B. Peele, Charles M. Hurst, Jr., Council Smith, Mrs. W. J. Thomas.

Truck tires were issued to the following:  
A. C. Bailey, W. S. Faulk, Robert Pierce, G. D. Grimes, Jr., H. L. Purvis, Will Wooten, Hayward Harrell, Holt Evans, Harry C. Jones and Williamson Lumber Co.

## Union Attracts Large Crowd At Smithwicks Creek Sunday

The union meeting held at Smithwicks Creek last Saturday and Sunday attracted unusually large crowds, the number approximating 800 to 1,000 Sunday. Several ministers, including two from out of the state, occupied the pulpit that morning and afternoon.

A bountiful feast, prepared by the church membership and friends, was enjoyed on the grounds early that afternoon. When the meal was finished, it looked as if the tables had hardly been touched.

### CLASS MEETING FRIDAY

The Philatelic class of the Baptist Church will meet with Mrs. Daisy Pope in the Tar Hill Apartments Friday night, October 5, at eight o'clock.

### WINTER SEED

Offered to farmers under the Triple A grant-of-aid plan, limited quantities of vetch, Austrian winter peas and rye grass seed are still available for distribution, it was announced by the county office this week.

Fairly large amounts of the seed have already been distributed in the county, and other farmers interested in cover crops are directed to the county agent's office for detailed information.