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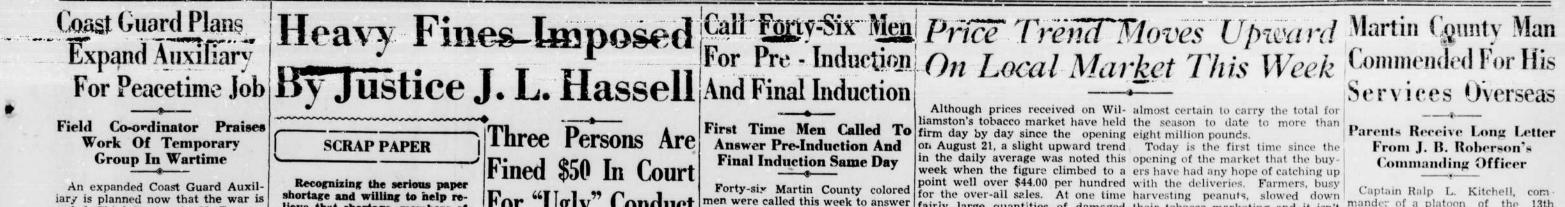
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ended Chief Boatswain H. Dawson Sanders, field co-ordinator of the Coast Guard Auxiliary of the Fifth Naval District, with headquarters in Norfolk, told a meeting of the Williamston Coast Guard Auxiliary members and their guests Wednesday night.

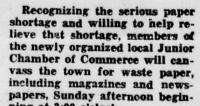
Chief Dawson said that the new setup would embrace three divisions: Marine, aviation and communications.

Chief Dawson made the principal speech of the evening at the Woman's Twenty Licenses To club building during a dinner meeton the adjournment of an informal Marry Are Sold In get-together session at the Lotus club on Main street. He told of the County Last Month had done during the war and of the importance of the work it is expected to do in peacetime.

Details of the new and permanent type of Coast Guard auxiliary are to be explained at a meeting to be held in a few weeks in Washington. Members of the wartime auxiliary from Williamston were invited to attend undertaking. The temporary auxil-September 30. It had its beginning in 1939 and was activated in 1940. Chief Sanders said this was "two years too late.'

Despite its late start the temporary Coast Guard Auxiliary, a unit of which was organized and maintained here during the war, did a wonderful work in helping to take some of the load off the shoulders of the regular Coast Guard and in freeing men for overseas duty and duty at sea, Chief Sanders declared.

"Out on the west coast we had small organization which was laughed at by many people," the speaker said. "But when war came in 1941 and there were but three Coast Guard boats in Los Angeles and but 47 Coast Guardsmen to handle them, the call came for help and it was the temporary and unofficial Coast Guard Auxiliary which answered the call. By 7 o'clock that night there were 150 boats on patrol duty, some of them as far as a hundred miles off shore and 500 trained men were on hand to man them. It is certain that, except for the defeat of the Japs at Midway, there would have been some Japanese in California who did not own laundries and who would not have been known to anyone there. The temporary Coast Guard Auxiliary filled the breach there." It is planned, the field co-ordinator explained, to set up exchange networks so that if a crippled plane is sighted, a crash occurs, a drowning takes place or any other tragedy, civilian or military, it can be instantly reported and searching parties dispatched to the rescue immediately. There will be a lot of civilian flying in the postwar period and there will be accidents, he said. The need for co-ordinated efforts to protect and preserve property will be as great, if not greater, than in wartime, he added.



ning at 3:00 o'clock. Local housewives and others are cordially asked to cooperate in the drive by bundling waste paper and leaving it in front of their homes.

September In Over

Ten Years

Twenty marriage licenses were issued in this county last month by Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger, this meeting and to join in the new the issuance being the largest for any September since 1934 when twentyiary was inactivated last Sunday, three licenses were sold. Only in one month, January, has the number exceeded the issuance for Septem-

> Eight of the licenses were issued to white and twelve to colored couples, as follows:

White

Ragan Judson Holloman, of Auander, and Dolores Manning Wooled with \$6 costs. ard, of RFD No. 1, Williamston. George Bunch and Frances Humle, both of Williamston. conduct.

Connie Virgil Preast, of Hobgood, and Lurlene Hyman, of Palmyra. Ray Walker of Jonesburg, and Saly Delia Laughinghouse, of Ernul. Rufus S. Gurganus and Sybil Peel, both of Williamston. Joseph Henry Chorley, USN, and

John Robert Snavely, of Landis-ville, Pa., and Carolyn Graham Has-

For "Ugly" Conduct **Recent Activity Climaxed By**

Road Sentence For Vagrancy

After coasting along for months under the impression that justice tempered with mercy time and again

would pay dividends, Justice John L. Hassell apparently invoked a new pclicy in his court during the past few days. Three persons, charged with disorderly conduct or conduct foreign to race relations existing in this community, were each fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. And to

climax the recent activities of the justice's court, a defendant was sentenced to the roads for thirty days Issuance Is Largest For Any on a vagrancy count. Several de-fendants, charged with violations outside the justice's jurisdiction,

were bound over to the higher courts for trial.

Proceedings: Charged with the larceny of an automobile, Harry Lee Spruill was

bound over to the superior court under bond in the sum of \$500. Guilford Brown, charged with possession and transporting non tax paid liquor, was sent to the county court for trial in \$100 bond.

Charged with disorderly conduct. Linwood Rhodes was fined \$50.00 and required to pay the amounting to \$7.50. costs

William Ed Purvis, charged with operating a motor vehicle with imroper brakes, was fined \$10 and tax-

Richard Harvin was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs for disorderly Carried into court for vagrancy Walter C. Walker was sentenced to the roads for thirty days.

Ted Scott and Josh Rascoe, charged with an affray, were each required to pay \$7.50 costs. Charged with disorderly conduct,

County Young Man

Stationed In Japan

Chicago, and Laura E. Lilley, of Wil-liamston. N. S. Nichols and James Pippen were each fined \$50 and required to pay the costs. Jasper Farmer, charged with dis-

orderly conduct, was fined \$2.00 and Willie Alex Williamston.

Walter Fisher, charged with operating a motor vehicle with improper

for preliminary examinations and final induction into the armed services. It is the first time since Selecwere called to answer both pre-in-

called for final induction and their addresses follow: John D. Griffin, RFD 3, Williams

Lester Jones, Oak City. Bennie Earl Ruffin, Robersonville. Thadious Spruill, Norfolk and Evretts.

The names of the six colored men

Willie Jasper Parker, RFD 1, Oak City. Robert Joseph Leathers, RFD 1 Oak City and Portsmouth. Most of this group are only eigh- A Special Term Of een years of age, and as far as it could be learned all of them are

single. Four of them are non-farm-The pre-induction list is the larg-

est scheduled to leave the county in some time. Thirty of them come from the farm. Twenty of the forty are just eighteen years old, the ages of the others ranging up to 25 years. Only two of them are married and they leave behind one child each. The names of the men called for pre-induction examinations and

> their addresses follow: Julius Ward, Robersonville. Harry Best, RFD 1, Oak City. Richard Benjamin Jones, RFD 1,

Oak City. Leander Winbush, Williamston. Linwood Ebron, Robersonville. Marcellus Parker, RFD ,2, Rober-

nville Percy Dorsey Evans, RFD 3, Wil iamston.

Leonard Gray Moore, RFD 2, Wil iamston and Philadelphia. Henry Brown, Jr., RFD 2, Wil

iamston and Newport News. Joseph Pippem, RFD 2, Williams-

Wardell Jones, RFD 3, Williams-Grady Bruce Gee, RFD 1, James-

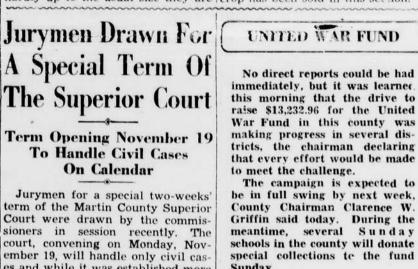
ville. Willie Alexander Rodgers, RFD 3,

Fred C. Howell, Hamilton.

men were called this week to answer fairly large quantities of damaged their tobacco marketing and it isn't iobacco pulled the general price av- likely that there'll be anything like erage down, but all through the sea- a glut between now and the end of son to date the price average never the season. If there is a glut it will tive Service was created that men fell below \$43.50. Better tobaccos certainly not compare with the one are being offered this week, and in- the market has confronted since the duction and final induction calls the dividual averages have pushed right opening when tobacco was placed on

up to \$47 and \$48 per hundred with the floors over a week ahead of individual piles selling for as much scheduled sales. It is now believed as 50 cents or more per pound. that tobacco delivered one day can Up until this morning the market be sold the same day, that tobacco preciate the work your son has done had sold in the 27 sale days since delivered one day certainly can be overseas as he is hesitant about writ-

August 20, a total of 7,794,244 pounds sold the next. for an average right close to \$44.00 According to the best estimates to been with me overseas since Novemper hundred. While sales today are be had, more than 75 percent of the ber 10, 1943, until a short time ago hardly up to the usual size they are crop has been sold in this section.



than ten years ago it is still listed as special. Two such terms are held each year, one in April and the other in November while the regular terms

and December. No judge has been assigned to pre-

Names of the jurymen to serve and their respective townships fol-

Williams Township: C. B Rober Manning.

Smith.

erson

Grady C. Modlin.

and Noah R. Hardison.

ter and F. U. Barnes.

Cross Roads Township:

Robersonville Township: L.

Griffins Township: H. Vernon Harlison and N. T. Daniel.

and Charles A. Peele.

eleven cases. The court was in ses-

Sunday. Judge Calvin Smith **Calls Eleven Cases**

In Recorder's Court

Early September: Many

son, Irving Gurganus and John E.

for two weeks, the Martin County Recorder's Court resumed its sched-

ing about himself. Your son has During that period I have worked with him almost continuously and understand and appreciate the work he has done. I not only express my own opinion but that of many mem bers of the old company when I say that he has done outstanding work

Mountain Medical Battalion, recently

wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs.

Claudius Roberson of Williamston

highly praising the work done by

their son, John B. Roberson, who has

been in the China-Burma-India

"I know that you cannot fully ap-

Captain Litchell said, in part

Theatre for two years

over here and contributed greatly to the success of our company during the battles of India-Burma and Central Burma.

"We regarded his services and deeds so highly that he was recommended for the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service as sergeant in charge during the North Burma campaign.

"At the start of the campaign over here he assisted in moving our company and its horses over the trail into the Hakwang and Mogaung Valleys of Burma, known later as the Ledo Road. Our unit always preceded the road builders. We had to move parts of our company into isolated sections of Burma, traveling trails and sometimes merely footpaths through the jungles. Your son was often in charge of getting the trucks through and the sick and wounded animals out of such bad areas. Often it was necessary for our trucks to travel through sections where enemy patrols were known to Session Was First Held Since be active and the roads exposed to snipers and artillery fire. The trails were often completely hemmed in by jungle and it was often impossible to see more than a few feet in any direction. I have seen your son wading chest deep in water pulling heavy chains and winch cables to Bear Grass Township: C. C. Park-er, H. S. Manning, Earl F. Bonds when Judge Calvin Smith called bottomless swamps of Burma. I often doubted if he could get through, but

To Handle Civil Cases On Calendar Jurymen for a special two-weeks' term of the Martin County Superior Court were drawn by the commissioners in session recently. The court, convening on Monday, November 19, will handle only civil cases and while it was established more

are held in March, June, September

side over the court term, but a special one will be provided

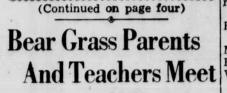
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First Week

After yielding to the superior court

Serving as toastmaster at the meeting at the Woman's club was G. P. Hall, leader of the local Coast Guard Auxiliary unit. Introducing Mayor John L. Hassell was Hugh Horton.

liamston, Mayor Hassell spoke eloquently of the fight for freedom which man has waged for centuries. The throwing down of the gantlet to Hitler and his associates by the United States and other countries in the direction of freedom, he said. The mayor described the wonders operations as an Aerial Engineer has of the nation and of the state with



Holding their first meeting of the current term, parents and teachers in the Bear Grass School recently discussed plans for housing a lunch this country. room for the children.

J. C. Manning, superintendent of veteran who was assigned to San Ancounty schools, explained to the tonio upon completion of a 30-day group that it would be impossible to leave at his home, will be duty-free get brick and construct building for and have at his command all of the the lunchroom for use this year. many recreational and educational However, it was pointed out that the facilities made available to returned community may move and remodel airmen by the Personnel Distribution the workshop and use it until a per- Command. manent building could be construct.

The school patrons have decided to Improving Following Light ed. continue a drive to raise funds for a new building and equipment. Approximately \$100 was contributed at

parts of the district.

Mrs. Pete Mendenhall.

Colored

Claude Worsley and Bristine lights and brakes, was fined \$10 and Williamston. Thomas, both of RFD No. 2, Roberrequired to pay \$6 costs. sonville Ben Hamm, charged with disorder-

William Parker and Minnie B. Coly conduct, was fined \$20 and taxed burn, both of Robersonville. with \$8.50 costs. Levi John Spruill and Luvenia Chance, both of Stokes. Charged with the larceny of goods valued at \$5 or more, James Wil-James Henry Keel and Mary Dixliams was bound over to the county on, both of Robersonville. court for trial under bond in the sum

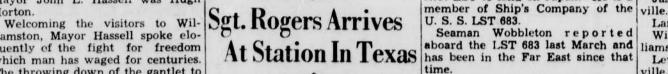
Samuel Council and Fannie Mae of \$50. Short, both of Oak City. Harvey Bryant was fined \$10 and James Edward Laughinghouse and required to pay \$6 costs in the case ulia Ann Peel, both of Williamston. charging him with operating a motor

Joe Henry Spruill and Hazel Grifvehicle with improper lights. fin, both of Everetts. Columbus Savage and Edith Coffield, both of Hobgood. Eddie Frank Jones, RFD 1, Wil-

liamston, and Mary Williams, of RFD 2, Williamston. Rhodes T. Carter, Jr., and Charotte Ruffin, both of Windsor.

Harry James and Christine Little, ooth of Parmele.

bleton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Joe Lee Durham and Mary Askew. H. Wobbleton of RFD 2, Williamston, both of Robersonville.



The Tokyo expedition was a com-SAN ANTONIO DISTRICT. plete surprise to all hands aboard the ville. T/Sgt. Eli C. Rogers of 620 West 1941 was the latest definite fight in Main street, Williamston, who served ship and it turned out to be a thrill-29 months in the European theater of ing experience. The ship was order- Robersonville. ed to rush loading at Okinawa for a rrived at the San Antonio District quick trip to Tokyo. The crew pitched in and helped the Army load, such eloquence as led Dr. Maynard AAF Personnel Distribution comthen the LST 683 dodged floating

mand mines and a typhoon and reached City. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Tokyo Bay on September 8, Tokyo

Rogers. time, the day General MacArthur Sergeant Rogers wears the Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, entered the city in triumph. He was liberated from a Prisoner of War Camp in Austria.

ard T. Paynter, commanding officer, one report. He will spend approximately two and T. Paynter, commanding officer, weeks at the redistribution station said: "These boys have done an exundergoing records and physical pro-

cellent job. We started with the conviction that we'd be the best LST in cessing in preparation for a disthe fleet. I know of no LST with a charge or reassignment to duty in finer record. The credit and honor

for putting this ship up on top is due During his stay here, this combat to the loval devotion and hard work of men like Wobbleton. I am proud of them.

Seaman Wobbleton's wife, the former Miss Ruth Terry, and their son, are residing on RFD 2, Williamston.

> **Escape Uninjured In West Main Street Truck Accident**

Richard Vines and his two Ger-Stroke Last Monday Night man prisoner passengers escaped uninjured last Tuesday afternoon about

Suffering a stroke of paralysis last 4 o'clock when the truck in which the meeting and committees were Monday evening at her home here on they were traveling turned over at named to carry the canvass into all East Main Street, Mrs. A. L. Roebuck the railroad trestle on West Main

Arts of the district. A review of the canvass progress day. Apparently in her usual health, eling toward the business section, will be made at a special meeting Mrs. Roebuck was crocheting and ran off the road, turned over and to be held next Tuesday, October 9, talking with neighbors visiting in her came to a stop facing west. Very according to information released by home a short time before she suffer- little damage was done to the truck. ed the attack. reports state.

Sam Thurmond Brown, RFD 2 Clayton Alton Spruill, Roberson

Remus Moore, Robersonville. George Henry Peel, RFD 2, Williamston

Napoleon Manning, Parmele. Dennis Jones, Hassell and Oak ity

Eugene Fields, RFD 1, Palmyra. Lonza Langley, RFD 2, Robersonzille

J. D. Carr, RFD 1, Oak City. Dean Junior Clark, RFD 2, Williamston.

William Henry Peel, RFD 1, Jamesville.

Faulkner. Ernest Earl Briley, RFD 1, Robersonville. James Edward Rollins, RFD

Robersonville. Enlisting in the Navy over three Joe Navy ears ago, Seaman Albert V. Wob-sonville. Joe Nathan Parker, RFD 2, Rober

James Perkins, RFD 1, Oak City. Noah Herman Thompson, RFD 1 recently entered Tokyo Bay on the Oak City.

first LST to land on Japan. He is a Jasper Andrews, RFD 2, Roberson Langston Smith, Jamesville. Willie James Bryant, RFD 2, Wil-

aboard the LST 683 last March and liamston. Levy Broadie, RFD 2, Robersonville

Henry Andrews, RFD 2, Roberson-Julius Clayton Parker, RFD 2,

John Pierce, RFD 1, Jamesville. Joe Wilkins, Jr., Williamston. Albert Lee Edwards, Williamston.

William Burris Jones, RFD 1, Oak

One of those reporting for pre-induction and nearly all, if not all, department that her son would be reof those reporting for final induction Referring to Seaman Wobbleton on Wednesday of this week volunand other members of the crew, Rich- teered their services, according to

> Quite a few have voluntered their services recently in this county.

> > HUNTING

Late reports heard here state that the hunting season was opened with a bang by many hunters in the county while others met with little or no success. In the upper part of the county, a special hunt in the Oak City-Palmyra area netted six deer by 11 o'clock last Monday, and the hunters withdrew to keep from turning the hunt into a slaughter.

"We had poor luck, but we did chase one or two deer into the low grounds," Veteran Hunter Jimmy Gurkin said in telling about a hunt over in Williams township early this week. In the meantime, other hunters were bringing in the squirrel in numbers.

Township: Jimmie sion until early afternoon and at-Robersonville Roberson, O. P. Smith, W. L. House. tracted a fairly large crowd.

Hamilton Township: H. A. Haislip. About forty cases have already Goose Nest Township: Jesse Matbeen set for trial at the session schedhews, Jr., L. J. Davenport and Jack uled for next Monday, most of the cases charging violation of the motor Second Week

vehicle laws. Jamesville Township: Eli D. Rog-Proceedings: ers, David Ange, P. M. Holliday and James Purvis, charged with non-

Griffins Township: James M. Peel Bear Grass Township: T. L. Rob-

January, 1946. Williamston Township: Norman Charged with an assault with a Bowen, J. B. James, Vertie A. Lassi-

C the roads for four months.

Cases On Docket

G Warren, L. N. Vick, and J. D. Brittil next Monday

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No one was hurt but considerable

property damage resulted in two

automobile accidents here and at

Bear Grass last evening.

Goose Nest Township: R. R. Rawls, B. L. Harrell and T. L. Harrell.

Had Been Liberated

advised by the War Department on

Wednesday of this week that her son Pvt. Due Smithwick, had been lib-

erated from a Japanese prisoner of Two Auto Accidents Taken prisoner at the fall of Cor-

regidor on May 8, 1942, the young Reported in County

the Japs for about forty months. Mrs. Barncastle, formerly of Ber-

tie County, was also advised by the turned home within a short time.

Accoustics Perfected In

reported at 7:15 o'clock when cars The Guaranty Bank Here driven by R. B. Leggett and Alton Harris crashed on Washington Street

Ringing sounds and echoes existing here near the Gulf filling station. in the large banking room of the Damage to Leggett's 1939 Chevrolet Guaranty Bank and Trust Company was estimated at \$50 and Chas. annual agricultural fair at the Marhere were snuffed out recently by Moore, officer investigating the ac- tin County fair grounds here next the installation of special building cident, estimated that \$75 or \$100 Monday with the combined shows, material. The sound-proofing ma- would repair the damage to Harris' rides and concessions of the Central

terial, placed on the ceiling and 1941 Buick. Amu walls, has reduced the noise of ma-A hearing in the case will be held way. chines and typewriters to a low here tonight.

minimum, and Cashier D. V. Clay-ton declares one is now able to hear companied by two men from Wash- to farmers and other potential exhimself think. "It is remarkable how ington County, ran into Wyatt Clin- hibitors, and reports indicate that such a minor change could make so ton Meeks, U. S. Army, of RFD 3, most of the premiums will be taken. much difference," the banker was Greenville, in front of the Bear Operated for the fifth year by the quoted as saying.

October 13 Last Day To

The Harrison Oil Company re- ed with drunken and reckless driv- cowboys, cowgirls and rodeo clowns. minds farmers and other non-high- ing and operating a car without a Tuesday, white school children will way gasoline users that Saturday, driver's license, was said to have be admitted free at the main gate. October 13, is the last day to file for crowded the Meeks car almost off Tickets are being distributed by the gas tax refunds for the months of the hightway before striking it. July, August and September. The Wynne was temporarily detained schools will close for half a day. company's office will be glad to as- and had not furnished bond early General admission this year will sist claimants in filing for rebates. Ithis morning.

due to his unrelenting effort and determination he did exactly what he was supposed to do. I've seen him come in wet to the skin, muddy, too tired to even eat, but he still was going and would be ready to go again immediately if the situation demanded his going.

"Your son did his most outstandsupport, was ordered to continue the ing work evacuating sick and woundpayment of \$5 a week for the care of ed animals from the Mars Brigade his children and reappear for furth- while they were on the march from er judgment on the first Monday in Mystkyna, Burma, south through Bhamo and on the trail to Tonkwa where the Mars Brigade had its first deadly weapon, Charlie Whitehurst battle. Our company received a letpleaded guilty and was sentenced to ter from Lt. Colonel Young, commanding the 18th Veterinary Evacu-The case charging Floyd Spruill ation hospital, commending the exwith non-support was continued un- cellent work Sgt. Roberson did. Your son trucked sick and wounded ani-Wheeler Smith, young colored man mals back from the frone lines and who almost cut his brother to death carried replacements in to keep up and badly hurt his father with a the fight. During an emergency, he

pocket knife, pleaded guilty of as- was on the road continuously for Mother Advised Son sould with a deadly weapon and three days, eating K rations and sould be added to three days, eating K rations and three days, eating K rations and three days, eating K rations and the sould be added to the sould be added t was sentenced to the roads for twelve sleeping in the cab of his truck. I can months. Smith's brother received safely say his truck was the first one two wounds that required 125 to travel stretches of that road.

stitches to close. The victims were "In January, 1945, he was made able to appear in court. The de- motor sergeant for our company. Mrs. Odessa Barnscastle, matron of fendant, throwing himself upon the He did not like the job very well as the Martin County Sanatorium, was mercy of the court, declared that he he was kept tied down and constantly running into trouble in procuring necessary repairs, a problem so ofen experienced in the forward areas.

"I have not heard from your son ecently, but I understand that he is at Shimbywang, Burma. He should be going home soon, but no one knows for sure.

In closing, Captain Mitchell said,

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The first of the two accidents was Legion Fair Opens **Here Next Monday**

> The American Legion will open its Amusement Company on the mid-

Secretary John A. Ward has dis-Grass Primitive Baptist Church at John W. Hassell Post of the Ameri-8:50 o'clock, causing damage of can Legion, the fair will feature Milt about \$50 to each machine, accord- Hinkle's Texas cowboys in a two-File For Gas Refunds ing to Cpl. W. S. Hunt who investi- hour rodeo show. The attraction has gated the accident. Wynne, charg- about 100 horses and numbers of

> management this week and the be 25 and 50 cents.

