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Several Hundred Dollars In

Tobacco Checks Stolen

From Insurance Man

Entering the offices of W. G. Peele,

ocal insurance man, agriculturist

and industrialist, on Baltimore street

last Wednesday night, thieves stole

several hundred dollars in tobacco warehouse checks. As far as it could

be learned nothing else was stolen

the thieves separating the tobacco

warehouse checks from those offered

n payment of insurance premiums.

Burning the night oil in his pri-

ate office, Mr. Peele was pondering

over his work just before going into

the cashier's room to put the checks

quarters. At first he thought it was

erently, and remembering the basic

w of self-preservation, Mr. Peele

xercised supreme caution. The in-

surance man was quoted as saying

that he valued his life more than a

lew checks, and it was declared that

e turned out his light, tiptoed to the loor connecting the two offices and

listened to the two intruders as they

hurriedly separated the checks and

The total amount of the checks

ould not be learned, but payment

vas ordered stopped, and the victim

Mr. Peele, it was said, braced him

elf against the connecting door and

made ready for a determined opposi-

tion had the thieves attempted to

enter his private sanctum sanctor-

hey did not try to enter the private

office, and Mr. Peele did not offer

to leave the private office until his

uninvited visitors left the building

Martin County ABC Officer J. H.

In Robersonville Township's

and four fermenters. No beer was

found at one plant, but at the other

the raiders poured out 100 gallons of

The plant just off Williamston's

East Main Street was equipped with

an old oil drum and a few other

crude items. The hogs had moved

in on the plant and just about wreck-

ed it before the officers made the

Local Man Returns

With Third Fleet

After three years and three months

nance Mate 1-C John Hatton Gurgan-

us returned to the States last week

with the Third Fleet from the Pacific,

and two days later received his hon-

ganus arrived Tuesday to visit his

molasses mash.

raid

without being identified.

Fortunately for the intruders

not expected to lose anything.

figured their take by flashlight.

soon learned dif

he cashier, but 1

Young Girl Victim Of Unusual Attack Working County Court Montal Attack Working Marring County Court Montal Attack Working Marring County Marring Court Montal Attack Victim Maintains Silence While His DIT

In Baffling Case In **Poplar Point**

Miss Annie Mae Hardison, 17, was the victim of an unusual attack in the During Long Session home of her half-brother by marriage, Robert Hollis, in Poplar Point Township between 2 and 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. Describing it as one of the most baffling cases reported in the county in some time, officers said late yesterday that they had been unable up until that time to get a definite lead, that no arrest

was expected immediately. The daughter of Mrs. Bill Hollis, she went to visit in the Hollis home and to held prepare a barn of tobacco for market. She was sleeping in o'clock that morning, was one of the a room with a small child and was longest on record, and the court colawakened when an intruder, entering the front door, placed his hands The court had not been in session for on her head. "I tried to raise my two weeks and some of the cases had head twice and the man pushed it accumulated. However, several were time, and told me if I continued and quite

time was quoted as saying. Officers day. stated that the victim screamed, and The session attracted a large the attacker struck her on the head crowd, but by nightfall only the dejust above the right ear twice with fendants, court attendants and one or some blunt instrment, possibly a two spectators were present for the flashlight. Mr. Hollis, hearing the windup. scream, ran into the room and the intruder darted out the front door and ran down the road. The attacker

broke a plank in the porch and his judged not guilty. foot went through the floor, but he was not delayed very long.

Sheriff G. B. Roebuck and several tinued under prayer for judgment other officers started an investiga- until November 12. A continuance Bloodhounds immediately. tion were called and the intruder was ing Jack A. Farmer with drunken traced down the road several hun- driving. dred yards to a point where he is be-lieved to have boarded a car and en driving, was fined \$50, taxed with drove away with one or two other the cost and had his operator's li-

persons. Neighbors saw the car parked in

but they could not identify the machine or the voices. Neither Mr. Hollis nor the victim

could definitely identify the intrud-

were necessary to close the two small taxed with the cost. wounds. She said that she never lost consciousness as a result of the attack, that she was badly frightened speeding. at the time.

County Native Dies

Officers Unable To Get Lead Fines Amounting To \$685 Are Collected

Dark Clearing Docket

With fifty cases on the docket, Judge J. Calvin Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson worked until dark before clearing the slate in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. The session, opening at 9 lected \$685 in fines during the day. screamed he would kill me," the vic- scheduled for trial until next Mon-

S/Sgt. Henry Wesley Allen, Jr., missing over Kiel, Germany, since January 5, 1944, is now presumed dead, his mother, Mrs.

Proceedings:

Jamesville, was recently notified William Henry Williams, charged by the War Department. with larceny and receiving, was ad-

Fire Victim's Body James LeRoy O'Mary, charged with careless and reckless driving, Mr. Hollis reported the attack, and plended guilty and the case was conwas also granted in the case charg-

life in a fire in this country last July there. 28, was exhumed last Tuesday and removed to the family plot in Smith-field for burial. The father of the ense revoked for one year.

32-year-old man and his uncle, car-Charged with an assault, Raymond the road, and heard parties talking, Williams pleaded guilty of simple asrying a removal permit and with the consent of the victim's widow, the sault and the court suspended judgformer Miss Kathleen Hodges of this ment upon the payment of the costs, county, accompanied a Raleigh unthe defendant also paying \$30 to the dertaker to this county for the body. prosecuting witness and \$25 to the "We just wanted him buried in our prosecuting witness' attorney. family plot," Mr. Barbour was quot-

Charged with passing a school bus, a local doctor's office, but no stitches Booker T. Mizelle was fined \$10 and ed as saying after going over the details surrounding his son's tragic death Zen Howell Harrell, Jr., was fined \$15 and taxed with the cost for

Young Barbour and his wife came to this county on the night of July Pleading not guilty in the case 28 to spend the week-end with her

PRESUMED DEAD

Bettie Gray Allen Jackson, of

Exhumed In County

The body of Ralph W. Barbour,

ght fire, presumable from a lamp, clad. The extent of its work will be

Appeal Made To Canvassers And Contributors To Put **Drive Over the Top**

After lagging badly for weeks, the Dutch are facing. "It is bad to see were denying themselves the slight-United War Fund Drive is gaining grown people go hungry, but it is est entertainment or anything remomentum rapidly in the county and pleading for a bit to eat for their the outlook is now more encouraging, according to a report released frail bodies," the young man said. Iate yesterday by Chairman Clarence He added, "Many times I would go slated for an early closing in this W. Griffin. Reports from district hungry myself and share my own county, and if we are not to desert chairmen are not complete except in food with the pitiful little tots." That's Holland for you, a country one or two cases, and it is hard to tell just how the drive will come out, where 50,000 reported for work on but late information shows that the a special job, and less than one out mainder of the \$13,232.96 assigned canvassers are settling down to the of ten was found physically able to quota. unwanted but humane task and that stand up under the strain. Starva-

as the time for the campaign nears Then there are other countries facing pleasure jaunt when they heard away. His private office door was its close. Up until late yesterday, only five

two of them were announced complete. Williamston reported \$2,-010.78 of its \$6,282.96 gucta in hand,

leaving over half of the territory yet to be heard from, including donations ranging up to \$300. Explaining that they had not yet been canvassed, several local citizens yesterday

No change was reported in the amounts raised by Dardens where the drive went over the goal, and by

Poplar Point where the drive was announced complete but short of its goal. Cross Roads, with \$280.00 of its

\$450.00 goal already raised, is still Nearly Two Years vorking to meet the challenge. Bear Grass has collected \$307.70 of

its \$550.00 goal, and it is understood Raleigh insurance man who lost his that the drive is still in progress Mother Recently Advised By

> War Department At Her To date, \$2,825.53 has been raised **Home In Jamesville** and placed in the bank for the five districts. Robersonville, it is under-S/Sgt. Henry Wesley Allen, Jr. stood, has more than \$1,000 in hand,

missing in a bombing raid over Kiel, and it is fairly certain that the re-Germany, on January 5, 1944, is now ports through yesterday when finally presumed dead, according to a meschecked will boost the total to sage received a short time ago from around \$5,000. These figures represent hardly half of the county, mean-

ing that at the present rate of progress, more than \$10,000 should be raised and reported by the middle or latter part of next week. the message stated.

Reports reaching home from de-The young man figured in a threevastated countries maintain that prong raid directed on a large scale American boys are actually denying against vital German targets that themselves willingly to share their

That the United War Fund has a | Reports state that some districts in remendous and humanitarian job this county are going over the top. till to handle was brought home a Others are falling down for one reasfew days ago when a Martin County young man, writing from Holland, on or another, but in no instance has pointed out the serious situation the it been reported that contributors

worse to see little, helpless children sembling a necessity.

The United War Fund Drive i suffering humanity and our own boys still in the service, speed will have to be applied in raising the re-

from right here at home were wound- tomorrow will need citizens with that room and proceed to the cashier's attitude



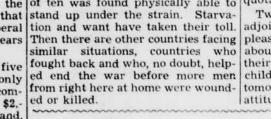
Tobacco sales on the local market are nearing the ten and onehalf million mark today, some observers predicting early today that that figure would be passed. Up until last evening, the market had sold 10,365,446 pounds for \$4,580,389.89 or an average right at \$44.20 per 100 pounds. Prices continue to hold firm with some of the better grades

Officers Wreck Four the War Department by his mother, Mrs. Bettie Gray Allen Jackson, of Mrs. Bettie Gray Allen Jackson, of trace Respected Cafe Man Liquor Distilleries of the plane have been found, and your son must be presumed dead," Dies In Henderson

going right up into the fifties.

Roebuck and his assistant, Deputy Gus D. Matalas, highly respected Roy Peel, wrecked during recent local citizen and cafe man, died suddays four liquor distilleries in the against vital German targets that day. Unofficial reports state that losses were comparatively heavy As county, including one just back of the

Pleading hot guilty in the case of or spine the function of spine the function of spine the function of spine the function of the term ware of term term term ware of the term w and was removed to the hospital believed. In Bear Gras The son of Mrs. Bettie Gray Allen where he died a short time later. few days ago, the officers found and Jackson of Jamesville and H. Wesley Mr. Matalas came to this country wrecked a 15-gallon capacity oil Allen, Sr., of LaGrange he was born 36 years ago and located in Paducah, drum still and poured out fifteen on September 5, 1923. After leading Kentucky, coming to Williamston gallons of molasses beer. his classes in the Jamesville schools with his nephew, Gus Rigas, ten In Robersonville



S-Sgt. H. Wesley Allen

Two children were reported in an conributors are proving more liberal tion and want have taken their toll. adjoining county to be out on a

similar situations, countries who about the fund and they surrendered closed and it appeared that no one

fought back and who, no doubt, help- their money. The fund needs more was in the building at the time. He districts had made a report, and only ed end the war before more men children like them, and the world of heard someone enter the reception

In Roanoke Rapids 60 days of the term

Frank Price, a native of this county, died in a Roanoke Rapids hos- liquors or be publicly drunk for one the following afternoon and burial pital last Saturday afternoon at 5 o'clock following a long period of declining health. The son of the late Joseph Price

and wife, he was born in Goose Nest Township about 86 years ago, and spent most of his life on the farm. About seven years ago he moved to Roanoke Rapids to make his home with a son, Linwood Price. He was married in early life to Miss Bertha Savage who died about eight years

ago. Funeral services were conducted at his late home Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and burial was in the family plot in the Oak City cemetery.

Mrs. Billie Bowers, of Hamilton, Mrs. \$20, taxed with the cost and had his Marvin Copeland of Robersonville, Mrs. Roland Gray, Mrs. Howard Faye, and Linwood Price of Roanoke Rapids and Eugene and Samuel Price of Newport News; a sister, Mrs. the cost and had his license revoked Mollie Vick of Speed, and a brother, Charlie Price of Roanoke Rapids.

Farm Life School **Opens Lunch Room**

The management of the Farm Life School lunchroom, which opened Wednesday, October 17, has been greatly improved this year. Last year under the supervision of Mrs. Eris Taylor, the food was prepared in the home economics kitchen. The eats were delicious but the kitchen was so small that preparation was difficult. Also there was much disturbance for those who were having lessons while others were being served. Taking all in consideration, it lands. was decided that the unoccupied teacherage would be just the thing needed.

The committee engaged Mrs. Jim Williams to prepare the school chil-dren nourishing meals and lately a young colored girl has been providyoung colored girl has been provid-ing the extra needed help. With the cooperation of every pupil in bring-ing plates and vegetables Mrs. Wil-liams and her assistant have been able to serve piping hot bowls of soup, tempting plate lunches, pop-sickles, hot dogs, hamburgers, and delicious sandwiches. Everyone agrees to the idea of the lunchroom being a huge success.

Revival In Progress At The Sweet Home Church

Rev. Dennis Warren Davis is conducting a series of revival services in the Sweet Home Christian Church this week. Home coming will be observed by the church Sunday, and the public is invited.

fine and cost. The defendant is not life.

year. He is to begin serving sen- was on the Hodges farm. tence on the first Monday in December, and bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Hubert Barber with operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license.

Charlie Razor, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and with improper brakes, was fined \$35, taxed with the cost and recommended that no license be issued the defendant for one year.

Charged with careless and reckless He is survived by seven children, driving, Ernest Jenkins was fined driver's license suspended for twenty days.

Zeb Biggs, charged with drunken driving, was fined \$50, taxed with plant at the present time is coming Robbery Reported for one year.

A continuance was allowed until in most sections is far below original November 12 in the case charging estimates. James Everett with drunken driving

and disorderly conduct. (Continued on page four)

Returns Home After Stay Of Three Years in Pacific bags. Most of the early sales are av- damage done by the robbers could

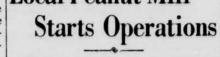
After spending three years in the South Pacific, Chief Petty Officer J. Business Decrease Jamesville last Friday after receiving his discharge. The son of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Holliday, the young officer was a member of the Seabees and was in the thick of the fighting

BOND QUOTA

Martin County has been assigned an over-all quota of \$544,-000 in the Eighth Bond Drive which is scheduled to get under way next Monday, Drive Chairman D. V. Clayton announced yesterday. The people of the county are being asked to invest \$243,000 in "E" bonds and \$301,-000 in negotiables. The quota is the smallest assigned the coun ty since the early part of the war, and the leaders are confident it will be over subscribed. Tentatively scheduled to meet in the Branch Bank here next Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, township representatives are to accept district quotas and make plans for carrying the victory bond appeal into every part of the county.

pended upon the payment of a \$25 and burned down, the man losing his determined by a thoughtful people

Local Peanut Mill



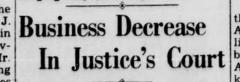
With the new crop of peanuts mov-

a few days and add more shifts to in foreign lands. care for increased deliveries.

from the border section of the State. Quality is only fair, and production

Harvesting activities are proceeding slowly in this county and few ed \$9.30 for a limited number of detailed list of missing items and the

eraging only \$8.75, reports state.



While the county court was handon several of the South Pacific Is- ling a record docket last Monday, pushed into the road and driven Justice John L. Hassell reported a

away.

NEW TAGS

The new 1946 state motor ve-

phen's show window here this

week. Its yellow numerols on

a black background, the new

plate will be placed on sale in

early December. Only one plate

is being issued for the new year,

but a return to dual tags is ex-

Despite the war and shortages,

vehicle license tags have been

issued in greater numbers by the

local license bureau. In 1944,

4,502 car tags were sold, the

number jumping to 4,792 up un-

til the 20th of this month. Total

plates sold in 1944 numbered 6,206 while the total so far this

year stands at 6,523, an increase

pected for 1947.

of 317.

Rufus Taylor, a more-or-less regular customer, was fined \$5 and re-

the roads for thirty days. The sentence was suspended upon the payment of \$9 costs.

lays for disorderly conduct, Ben Evans appealed to the higher courts

and assault with a deadly weapon and resisting arrest, Cole Cowan was

with a deadly weapon, was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$100.

back home. A donation denied any

to operate a car or have intoxicating Funeral services were conducted United War Fund canvasser in Martin County can well mean that just

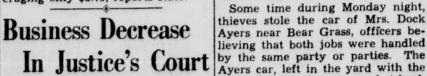
so much help will be denied sufferthe great need for relief, United War Fund leaders are again directing an humble plea to every man, woman and child in Martin County, urging everyone to support the drive. Those

who have made contributions aling to market, the plant of the Wil- ready and who can make another are liamston Peanut Company started operations Wednesday when test runs were made. Full-scale opera-a canvasser in their respective distions are now under way with one tricts and make a liberal donation. shift at the various posts. With con- The time is short and the need is urditions favorable for the harvesting genlty great. Help Martin County and marketing of the crop the plant meet the challenge thrown to it by will maintain its present schedule for poorly clothed and hungry children

In County Tuesday

Forcing open the front door, robbers entered the store of Terry R. R. Alexander was fined \$100 sales have been made so far. It was unofficially reported that at least one unofficially reported that at least one unofficially reported that at least one and even and e sale had been made for \$9.25 per morning and stole some merchandise. hundred, that one farmer had refus- A music box was broken up, but a

not be learned immediately.



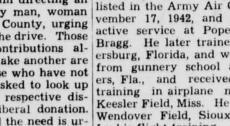
business decrease in his court during the past few days. Only five cases were docketed during the period.

quired to pay \$7.50 costs for being drunk and down. Charged with disorderly conduct, Saint Leon Swain was sentenced to

Sentenced to the roads for thirty

and was required to furnish bond in the sum of \$100. Charged with disorderly conduct

bound over to the county court in \$100 bond. B. Moore, charged with an assault



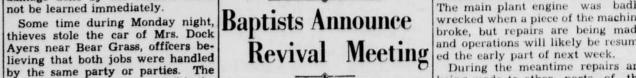
for his flight training.

In late November or early Decemmissing.

A grandson of the late John Allen he is survived by his parents, a sister, Deborah Harrison Allen of La-Grange; a brother, Fred Taylor Allen, U. S. Navy, stationed at Banana River, Florida; two half-sisters, Mrs.

He is the fifty-sixth Martin County

youth reported to have made the su preme sacrifice in World War II.



key in the switch and a pocket book begin a series of revival services on containing about \$20 in the seat, was November 1st continuing each evening through the eleventh. The pastor, Dr. Ira Knight, will bring the messages throughout the meetings. There will be an opening song service with the regular and youth choirs participating and leading the congregational singing. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to hicle license plate was placed on display in Harrison and Carstarttend these services.

pecial prayer service will be held at the church. All who earnestly desire a spiritual revival and evangelistic movement are asked to join the Baptists on that evening.

Episcopal Women Attend Meeting Here Wednesday

Nearly 175 women of the Episcopal church attended a meeting in the Church of the Advent here Wednesday. Bishop Wright of Wilmington addressed the group and luncheon was served at the Woman's club. Bishop Wright was entertained during his brief visit here by Mr. and

so much help will be denied suffer-ing humanity in those countries that fought as our allies. Remembering the great need for relief United War the Newport News Ship Yard, he en- He fed the hungry and had a symlisted in the Army Air Corps on No-vember 17, 1942, and reported for He recognized and appreciated life's active service at Pope Field, Fort finer ideals, and during his residence Bragg. He later trained at St. Pet- here he never made an enemy, but from gunnery school at Fort My-With no news from his family With no news from his family and

ers, Fla., and received additional not certain about their fate, Mr. Matraining in airplane mechanics at talas worried much during the war, Keesler Field, Miss. He then went to and that is believed to have aggra-Wendover Field, Sioux City, Iowa, vated his condition.

nieces in this country, he is survived ber, 1943, he was sent overseas and by his widow, Garefalea Matalas; was stationed in England. He is be- three daughters, Mrs. Pete Soterolieved to have made only one or two poulos, Mrs. George Trazas and Mrs. missions before he was reported Nicholas Alexopoulos, and fifteen grandchildren, all of Sparta, Greece

Funeral services will be conducted and William and Betty Ward Gray, in Henderson Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will follow spent in the service, Aviation Ordin the cemetery there.

> Saw Mill Forced Out Of Operation By Break-Down orable discharge. He and Mrs. Gur-

Besides several nephews and

The main plant of the Williamston mother, Mrs. Mary Bonner Gurgan-Lumber Company on the Washington us Road continues idle as a result of a The young man, dissolving part-

serious break-down a few days ago. nership with Pete Fowden in their The main plant engine was badly soda shop to enter the service, imwrecked when a piece of the machine mediately went on a clothes hunt and broke, but repairs are being made declared he soon learned there had and operations will likely be resum- been a war. Shoe prices are high

the improvements were the re-

car deliveries are to be expected

between now and the first of the

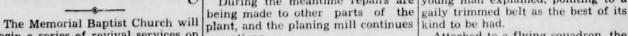
year, and fair distribution is an-

ticipated after that time. Sales

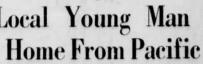
will be made in the order appli-

cations are received with prior-

ity going to the most essential users, it was explained.

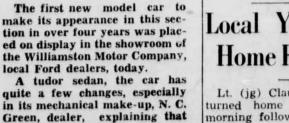


navy man did much flying while in the service. He has no definite plans for the future, but declared he would get back in a little business of his own some time.



Lt. (jg) Claude Baxter Clark returned home early last Tuesday morning following a long stay and much action in the Pacific theater. Accalling a few of his experiences, the young man explained that his ship had many close calls, that it was one of ten to go into Lingayen Gulf and one of three to return .. There were tough times around Iwo Jima, too, the lieutenant declared, adding that there were quite a few casualties on his ship.

After a stay of about two weeks with his family here, Lt. Clark will report to the separation center at Norfolk for his honorable discharge.



and suits are not to be found, the During the meantime repairs are young man explained, pointing to a Attached to a flying squadron, the



operations. NEW CAR

On Wednesday evening, the 31st, a

sult of inventions and experi-ments made during the past several years. The price of the new car has not been announced. A few new

Mrs. N. C. Green.