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Several Cases Are Northern Tourists Go South Jas. S. Whitehurst County Boys Went Through JULY TINC DIUTU Dismissed Because Through Here In Numbers Reviews Record Of The War in Pacific Together Fatally Burned At . Carrier Shangri-La Home Near Here Of Irregularities Reduced to a mere trickle during | While no tourists have met with Entering the Army three years ago turned home about a year on account

Martin County Young Man

Was On Famous Ship Dur-

ing Pacific Campaign

(Having described a rest at Ulithi,

the first of which was also surpris-

ing to American pilots, and the skirt-

Force 38, Whitehurst now tells of the

resting and repairing of the ships at

Leyte and the return to action direct-

Defendants Not Under Bond tourists through here has increased And Witnesses Fail To Appear In County Court

County Recorder's Court last Mon- every two minutes, on an average. get there alive. day when defendants and several Most of the cars carry New York, witnesses failed to appear, and Judge Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Rhode tions in and around Miami, one tour-J. C. Smith hurriedly brought the Island license plates, and most of the list, returning north this week, said session to a close. If anyone connect- travelers are fairly well advanced in there was not one less than a million ing of a typhoon by the carrier Task ed with the court was happy he was years. The cars apparently are in people on the beach there last Sunnot smiling that day.

The session, attracting a very small ally one of the 1946 models breezes Reconversion is slow in many crowd, ran into a snag when Solicit- through.

or Paul D. Roberson called one defendant after another and received causing jams in hotels, tourist homes travel. There are so many clamorno answer. It was quickly learned and restaurants. It was reported ing for reservations in New York that special justices had sent the that approximately seventy-five per- that only one out of twelve applicases to the county court and requir- sons seeking sleeping accommoda- cants can be served. And all this Philippines was a welcome change. ed no bond of the defendants who tions were unable to find them here chose to hold contempt for the tri- last Wednesday night, and similar memberships at some of the resorts the globe to our list of travels, but about the time we reached Luzon," before Christmas, they docked in San bunal. Judge Smith apparently trac- conditions are confronted by others run as high as \$5,000 a year and also it was a chance once again to reed the trouble to the trial justices day after day.

and dismissed one case after another. That state of affairs aggravated the situation, but more indignation was indirectly expressed when it was learned that cases had been sent to the court for trial and no witnesses had been summoned. When a defendant answered and the state had summoned no witnesses, the court threw out the cases without further ado. Witnesses, employed by the state, were said to have talked indifferently, and Solicitor Roberson declared that he hoped he would not find it necessary to issue papers calling for the delivery of state witnesses to the court in person.

As far as it could be learned no instructions or pleas for better cooperation among the officers of the several courts were made, but it is apparent from the action of the court that cases where irregularities exist will be thrown out in the future.

The session last Monday was poor one, the records showing that only a \$25 fine was imposed and

Proceedings:

The case charging James Purvis with non-support was thrown out of court, but is subject to be reopened. Lester Bailey, charged with drunken driving, made a motion for a trial

by jury and his case was automatically placed on the superior court docket for trial next March.

The case charging Askew Brown King's General. This is her best

the war years, the flow of northern serious accident on the highways in this county a fairly heavy toll in into almost a steady stream during certain hours of the day. In a single property and human life has been day last week an estimated three taken along the main routes, causing hundred foreign cars passed through some to say that Florida is a mighty It was an off-day for the Martin the main street here, or about one fine place to vacation-if you can

Aggravated by congested condifairly good condition, and occasion- day.

fields, but the vacationers blossomed The heavy traffic moving south is forth over night to restore vacation

ly off Tokyo.-Ed.)

Leyte-Another Spot on the Globe After the day-ling strike-day rou-

daily rates of \$40 are fairly common. lax a bit from the war. It was hard to believe, as we drop-

Sixteen County Men Leyte Gulf, that there was still heavy fighting going on the north and south fighting going on the north and south Reported This Week of us as the doughboys crowded the Japs back into the hills of Luzon and Mindanao. We didn't think too much

A couple of days later beach parties were started also and we put the Japs far into the back of our minds Thirteen Stills Are while we enjoyed the recreation par-

ties, ball games, movies and our mail Wrecked By Officers Not to mention the rare privi-lege of "sleeping in" until 5:30 in the In Five-Day Period morning.

the dreaded working party lists be-**Over 1,300 Gallons Molasses** Beer Poured Out In The Past Week

from loading stores. Toward the end of our Philippine period, interest began to pick up on

All was not rest, however, for soon

A crippling blow was dealt the ilin the list for the first time in re-cent weeks. The father did not file tion. For sailors who are used to lict liquor manufacturing business tion. For sailors who are used to in this county during the past few collected along with a small court Schedule Next Week his marital status with his draft heading the "hand-writing on the days when Enforcement Officer J board in Ohio, but if he passes the wall" it appeared that this next trip H. Roebuck, assisted by his son, Vetboard in Ohio, but if he passes the wall' it appeared that this next trip H. Roebuck, assisted by his son, ver-preliminary test it is likely that he would be one which would make blazing headlines in the States. We Roy Peel wrecked thirteen distillcall for final induction. Ten of the sixteen called are just eighteen years Tokyo and from all appearances the 1,350 gallons of molasses beer. old, the ages of the others ranging rest of the operation would be equal-"We have a few more plants on

Names of the men called, their was correspondents awire service our schedule and just as soon as we Another bookmobile trip brings Names of the men called, their war correspondents appeared on get them, we will have just about board, John L. Sullivan, who was to cleaned up the racket," Officer Roebe the new Assistant Secretary of the buck said this week.

this month, a group of Martin Coun- of his health, but the other ten rode ty young men trained at various out the storm along with a similar centers together, went through the group from Bertie County and a fair-ly large number of boys from Durfinal phases of the Pacific war to- ham.

gether, and returned home together After a short stay at Fort Bragg last Tuesday evening. "There were the boys shipped out to Camp Swift two surprise raids on Kyushu Island, enough of us to give every place we Texas, where they trained for about visited a Martin County flavor," one five months. They moved on to of the young men was quoted as say- Camp Needles, California, for a nineing following his return this week. months' training period, and after a The ten youths-Benjamin Jordan few days spent at Camp Stoneman, Hopkins, Richard Gladstone Slade, Calif., they set sail for New Guinea Gilbert Ward, William Maurice Pate, on March 31, 1944, arriving there 31 James Maurice Stalls, Robert E. days later after a short stop at New James, Haywood E. Wynne, William Caledonia. The eight months spent Russell Roebuck and John W. Gur- there were tough ones, and they movganus-went through training and ed on at the end of that time to Luthe final phases of the Jap war with- zon where they spent eight or nine tines, our arrival in Leyte Gulf in the out a scratch. "We were greatly months. Their last hop before comworried at times when bombs and ing home was to Japan. Leaving the goes on despite the fact that club Not only did we add a new spot on shells started falling all around us emperor's wrecked domain two days one of the boys admitted, adding that Pedro, Calif., on January 3, and fin-

they did not see much combat since ally pushed their way through Fort they were in the supply engineers. Bragg's separation center in time to ped anchor in the quiet waters of Another youth, Wm. C. Thomas, re- get home last Tuesday night.

> **RED CROSS QUOTA** The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross has been assigned a quota of \$3,500 in the 1946 annual membership drive, it was learned this week from Chapter Chairman J. C. Manning. Last year the organization had a quota of \$6,200 and raised considerably more than that amount.

It was pointed out that while many activities of the organization have been discontinued following the end of hostilities, a great obligation to war victims and wounded American servicemen should and must be met.

Change Ordered In **Color Of Tags For**

Funeral This Afternoon For Victim Who Died Early Wednesday Night

Receiving third-degree burns from her head to the tops of her little shoes, while playing in the yard of her home near here last Monday morning, Judy Irene Price, four rears old, died in the local hospital Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Her body charred in several places, he little girl was conscious until about one hour before the end, but little hope had been held for her reovery from the first.

Funeral services are being conductd from the home this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. H. M. Pope, pasor of the local Pentecostal Holiness Church, and interment will follow n the family cemetery, near the nome

The child's parents left early that norning to attend Archie Mizelle's hog killing and several of the other children left a short time later for school, leaving Judy and two older sisters home with their grand-mother, Mrs. Lizzie Price. An older **Delivered Heavy Blow** sister, Pattie, was in the kitchen and Judy was in the living room with another sister, Dorothy Mae. when the grandmother went to the kitchen after warning both of the sisters to be good girls. While Dorothy Mae, about twa years older, was busy drawing, Judy pulled a chair annoticed to the mantel where she is believed to have taken several matches from the box. She had a pair of overalls on over her dress and went into the yard to play. A few minutes later the grandmother heard the child scream and she ran to the door. The little girl's clothes were burning from her shoes to her shoulders, the flames extending possibly two feet or more above her

Mrs. Price poured some water on her and the older sister help beat at the fire with her hands, but not unil most of the clothing had burned except a small patch across the chest and the seams around the waist. Partly burned matches were found n the yard near the spot where the little girl was fatally burned, and it is apparent that she accidentally fired her clothing while playing with he matches.

tions, is progressing rapidly, M. Luther Peel said yesterday. **Included In List**

property owners have listed their holdings. No extension has been allow-

The task is about three-fourths complete in several townships, and with the exception of Williamston and one or two other districts more than half of the

· TAX LISTING

Started the early part of this

month, tax listing in Martin

County, with some few excep-

ed for listing property, and late listings are subject to penalty, it was pointed out.

Sixteen Martin County white men or mere lads, for the most part, were alled to report for pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg on Wedesday of this week. The size of the call is slightly larger than was expected, but one or two volunteered

pected, but one or two volunteered so they could determine their draft status before making plans to farm status before making plans to farm have sore backs and knotted muscles Library Bookmobile status be this year Twelve of the group come from Will Make Regular the farms, and a father is included

New Books Have Been Added To List For Distribution In The County

up to 23 years. latest novel of du Maurier, The follow:

Knox, RFD 2, Roberson Naaman

For Physical Exams about it either, for hardly had the anchor dropped than the basketball Twelve Of Group Come From court was cleared and the in-port marathon of games began once again. Farms; One Father Is

and Noah Duggins with larceny and since Rebecca. It is a romantic ad- ville. receiving was thrown head over venture story of the English Civil heels out of court.

Similar action was taken in the ard Grenvile and crippled Honor case charging James Purvis with an Harris. assault with a deadly weapon.

Clotee Watson, charged with disorderly conduct and an assault with appearance. Brideshead Revisited is

(Continued on page four) **Native Of County Dies In Hospital**

J. Mark Wynne, native of this county died in a New Bern hospital yesterday morning at 5 o'clock following an operation he underwent the day before. He had been in declining health for several years, but his condition was not considered critical until just a few days ago.

The son of the late Mack G. and Christine Mobley Wynne, he was born in Cross Roads Township, this county, 73 years ago the 22nd of last month. When a young man he Tuesday evening when he was was married to Miss Claudie Gurganus and several years following on the Jamesville Highway. The exher death he was married to Miss tent of his injuries could not be Blanche Pridgen of Jones County. About a quarter century ago he located in Maysville, Jones County he engaged in the timber 12; where he engaged in the timber bat, ness and operated a mill for a numsight ber of years. bruised.

Mr. Wynne was a member of the church at Cross Roads for over half that morning, Mr. Hopkins started to last Monday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock a century.

Funeral services are being conducted at his late home in Maysville this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, and interment will follow in the cemetery there. Quite a few relatives and friends from this county are attending the last rites.

Besides his widow he is survived by two daughters by his first marriage, Mrs. T. H. Wynne of this counthe man. ty and Mrs. Leon Stanley of Elizabeth City, and by his second marriage, a son, Joe Wynne who is in the armed services overseas, and two daughters, Mrs. Robert Mattox of Maysville, and Mrs. Julia McNeil of New York: and three sisters, Mrs. A L. Roebuck and Mrs. John T. Edmondson of Williamston, and Mrs. Wiley Rogerson of Robersonville.

Two Bound Over To The **County Court This Week**

Two defendants, one charged with drunken driving and the other with assaulting a female with a knife, were bound over to the meater court for trial in Justice J. L. Hassell's court this week. Charged with drunken driving, Dennis Hassell was required to raise bond in the sum of \$100, and Leon Sykes, charged with assaulting a female, offered bond in the sum of \$50.

James Oliver Carrow, Williamston War with the spotlight on Sir Rich- and Houma, La. Floyd Mayo Harrison, RFD 2, Williamston

The much discussed and postponed Jerry Saunders Raynor, RFD 3, book by Evelyn Waugh has made its Williamston.

George Thomas Bailey, Cincinnati another English story. This one, however, is of a society family beand RFD 1, Robersonville. Bailey was transferred from the Ohio board. tween two wars-an extraordinary Simon Lilley, Jr., RFD 1, Williams-

love story and modern conflict beton tween religion and divorce. Alton Dean Andrews, RFD 2, Rob-For a change in setting one may rsonville. turn to Hilda Wernher's My Indian Howard Chesson Bowen, RFD 2,

Family. Here is the story of an Williamston. Jesse Reuben Brown, RFD 3, Wil European woman who followed her daughter into India and life with a

liamston. (Continued on page four) liamston.

James Edward Whitaker, RFD 3, **Injured When Hit** Williamston. J. Wilson Wiggins, RFD 1, Williamston. By Auto Tuesday Palmyra.

John N. Hopkins, farmer of near Williamston. Williamston, was injured early last issued to a small number of white struck by a car at Sweet Water Creek men, instructing them to report the

latter part of this month. learned definitely, but he entered the local hospital Wednesday for treat-local hospital Wednesday for treatment, one report stating that he was

sight that one of his lege was Dies In Stoneville Stopping to see a car wrecked early Funeral services were conducted

cross the highway and was struck by in the Stoneville Methodist Church a 1939 Ford driven by Selby Price of for Mrs. James M. Taylor, mother of Plymouth. He was knocked to the Mr. J. B. Taylor of Williamston, who ground, but he immediately got up died at her home there last Saturday and declared that he was all right. at 6:10 o'clock p. m. Her pastor, Rev. A glass in one of the car doors was W. V. Shinn, conducted the last rites. broken, Patrolman W. E. Saunders Mrs. Taylor had suffered several stating that he believed the door strokes, and had been confined to came open when the driver swerved her bed for about two years. Pneuthe car in an effort to avoid striking monia developed and her condition

SCHOOLS CLOSE

Reporting unusually low attendance figures yesterday, three county schools—James-ville, Everetts, and Robersonville-suspended classes yesterday afternoon until next Monday, it was learned from the office of the superintendent.

Heavy rains and bad roads forced attendance figures down in all the schools, the attendance dropping to 58 percent in Robersonville. Williamston with 75 percent of its children present, had about the best record for the county yesterday. Several busses mired down in

the mud and did not make their trips yesterday. Others were drowned out by the heavy rain. Navy for Air established himself Last week saw more action on the aboard. More high ranking officers enforcement front than in any other were coming and going than we had period in years. Bad weather and ever seen before. We even had a unfavorable road conditions had

short visit by Congressman Jamie hampered enforcement work for a L. Whitten of Mississippi, who was short time, and a flare-up in the ilmaking an investigation for the Navy licit business followed. It is quite appropriations committee. Yes, it likely that the promoters of the illooked like big news was coming out licit business will find the latest of the next operation. interruption costly, and possibly it

Into Hirohito's Living Room On July 1 we upped anchor and for a few. headed into the open sea once more taking an angling north-east course which would take us between the

Near Here Tuesday

Members of the family were talk-

ing with W. G. Peele in the living

room when Mrs. Roberson went to

the kitchen and lighted the burner.

A few minutes later the fire was dis-

covered and when Mr. Roberson

dashed a pap of water on the stove

and rapidly word another

thirty or forth and nutes the five-room

The house and contents were par

dents in 1946 is a third greater

than in the first two weeks of

1945, and the "cost in injured

limbs and life has been much

greater, not to mention the sev-

increase

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eral hundred dollar property loss

The following tabulations of-

fer a comparison of the accident

trend: first, by corresponding

weeks in this year and last and

for each year to the present time.

Second Week

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tially covered by insurance.

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The first of the raids was conducted on Monday of last week when the containing chlorine content of 3.5

officers raided on the Matthews farm per cent. in Hamilton Township and wrecked a 100-gallon capacity gas drum used as a still and poured out 100 gallons sequent developments showed that Joseph Ray Leary, RFD 2, Wil- Fire Destroys Home of molasses beer.

On Tuesday the officers invaded tags to designate fertilizer containthe other side of Hamilton Township ing the preferred maximum chloand wrecked two plants just off rine content of three percent. Strenand wrecked two plants just off rine content of three percent. Stren-Highway No. 11. They poured out uous objections to this action of the 100 gallons of molasses beer at the board was voiced by officials of these first and 200 gallons at the second (Continued on page four)

Going into the Poplar Point Township the following day, the officers Clothes Are Stolen destroyed a plant in the making and poured out 150 gallons of beer. Returning to Hamilton Township the same day, the raiders wrecked two more oil drums but found no beer. Working closer home on Thursday, the officers wrecked an oil drum and (Continued on page four)

will mark the end of illicit activities

structure was burned to the ground. Mrs. Bettie Cherry **Died Late Tuesday**

afternoon.

Meeting in the courthouse here

tonight at 7:30 o'clock members

of the Martin County Farm Bu-

reau are expected to get a pretty

good idea of what agriculture has

in store for the future. Repra-

sentatives of the organization

who attended the national meet-

ing of the Farm Bureau Federa-

tion will make their reports, and

plans for having this county represented at the State meet-

ing to be held in Winston-Salem

on February 6, 7 and 8 will be

and others interested in agricul-

ture are invited to attend the

Members of the organization

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discussed.

meeting tonight.

Mrs. Bettie Irene Cherry, widow of John D. Cherry, died at her home in Williams Township at 11:40 o'clock last Tuesday night following a short illness. In declining health for some established. Reports state that antime, Mrs. Cherry was getting along other foreign car was parked near as well as usual until about one the looted car, and police point out fered a stroke, the end coming grad- made by outside parties. ually a few hours later.

The daughter of the late William and Mozella Roberson Anderson, Mrs. Cherry was born in Williams Township 51 years ago on March 14. When quite young she was married to Mr. Cherry who died of a stroke following a brief illness about six years ago.

Surviving are five sons, Howard, Ulysses and Joe Cherry, all of this county, and Bryant Cherry of Raleigh; two daughters, Frances Cherry and Mrs. James Hoggard, both of this county, and a half-brother, Noah P. Roberson, of Williams Township. Mrs. Cherry was a member of the Holly Springs Church for about fifteen years.

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, Interment was in the Roberson Cemetery in Williams Township.

Use On Guano Bags Fertilizer With 3.5 Percent Chlorine Distinguishable **By Green Label**

Little Judy had begged to be allowed to accompany her parents to the neighbor's hog killing, and slipped and hid in the foot of the car. The weather was not very good and they thought it best that she remain at home with her sisters and grandmother.

Unusually bright, she was a smart At a special session recently, the child. Just a short time ago she State Board of Agriculture, by a vote completed the task of picking up of 5-2, designated a green tag to be everal hundred pounds of pecans in borne by bags of tobacco fertilizer the yard where she liked to play and romp.

Surviving are her parents, Robert Previously the board selected the S. and Ruth Mizelle Price; six sisters, color yellow for such tags, but sub-Pattie, Chloe, Virginia, Alice Ruth, Dorothy Mae and Miza Matilda Price many companies are using yellow and two brothers, Johnny and Melvin Price.

Car Leaves Road

One person was painfully but not seriously hurt and several others From Car On Street were slightly bruised and shocked when the car in which they were riding tore down between 75 and 100

feet of fencing and plunged down the A silver fox coat, valued at \$800. embankment at Sweet Water Creek and two suit cases containing wearnear here on the Jamesville Highing apparel and other articles, were reported to have been stolen from a way at 1:00 o'clock last Tuesday car parked near the local bus station morning.

Miss Sarah Hardison, young Wil-

fternoon. Police stated that while the owners injury and was treated in the local hospital. Grady Brownsfield, driver were dining in a local cafe, some one of the car registered in the name of broke a small glass in a door to gain access to the clothing. The names of James T. Machen, Dolly Hardison, Wilton Laverne Godard, Dallas Godthe owners could not be learned. ard and Earl Green, other passeng-Several suspects were detained ers in the car, were not hurt. The temporarily and questioned, but no accident was not reported immeditrace of the missing items could be ately and details could not be learned. According to information gained by Patrolman W. E. Saunders who o'clock that afternoon when she suf- that it was possible the haul was investigated the accident, a tire blew out just as the car, traveling toward Jamesville, crossed the creek bridge, throwing the Ford coach into the FARM BUREAU

guard fence. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300 by Patrolman Saunders. Brownsfield, originally from Ala-

bama, is making his home in Washington County.

Miss Rogerson Resigns As Draft Board Clerk

After five years of faithful service as assistant clerk and later as clerk of the Martin County Draft Board, Miss Mary Rogerson recently resigned to accept a position in the local offices of the Virginia Electric and ower Company. She entered her new duties last Wednesday.

While her draft board work was difficult under the stress of war, Miss Rogerson handled it capably and most pleasantly.

March March

After a bad start during the first few days of the current year, motorists on Martin County highways traveled through the second week of January Mrs. Taylor was born in Stokes without an accident, according to reports coming from representatives of the highway patrol. But to date, the number of acci-

ed by eight sons, Dr. L. A. Taylor and M. D. Taylor of Winston-Salem, W. E. Taylor of Warsaw, J. B. of Williamston, J. W. of Norfolk, and G. H., J. M. and Lester Taylor of Stoneville; three daughters, Mrs. Leon Cahill of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Frank King of Stoneville, and Mrs. Frank Townes of Raleigh; four sisters, Mrs. Walter Hutcherson, Mrs. John Martin and Mrs. Henry Thomas Corn of Sandy Ridge, and Mrs. C. H. Lawson of Orbing, Washington; two brothers, Messrs. Frank and Fletcher Smith of High Point; seventeen grandchildren

funeral from here.

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

was critical for several days before the end.

County 78 years ago and following her marriage located in Forsyth County at Stoneville.

Besides her husband she is surviv-

and five great-grandchildren. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Taylor and sons, J. B., Jr., and Sammy, attended the

Starting from an oil burner in a Vernon McNeal Coffield, RFD 1, wood range, fire destroyed the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Rob-Kader Burroughs Taylor, RFD 3, erson just off the McCaskey Road near Williamston last Tuesday noon. A call for final induction is being Very few of the contents were saved.