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Show On April 26

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Thirty-six Club Boys and Girls Are Coming Entries For Largest Show By C. J. Goodman Assistant County Agent

Martin County Third Annual Fat Stock Show has been set for April 26. Forty one baby beef calves are now on feed and they are progressing nicely. The 4-H Club boys and girls are spending much time in fitting and training their steers, each ion. Johnny Gurkin, Jr., produced

club member is visited each month

Approximately \$275.00 will be given in prizes at the Fat Stock Show. A portion of this prize money will be used in the swine department. Each 4-H Club boy is encouraged to enter a pen of three fat hogs or an individ-

The Civic Clubs and the Farm Bureau will again sponsor the Fat Stock Show. The Civic Clubs in the county are: Rotary Club Robersonville, Ruritan Club, Oak City, Kiwanis and Lions Clubs in Williamston.

The following 4-H Club members will enter baby beef steers in the Fat Stock Show. Eight members are

Billy Knowles, RFD 1, Jamesville; Ross Knowles, RFD 1, Jamesville; Peggy Joyce Gurganus, RFD 3, Williamston; Mildred Gurganus, RFD 3, Williamston; Jack Woolard, RFD 2, Williamston; Jack Williamson, RFD 2, Williamston; Mayhue Bailey, RFD Williamston; Ira Rogerson, Jr., RFD 2, Williamston; Ben Simon Cowan, RFD 2, Williamston; Raymond Bennett, RFD 2, Williamston; Howard Bennett, RFD 2, Williamston; Noah Bennett, RFD 2, Williamston; John Walden Lilley (2), RFD 2, Williamston; Bobby Lilley, RFD 1, Jamesville; Ben Bunting, RFD 2, Williamston; Eugene Andrews, RFD 1, Williamston; Free Griffin, RFD 1, Williamston; George Ayers, Jr., (2),

RFD 1, Oak City. Paul Stevenson, RFD 1, Oak City; Doris Stevenson, RFD 1, Oak City; William Hackney High, Oak City; derstood that in most cases, the deJames Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamsfendants are willing to move, but In early manhood he was married in two weeks. He found a farmhouse and noticed a cow staked near-Priscella Roberson, RFD 3, Williamsersonville; Furney James, RFD 1, large docket.

The Farm Bureau will have their Oak City area where a little crime

The judge of the Fat Stock Show will be Dr. J. E. Foster, in charge of defendants are charged with nonbeef cattle and sheep research of the support, drunkenness and disorderly N. C. State College. Mr. L. I. Case, conduct, bastardy, disorderly conin charge of animal husbandry ex- duct and assaults in various degrees. tension, Mr. Howard Stamey, Animal husbandry extension specialist, tatively scheduled to be heard at the and Mr. Jack Kelly, animal husbandry extension specialist, will be present to assist with the show and sale of hogs and steers.

Flees From Sheriff **And His Conscience**

Facing on charge and, as far as it could be learned, not wanted for any law violation, Thomas Purvis, young colored man, took no chances and fled at full speed across a quarter-mile field to the woods last Tuesday when he saw Sheriff C. B. Roebuck traveling in his direction.

The young man and his brother. Clarence, were on a wagon spreading manure on a farm near Hamilton when the officer went to serve a warrant on Clarence Purvis for alleged non-support. Recognizing the officer, Thomas, saying nothing to his brother, jumped off the wagon and set a rapid pace which was maintained all the way to the woods. He had not been heard from late Wednesday, Sheriff Roebuck said.

"Why is he running?" the officer asked Clarence. "I don't know, sir," Clarence answered. "I don't want him, but I have a warrant for you," the officer explained. "Yes, sir, and it would have been me going across this field if Bud had not left so quickly with these young mules, Clarence, now under \$100 bond, ad-

Thomas Purvis recently returned from the Norfolk area, and while he thought he was running from the sheriff, the sheriff believes Thomas was running from his conscience.

Quail Distributed in County by Came Division

Ninety-six quali were shipped into the county Wednesday for distribution. They were hatched and raised on the state farm near Fayetteville and were "planted" by District Game Warden W O Abbitt

Plans Go Forward Completing Plans for Annual Shangri-La Airman County Liquor Sales Increased Tobacco For Annual Stock Red Cross Drive In Chapter

Plans for conducting the annual The Red Cross drive this year is fee Cross fund drive in the chaptel more than a memory all are being completed today by the Hundreds of thousands of American chapter chairman, Jas. C. Maning, youth continue in the armed services, and the drive chamman, V. J. Spivey, and tens of thousands are still in Quotas for the white population in hospitals. The organization is being the five township. The prising the called upon to haridle many duties chapter have been tentatively fixed, as a result of the war, but now that and the chairmen are contacting the war is over, expenditures will leaders in the various districts today. not be as great and the quota for this

leaders, including school teachers, raised for the organization in this preachers and others, agreed to ap- chapter. peal for \$675 as their part in the Special appeals are being addressnew fund drive, leaving approxi- ed to the people, urging them to supexpecting to have the Grand Champ- mately \$3,000 to be raised among the port the drive beginning March 1 white populations in the five town- Ministers are asked to take a few the Grand Champion in 1945 which ships as follows, Jamesville, \$375; minutes of their pulpit time to point Williams, \$75; Griffins, \$350; Bear out to their congregations the need The 4-H baby beef club has grown Grass, \$350; and Williamston, \$1,- for maintaining the humanitarian from four the first year, 1944, fif- 775.00. The over-all quota for this work of the organization. School teen in 1945, to forty one, 1946. Each chapter is \$3,600. The second chapter are asked to present the ap-

and management during these visits. Robersonville, Poplar Point, Hamilton and Goose Nest.

SAFETY MEASURE

In an effort to promote safety

on the highways, patrolmen and local law enforcement officers

recently distributed several

hundred copies of the special

article, "And Sudden Death,"

which appeared for the first time

in 1935 and which was published a second time last December.

Written by J C. Furnas, the ar-

ticle was placed in the hands of

high school seniors and distrib-

uted to motorists on the high-

ways and streets with an appeal

urging all to read carefully and

hands of patrolmen and may be

Ejectment Cases In

A few copies are still in the

Five ejectment cases, reflecting the

Several of the cases originated in the

In addition to the ejectment cases,

A property line dispute is also ten-

Minor Car Accident

Reported In County

No one was hurt and no great property damage resulted in a high-

way accident on the edge of Gold

William LeRoy Beach, just recent-

y discharged from the Navy, started

ert Williams on the Gold Point-Rob-

ersonville Highway and crashed in-

to William Thomas Andrews who

was driving his 1941 Chevrolet into

Investigating the wreck, Patrol-

man W. E. Saunders estimated the

Returns From the Pacific

Rev. James H. Smith, former pas-

for of the local Baptist church, re-

nonths in the service as a chaplain.

the minister is now with his family, on RFD 1, Marion, N. C.

WILD LIFE CLUB

Ross O. Stevens, executive

secretary of the North Carolina

Wild Life Federation, will ad-

dress a meeting of the Martin

County club in the county court-house here next Tuesday even

ing at 8 o'clock. Officer for the new year will be elected at that

time, and all hunters and fisher-

Plans are being advanced for a

big fox hunt and barbecue some

time in March, it was announc-

men are invited to attend.

Expecting his discharge shortly,

that to the Andrews car at \$50.

Former Local Minister

Gold Point.

to drive his 1941 Pontiac past Bel

Point early last Monday evening.

the past week-end.

act accordingly.

had upon request.

At a meeting last Friday evening chapter has been reduced by almost in the courthouse, colored citizen fifty percent. Last year, \$8,300 was

ter in the county with headquarters peal to the children, and the citizens by the assistant county agent. They in Robersonville is asking for \$2,000 of Martin County are being asked to push the county over the top during the first few days of the drive.

Church Cowin Died **Tuesday Evening At**

Funeral Service Conducted By Rev. John Goff Wednesday Afternoon

Church Cowin, well-known farmfollowing a long period of declining stantly. health. He had been confined to his

The County Court search in Washington, he lived a vague idea of his location, he knew and farmed in the community of his only that he was in northern Japan 249.98 forced him into virtual retirement. | didn't get caught.

M. Cowin was a member of the a man who devoted most of his time to reach the coastline. County Recorder's Court. It is un-

ton; Edith Rogerson, RFD 2, Williamston; Billy Bailey, RFD 2, Williamston; liamston; Horace Ray, Jr., Williamston; Roddy Everett, Williamston; Roddy Everett, Williamston; British Roddy Everett, Williamston; Britis Idle last Monday because several, four grandchildren and two brothers, ton; Robert Price, RFD 3, Williams- lawyers and court officials were out Elder B. S. Cowin and Mr. Bunn Co- place to wait for the allied rescue 306.64 due distillers, \$7,303.83 in ac

Robersonville; Thomas James, RFD Up until early yesterday about two noon at 3:30 o'clock by Rev. John L. strength back. It would have gone county treasurer, \$4,955.41 to the 1, Robersonville; Jimmy Peel, Wildozen cases had been placed on the Goff, Williamston minister. Inter- on longer, Rasmussen said, but the Town of Williamston, \$2,563.66 to

annual picnic following the sale on April 26th. Oak City area where a little crime wave was said to have struck during the sale on wave was said to have struck during the sale on wave was said to have struck during the sale on wave was said to have struck during the sale on the sale on wave was said to have struck during the sale on the sale on the sale on wave was said to have struck during the sale on the sa Enter The Services after first successfully trying to salaries and wages, \$2,850.74; rent, \$306.00; supplies, \$10.82; heat, water

Five Martin County young white Fort Bragg for final induction into and for nearly a week lived on raw \$1,922.17, a total of \$5,216.94. the armed services.

Four of the five answered the call this week, but the fifth one, Simon the 16th of August a Jap workman sponding period in 1945 is shown, by Lilley, Jr., RFD 1, Williamston, vol- discovered him and he was forced to unteered and entered the Army Air pull up stakes in a hurry, leaving Corps on the ninth of this month. All five of the young men come

from the farm, and their ages range from 18 to 21 years. Names and addresses of the four

young men leaving Wednesday fol-Naaman Knox, RFD 2, Roberson-

Jerry Saunders Raynor, RFD 3, Alton Dean Andrews, RFD 2, Rob-

rsonville, and RFD 3, Bethel. Vernon McNeal Coffield, RFD 1 Palmyra. The call was the first to be an-

swered entirely by boys from farms him in this county.

damage to the Beach car at \$150 and Layman's Day Program In Methodist Church Sunday

June Rose, superintendent of the Greenville schools, will speak in the Methodist church here Sunday morning, featuring a Layman's Day procently returned from the Pacific gram in the church, Pastor B. T theater where he served about nine Hurley announces.

Sixth Month Pay For **County School Teachers**

Most of the Martin County school teachers and other school employees are receiving their sixth month pay checks today. Approximately \$35,000 is being distributed.

Observe Golden Wedding Anniversary Last Tuesday

observed their golden wedding anniversary at their home on Park Street here last Tuesday. No formal reception was planned, but a few friends visited them during the day and quite a number of anniversary cards were delivered to the couple that day.

Evades Capture In

Seaman J. S. Whitehurst Submits Thrilling Story About A Friend

Following a detailed account of the part played by the aircraft car-rier, "Shangri-La," Seaman James Since Stores Opened S. Whitehurst, Martin County young man, submits the following story about a friend who eluded capture in the Jap homeland island of Kokkaido for sixty-eight days:

"One of the war's most amazing ales of ingenuity, high courage, daring and just plain will-to-live came to light when Oliver Rasmussen ARM 1/c, returned to the Shangri-La after eluding capture on the Japanese homeland for 68 days.

"Reported missing in action and definitely given up for lost when on July 14 the Helldiver in which he receive instructions in feeding, care in the townships of Cross Roads, lend their support willingly and help was rear-seat gunner failed to repossession: a one-way ticket to the states by plane, priority 2. "But before it left Rasmussen's

crusoe, had been wirelessed to the Home In Bear Grass periences to the Shangri-La crew.

on one of those overcast strike-day mornings in mid-July when the whole air group was up for an allout blow against Hokkaido.

and while in the overcast the plane er, died at his home in Bear Grass struck a mountainside. Rasmussen

"Dazed and suffering from shock, birth all his life until failing health and that it would be a good idea if he

31 and had his first real nourishment the profits for law enforcement.

getting all the milk,' he said.

"His best supply of food gone, he to \$12,000.00. wandered back into the mountains the breakers.

onions, raw frogs' legs, eggs from behind two possessions worth their weight in gold by then: 20 pounds of raw rice and a bit of saki he'd found.

"For the next week Rasmussen said he would no more than get comfortably settled in some hideaway thant the Japs would get too close and he was forced to move on.

"But the cows of Japan came to his rescue again. He found lumber Williamston \$ 88,088.10 and built a little shack in a sechided Rob'sonville spot, yet strategically located among Oak City five farms. During the evening he Jamesville noticed the farmers putting their milk in containers in the river to keep it cool. That was enough for

"'I only took the cream off the top and put the container back so (Continued on page six)

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Motorists on Martin County highways really aggravated the accident record during the eighth week of the current year, adding another mark to the death figure and materially boosting the injured count and property loss. The record so far this year is far worse than it was a year ago, and is rapidly becoming worse as time marches

The following tabulations of-fer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding for each year to the present time. Eighth West

Accidente Invd Killed Dam'ge \$ 1,250 1945 Comparisons To Date 13 2 4,800 930

Homeland Of Japs Establish New Record In New Farm Plans

Total of \$2,555,128.40

Sales Last Quarter \$45. 145.40 Larger Than Those For Any Other Period

Pushing on toward the quarter nillion dollar figure, legal liquor sales in this county last quarter broke all previous records. Placed at \$217,671.65, the sales last quarter were \$45,145.40 more than those reported for the months of October, November and December, 1944, and were the first to go over the \$200. 000.00 mark for any period since the turn, Rasmussen came back from the stores were opened in July, 1945. The dead to collect his most important figures mounted despite rationing and stock shortages.

From the time the legal county stores were opened in July, 1935, up tory, that of a modern Robinson to the first of this year, liquor sales amounted to \$2,555,128.40. The sales states by every major news agency gradually increased quarter by quarand he had recounted most of his ex- ter during the first few years the stores were in operation, but in more "Rasmussen's odyssey began back recent times the amount of money spent for liquor in the stores is six ing period in 1935.

It is estimated that beer and wine "Low clouds forced the pilot, Lt. sales, plus the bootleg business in Europe and the Far East who have (jg) Howard Eagleston, to fly low white lightning, will boost the total been uprooted and displaced by the plantings will be increased. If the spent for alcoholic beverages in the war. Disciples of Christ throughlast Tuesday evening at 6:30 o'clock tarily and Eagleston was killed inof 1945.

A review of the audit just recently bed following a stroke of paralysis Rasmussen tried unsuccessfully to released by the certified public acsuffered nearly three weeks ago, and extricate his first-aid kit from the countants shows that of the \$217, wreckage, and then stumbled back 671.65 spent in the stores, \$164,829.61, The son of the late Simon and Tim- into the hills away from the plane to or nearly two-thirds, was sent out mie Mizelle Cowin, he was born in avoid capture. He carried nothing of the State to the distillers. Of the Bear Grass Township seventy years but the clothes on his back, a small \$52,842.04 gross profits, \$5,216.10 ago. With the exception of a few packsack and no food. He had only went for operating expenses, leaving years spent in Washington, he lived a vague idea of his location; he knew a net profit plus discounts of \$48,-

The \$48,249.98 profits for last quar-"Then started days of wandering County, \$21,423.98; State of North serious housing shortage in this sec- church at Sweet Home for a long through the rugged countryside of Carolina, \$18,494.46; Town of Wiltion, have been placed on the docket number of years. He was a thought- Hokkaido, living off the land, dodg- liamston, \$2,833.60; Town of Roberfor consideration in the Martin ful friend and a good neighbor, and ing Jap surveying parties and trying sonville, \$1,474.38; Town of Oak City, during the war in camp and indus-\$585.45; Town of Jamesville, \$462.56. "He finally found the coast on July | The ABC board set aside \$2,975.55 of

"This, Rasmussen decided, was the able in the sum of \$47,006.27-\$39,ton; Henry Gray Corey, RFD 2, Willord town, the county court resumes its liamston; Jack Roebuck, RFD 1, Robuston; Jack Roebu at the late home Wednesday after- one-cow dairy and began to get his distributed profits, \$37,240.45 to the Goff, Williamston minister. Interliamston; Lynette Haislip, RFD 1,
Oak City; Ruth Haislip, RFD 1,
City, and Clayton Savage, RFD 2,
Williamston minister. Interment was in the family cemetery on
the Bunn Cowin farm near
Bear
Grass.

Grass.

Goff, Williamston minister. Interment was in the family cemetery on
the Bunn Cowin farm near
Bear
"That Jap was sure fouled up, but he never got wise that I was the guy for law enforcement now stands at \$17,658.59 and the surplus amounts

Expenses were listed as follows: and lights, \$47.81; repairs, \$54.00; "Eventually he discovered a small unclassified, \$22.60; cash, over-undmen were called Wednesday to railroad shack for living quarters er, \$2.80; administrative and general,

Net profit from operations for the bird nests and uncooked rice. But on fourth quarter in 1944 and the corre-

stores, as rono	WD.	
	1944	1945
Williamston	\$21,472.58	\$25,275.35
Robersonville	11,751.51	13,382.69
Oak City	4,161.43	5,330.46
Jamesville	4,093.90	4,261.48
	\$41,479,42	\$48.249.98

Total sales for the two quarters under comparison follow, by stores: 1945 1944 \$112,649.05 49.015.15 17,844.40

17,578.60 \$172,526.25 \$217,671.65

A review of legal liquor sales and profits, by quarters, from the time (Continued on page six)

Pulpwood Price Is **Increased By OPA**

of 128 cubic feet to be paid to the fined to a comparatively small area, producers. This increase is based on and the main blow lasted only a pulpwood loaded on cars and barges. short time This increases the price of pulpwood from \$7.60 to \$9.00 per cord of 128 cubic feet. This results in a price of \$11.25 per unit of 160 cubic feet.

River Falling Slowly After Reaching Crest Last Monday

Reaching a crest of 11.6 feet last Monday, Roanoke River at this point falling gradually, Hugh Spruill, ridgekeeper, said yesterally. waters dropped in the stream on three-tenths of a foot from Monday until Wednesday, and it was pointed out that a fairly heavy rain fell Tuesday night and that possibly the flood stage would be maintained a few

days longer.

TO CALL 4-FERS

Spent For Liquor Approximately this y seven Martin County men in the low age groups with 4-F draft classifications are now subject to call for duty in the armed forces, according to unofficial reports heard here this week.

It is quite likely that some of the thirty-seven men-fourteen white and twenty-three colored -will not pass the pre-induction examinations, meaning that the new regulation will not materially affect the present trend in the Selective Service program. One report stated that possibly some of the men in the group of thirty-seven would be called next month.

Brotherhood Dinner Wednesday Evening

Rev. John Goff and Attorney Elbert Peel were the principal speakers at the brotherhood dinner at the any of its plans late Wednesday. Woman's Club here Wednesday However, a preliminary study of the times greater than in the correspond- night. The occasion of fellowship plans signed and submitted to the was in observance of a Week of Compassion on behalf of the peoples of county last quarter to possibly \$400,- out the United States had thousands

The dinner was served by the women of the local Christian Church to the approximately 125 in attendance. Several members of the church read greetings from state churches and letters from the foreign field.

Families of the church made sacri ficial gifts which will be used for the ed to other crops, but present indiwork of Christian relief and rehabilitation. The goal of the Disciples of co and cotton and a decrease in pea Christ in the United States is \$500,-000. Three-fifths of this amount will ter were divided, as follows: Martin be channelled through the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction. The remainder will be used to complete projects begun trial communities, to provide pension fund payments for chaplains still in service, to strenghen the brother-The Martin County ABC Board hood's Commission on World Order, larceny of an automobile in Rober-

For Several Months

A frequent defendant in the local pital. courts during past months, Rufus Taylor, facing his umteenth charge of public drunkenness, was banned from 15 to 20 years for manslaughter, from the town for six months by Justice J. L. Hassell here a few days cape from a Durham prison camp on ago. The defendant was sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the court suspending the road sentence upon the payment of \$11.50 costs and in this county, recently escaped from guaranteed good behavior during the six months suspension period. And be verified immediately. the defendant is not to return to town during that time. Taylor, arrested by local police, spent several days in jail and his board bill ran up

the costs. Other proceedings in the justice's

Charged with disorderly conduct, John Hyman was fined \$2.50 and required to pay \$7.50 costs. George Purvis, charged with dis-

orderly conduct, was fined \$2.50 and axed with \$8.50 costs.

Facing a similar charge, Major Latham was fined \$10 and required to pay \$11 costs.

60,916,75 Property Damaged — 19,749.90 By Wind In County

High winds, approximating tornado force, damaged several buildings and swept covers from tobacco beds in the Henry Modlin section of Jamesville Township last Tuesday evening, according to reports reach-

Roofs were blown off several homes and barns, the report stated. and tobacco cloth on a number of The North Carolina Pulp Company plant beds was either left in shreds eports an announcement from the or carried away. The wind was ac-P. A. of an increase of ceiling companied by an unusually heavy rice on pulpwood of \$1.40 per cord downpour. Wind damage was con-

APPLICATION

The first application filed in this county for a GI building loan was handled yesterday by the Martin County Building and Loan Association. Filed by Raymond Cherry, Jr., local young to one service in the European theater, the application

and carries priorities for the purchase of materials. The young man has a lot on Williams Street where he plans to build his home.

calls for a serioo maximum toor

Acreage Indicated

Hardry Seventy Percent of the Farmers In County Have Signed Plans

ding to an incomplete a hurried review of farm plans sub an estimated seventy percent of Martin County farmers, nost of the tobacco growers will increase their tobacco acreage this year to absorb most of the extra ten percent allotment allowed by an order coming from Clinton P. Anderson. he nation's Secretary of Agriculture. Troubled greatly by labor shortages last harvest season, a few farmers declared in their 1946 plans that they planned to decrease their acreages o the crop this year. They are so ew in number, however, that they can be counted almost on one's hands and certainly on one's hands and toes. A small number plan to hold to their 1945 acreages, but the maority plan to increase from one to ten percent, most of them making

preparations to go to the limit. No accurate report can be had on the general farm program in the county at this time, for it is impossible to make a complete study until all the plans are prepared. One township, Williams, hadn't submitted office of the county agent show in addition to the facts about the 1946 tobacco acreage that possibly cotton cotton acreage is increased, it will be the first time that a gradual reducbeen checked

The increase predicted in the tobacco and cotton acreages will be made at the expense of peanuts, according to the best information available at this time. Slight variations are to be expected in acreages plantcations point to increases for tobac-

County Man Tries To Shoot Way Out

ember to serve two years for the sonville in July, 1944, Frank Beach, a native of this county, attempted to shoot his way out of a prison Ban Man from Town in western North Catching a gun and ammunition, Beach, 29, held up several munition, Beach, 29, held up several moved in guards, but another guard moved in and shot him down. Shot in the leg, Beach was removed to a hos-

Jesse Griffin, sentenced in this county in the fall of 1944 to serve continues at large following his esthe 3rd of this month.

Unofficial reports state that Roosevelt Fagan, colored man sentenced a prison camp. The report could not

Two Men Reported Missing In River

According to reports reaching here this week no word has been received from two Bertie County young white men since they were last seen in a small boat in Roanoke River below Cedar landing late on Monday of last week.

Milton Harrell and his brother, residents of the Cashie Neck section of Bertie County, were paddling a small boat in the river when last found, and boats manned by coastguardsmen and ethers were unsuccessful in their attempts in recent days to locate the bodies, it was learned here yesterday. They are the sons of John Harrell,

Bertie citizen.

Inheritance Dwindles To A Very Small Figure

The inheritance recently falling nto the hands of Sam Zemon, local merchant, and reported to be in the big figures, has dwindled to a comparatively insignificant sum. Official reports, heard yesterday, stated hat the inheritance amount to about \$1,000 or about \$99,000.00 short of the amount mentioned in first estimates. Checks in the sum of \$1,000 and \$100 were received Wednesday by the beneficiary from the administrator of Belle H. Sternheimer, late of Baltimore.

County Young Man Gets Discharge From the Navy

Earl Roberson, gunner's mate, 3-c, was one of 184 men honorably discharged from the Navy at the

The son of Mr. and 1 rs. John H. Roberson, RFD 2, Williamston, he had been in the service since May 29, 1943, and spent twenty-four months in the European-African