

## Miss Effie Waldo Died In Hospital On Tuesday Night

### Funeral Services Conducted Thursday For Prominent Woman

Miss Effie Waldo, prominent Hamilton citizen and a leader in the civic, religious and educational fields in this county for a number of years, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Tuesday night at 10:40 o'clock following a short illness. She entered the hospital three weeks ago today for treatment. Prior to that time she had been very active in her usual duties and just a short time before going to the hospital had returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Norfolk.

Miss Waldo was born in Hamilton, the daughter of the late Joseph T. and Mary Mitchell Waldo. A descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson, she spent all her life in the community of her birth excepting the years she was attending school or teaching. After completing the courses of instruction offered in the community schools, Miss Waldo entered the Woman's College, University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and later studied at East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, and Columbia University in New York. Before public education was offered and soon after an Episcopal mission was established in Roanoke Rapids, Miss Waldo went to do her first teaching in the little mission school there. Several years later she returned to this county and taught in the various schools for a number of years, including those at Hamilton and in the Ballard community in Poplar Point. Following her retirement from active duty as a member of the teaching profession she often served as a substitute teacher to help education's progressive march during emergencies. Through her able teaching and capable leadership, the fine qualities of a noble and Christian character were deeply rooted in the minds and hearts of hundreds of little folks who later were to take their parts in the various walks of life, and those qualities exist today in others as a living memorial to her untiring efforts as a faithful teacher and counselor.

During her life, Miss Waldo maintained the traditions so firmly established by her grandfather who came to his county from New England years ago and later by her father. Her grandfather figured prominently in the county's early educational history as a teacher and counselor, and her father served in the State legislature several terms and was a member of the Martin County Board of Education for over twenty years.

A life-long member of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Hamilton, Miss Waldo was a prominent figure in religious activities for years, giving liberally of her time and means in its support. Her activities, however were not confined to the church itself for she willingly administered to the less fortunate, regardless of creed or station in life. Suffering humanity always found her to be a real friend. Her acts of helpfulness

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## Install Officers For Legion Post

Officers, recently elected by members of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion, were installed at a meeting of the organization held in the hut on Watts Street here last Monday night. Pete Stevenson, district commander of Northampton County, was in charge of the installation ceremony and he also briefly addressed the group.

Rev. John W. Hardy, veteran of World War II, is the new president of the post and many of the other officers come from the recent war roster.

The district commander appointed W. L. Winberry district membership committee chairman.

A list of the new officers was released following their election at the regular meeting the early part of last month with the exception of P. M. Holliday who is assistant service officer of the post.

## Long Search For Fugitive End In County Sanatorium

Wanted for a crime he allegedly committed in Virginia, Julius Woolard, young colored man, was placed under arrest in the Martin County Sanatorium near here last Wednesday afternoon by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, the arrest ending a search which local, county and federal officers had conducted for nearly two years.

Officers had trailed him through several states, including Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York and one or two others in that section of the country, back to his old home in the county. They were never able to pick up a "hot" trail until a few days ago or just a short time after he entered the institution for treatment for tuberculosis.

The exact nature of the alleged crime could not be learned here immediately, but one report stated that he was wanted for the theft of government property, possibly some kind of bonds, in Norfolk.

### REFERENDUM

Unable to plow on account of almost continuous rains, farmers in this county are almost certain to find time to participate in the tobacco referendum on Friday of this week, it was pointed out yesterday. The tobacco harvest is likely to keep many farmers busy, but it is thought that the growers will find it possible to visit their respective polling places between the hours of 7:00 a. m. and 9:00 p. m. and cast their votes in support of the proposed program calling for acreage control during the next three years.

## Army Issues War Casualty Report

The first consolidated postwar casualty roll was released by the War Department recently. It shows a total of 308,978 dead and missing among more than 10,300,000 men and women mobilized into the United States army for service in the second world war—a fatality rate of 2.98 percent. The list was compiled in booklets, one for each state, one for the District of Columbia, and one for the territories and possessions of the United States. The record dates from the presidential declaration of a national emergency on May 27, 1941, through January 31, 1946.

During that period 307,554 were or having been missing a year. In killed in action, died of other causes or were declared dead additionally, 1,424 persons were still carried as missing on January 31, 1946. Of the total, 176,432 or 57.1 percent were listed as killed in action. A total of 35,493 or 8.25 percent died of wounds suffered in combat, and 929 or 0.3 percent died of injuries, such as a broken neck in a fall, during combat.

A total of 85,219 or 27.6 percent died elsewhere than in battle. They were the victims of accidents or disease, for example. Then 19,481 or 6.3 percent were administratively determined to have died. This included men lost at sea or who crashed in a burning plane. The figure, 1,424, still carried as missing represents 0.45 percent of the total.

According to unofficial figures taken from The Enterprise records, Martin County lost 56 men in the war, including 49 in the Army, 13 in the Navy, two in the Marine Corps, and one in the Merchant Marine.

## Gandhi Predicts Return To War

Much has been said and more written about the atom bomb, but now Mohandas K. Gandhi comes along with a very discouraging prophecy. Writing in his weekly magazine Harijan, Gandhi says the question of abandoning the bomb is "very like a man glutting himself with dainties to the point of nausea and turning away from them, only to return with redoubled zeal after the effect of the nausea is well over. Precisely in the same manner will the world return to violence with renewed zeal."

A native of the county, Woolard left for Virginia five or more years ago. Little was heard about him until two years ago when he was arrested for alleged larceny.

He was held in a jail at that time and gained freedom under a \$1,000 bond. He "skipped" bond and had not been heard from until he entered the sanatorium.

Just how he gained admittance there could not be learned. He is no longer a subject of this county, and no record of his entry was in the office of the county welfare department, one report stated.

The FBI was notified and Agent Pettit came here to investigate. Advised that the man had reduced from 240 to about 135 pounds, the FBI was reported not to want the man now that he had been found. He is the son of Henderson Woolard of Griffins Township.

## Many Cases Heard By Mayor Hassell In Court Recently

Several Are Sent To The Higher Courts For Trial Next Monday

Justice John L. Hassell heard about a dozen cases in his court during recent days, but several of them were sent to the higher courts for trial next Monday. William James, drunk on highway, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$6.50 costs.

Charged with disorderly conduct, Hubert Whitaker was fined \$5 and required to pay \$9.50 costs.

Amos Jones was bound over to the county court for trial in the case charging him with breaking and entering and larceny and receiving. Bond was required in the sum of \$100.

William Peed was fined \$5 and taxed with \$8.50 costs in the case charging him with disorderly conduct.

Charged with speeding, Manuel Bonitez was bound over to the county court under bond in the sum of \$50.

A. W. Hardison, charged with public drunkenness, was fined \$5 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Robert Rogers, charged with cruelty to animals, was bound over to the county court under \$50 bond.

Charged with public drunkenness, Chas. Thomas was fined \$5 and required to pay \$8.50 costs.

Elijah Ward, charged with disorderly conduct, was fined \$2.50 and taxed with \$7.50 costs.

Publicly drunk, Garland Wynn was fined \$5 and required to pay \$7.50 costs.

Lena Mae Spruill was taxed with \$9.50 costs in the case charging her with disorderly conduct.

## Several Fall Victim To Ptomaine Poisoning

Believed to have eaten some food that did not agree with them, several local people fell victim of ptomaine poisoning late Wednesday. Their conditions are much improved and most of them are able to be up and out.

It was reported that two or three of the victims, including Mrs. C. B. Roebuck, were desperately sick for several hours.

### GOING UP

As the second week draws to a close without the OPA consumer prices continue to climb upward. While there are variations, the price trend is decidedly upward, late market reports placing creamery butter at 97 cents per pound in local stores and as high as \$1.50 per pound in some areas. Smithfield hams, absent from local store shelves for many months for the most part, appeared this week and are selling for 79 cents a pound. Meats, in general, have advanced from about ten to fifteen cents a pound. Most staple commodity prices remain little changed from the figures existing before OPA went out of existence nearly two weeks ago.

## Commerce Group Makes Plans For Beauty Pageant

### Cole's Orchestra To Furnish Music For Beauty Pageant on July 17th

Holding one of their largest meetings since their organization, the Williamston Jaycees last Friday evening virtually completed plans for the beauty pageant to be held here on Wednesday, July 17. The session was held at Mrs. Jenkins' Chimney Corner on the Hamilton Highway and was attended by 42 members. Dr. W. F. Copeage, who recently purchased Dr. M. A. Schooley's veterinary business here, was welcomed as a member of the club. The attendance prize was won by Jaycee Thad Harrison.

After discussing several business topics, the group announced that the swimming pool had been rented for Monday, July 15, when the members will entertain their wives, friends and contestants in the beauty pageant at a watermelon slicing.

It was also announced that Ray Cole and his orchestra will play for the beauty pageant and dance to be held here on Wednesday, July 17. Cole brings his orchestra here after numerous engagements throughout eastern North Carolina and Virginia, including bookings for the Wallace Strawberry festival, Lumina pavilion at Wrightsville Beach, the Isle of Palms in South Carolina, Langley Field and Fort Bragg officers' clubs. The band features George Demas, vocalist, and is made up principally of World War II veterans. Cole also features a seventeen-year-old who possesses exceptional qualities in handling the trumpet, also a bass man who sings the "seat" songs.

Several new contestants for the beauty pageant have been added, including Emma Lou Taylor as Miss Clara's Pharmacy, Elizabeth Manning as Miss Dixie Peanut Company, Della Margaret Griffin as Miss Woolard Furniture Company, Marjorie Gray Dunn as Miss Harrison Oil Company, and Janie Moye as Miss Belk-Tyler Company. The winner of the local contest will represent the organization in the state contest to be held in Wilson.

## Vets Getting On-The-Job Training

By Charles A. Brown Training Officer

Veterans getting on - the - job training in Martin and adjacent counties are showing much interest and progress in their work. Recent applications by employers for approval to train veterans under "The G. I. Bill of Rights" have increased in volume and indicate a willingness to cooperate with the Veterans Administration in teaching returning veterans a trade or business.

Some misinformation, however, has hampered this vocational training. Many employers are under the impression that vacancies must exist in their establishments for which veterans desire to train. There need not necessarily be a vacancy; the requirements are that adequate and skilled supervision be available to guide and coach veterans in their specific objectives, so that by the termination of their training entitlements veterans will be qualified and trained journeymen in their selected civilian occupation.

Under Public Law 16, popularly known as the "G. I. Bill", establishments must be approved for training veterans by the State Veterans Education Committee. Applications for approval should be addressed to Mr. J. D. Taylor, State Veterans Education Committee, N. C. State College, Raleigh, N. C.

Many veterans are already employed in various concerns throughout this locality which have not applied for State approval. Consequently, these veterans are not eligible for benefits of the G. I. Bill. Many of these concerns have suitable training facilities and skilled supervision available for their veteran employees during the apprenticeship period and could obtain approval. Veterans would then be entitled to train under Public Law 16 and would be eligible to receive the numerous benefits.

## County Crop Damage Possibly More Than Two Million Dollars

### Worry And Life's Rapid Pace Cause Break In Health

#### High Blood Pressure Points To Abnormal Tension In Most Cases

(The following is one in a series of articles prepared by the North Carolina Tuberculosis Association and sponsored by civic organizations.—ed.)

To the fast pace at which many Americans speed through life can be attributed their tendency to high blood pressure. Trying to crowd numerous activities in one day, straining their physical strength to the limit, carrying their business to bed with them where they continue to worry over the problems of the day instead of resting, men and women in this age of rush run their blood pressure up—and then add it to their list of worries.

High blood pressure indicates that the heart and arteries are under abnormal tension. It is not a disease in itself but should be taken as a warning and its cause investigated. The danger of high blood pressure is that the heart will be injured if the cause of the rise in blood pressure is not discovered in time and any possible steps taken to correct the condition.

There are various things which may be the cause of high blood pressure. Therefore, there is no one remedy which can be prescribed for the condition. The only safe thing to do is to consult a doctor and follow his advice.

Everyone who has had a physical examination is familiar with the apparatus which the physician brings out to take the blood pressure—with the band he wraps firmly around the arm and the gauge he uses to measure tension produced by the blood current on the walls of the blood vessels. Taking the blood pressure is part of any complete physical examination.

If the blood pressure is normal, it is a healthy sign. If it is low, it indicates low vitality but not necessarily that anything is seriously wrong. It has been said that no one ever died from low blood pressure, but that the person with low blood pressure misses a lot of fun in life. He has little energy and pep and tires easily. The physician may suggest exercise to improve the circulation of the blood.

High blood pressure may indicate any one of a number of things. It may be caused by a disease of the kidney. Very often high blood pressure is due solely to the high-tension life which many modern Americans live. The strain and excitement of their lives place an extra strain on the heart, causing the blood pressure to rise. When the blood pressure is high, a doctor should be consulted and his advice followed.

## Club Directors In Meeting Here

Holding their first meeting of the new fiscal year, the members of the board of directors of the local Lions Club set several goals and discussed various plans for the next several months. This regular monthly meeting was held at the home of the new president, Lion Hildreth Mobley, with eleven members of the board present.

Among the goals set were the raising of a sizeable amount to be applied on the Scout Hut Fund, and the expansion of the ball gum sales, the profits from the latter going to the club's Blind Fund.

The board approved the new committees that had been appointed to serve for the next twelve months, and then discussed various plans for the Lion's Harvest Festival, to be held the week of Sept. 16-21. It is planned to give away a new car to the winner on the last night of the festival, the winner to be determined by the drawing of a lucky number. Any profits on this project will be applied on the Scout Hut Fund.

### BARN BURN

Several tobacco barns have been destroyed by fire in the county so far this season, and many farmers declare that they are having difficulty "killing" out the stems.

Farmer C. C. Fleming lost a barn on his farm near Jamesville the middle of last week and Farmer Jones had one burned on the Ballard farm in Poplar Point Township over the week-end. One or two other farmers are reported to have lost barns by fire this season.

Herman Harrison had one to catch fire last Sunday, but he managed to put it out after tobacco in one or two "rooms" was burned.

## Eastern Firemen Met Last Tuesday

Between 150 and 200 members of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association were welcomed guests of the Robersonville Fire Department at the organization's quarterly meeting held at the Swane River Club last Tuesday evening. Delicious barbecued chicken and accessories were served and greatly enjoyed.

The group was warmly welcomed by Mayor H. S. Everett, S. L. Roberson and Paul D. Roberson, Fireman Dick Joyner responding.

The business program was limited, but an enjoyable entertainment program was arranged with Frank Bennett, Durham's fire chief, as master of ceremonies. Chief Bennett, told a few jokes, sang a little and led the group in several songs. The old fire-fighter declared it was good to get together in a decent sort of way with a good bunch of citizens. "If a citizen isn't giving his best to his community he should get out of the community," Bennett said, adding that he had found firemen not only willing to risk their health and lives to save property and life, but found them also willing to help their communities and fellowmen in other ways.

The visitors were greatly impressed by the delicious meal which was served by Cook Henry Johnson and his assistants, and they enjoyed the warm welcome extended them. Fireman Joyner said everyone knows Robersonville does things in a big way, and declared that its people are recognized as among the best in all North Carolina.

The next meeting of the association will be held in Snow Hill.

## Bishop to Preach At Local Church

Bishop Cameron Chesterfield Alleyne, of Philadelphia, Pa., will preach at Williams Chapel Methodist Church, Rhodes Street, on Sunday morning, July 14, at 11 a. m. Bishop Alleyne is the superintendent of the 4th District of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and this will be his first visit to Williams. Rev. Algernon Hillary Fisher, the pastor, is expecting a record attendance at this service. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

After traveling through the Fourth of July without an accident, motorists on Martin County highways tore loose last week-end to boost the accident total count to 73 for the first 27 weeks.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

Twenty-Seventh Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge				
1946	4	5	0	\$ 820
1945	0	0	0	00
Comparisons To Date				
1946	73	65	3	18,890
1945	29	13	3	7,000

## Believed Twenty Percent Of Leaf Crop Is Damaged

### Considerable Damage Done To River Fill And Rural Roads

According to conservative estimates recent rains have damaged crops in this county as much as two to two and one-half million dollars, and possibly the full damage has not yet been reported. Observers are of the opinion that twenty percent of the tobacco crop in the county, as a whole, has been lost, that in some instances the loss will run as high as eighty percent and as much as fifty percent in one or two areas.

It is estimated that 15,000 acres have been planted to the crop in Martin County this year, that the poundage very likely will be cut from an expected yield of about 1,400 pounds to less than 1,000 pounds per acre, on an average. With an estimated poundage reduction of about 400 pounds, the crop will come up short by about six million pounds. Figured at about 40 cents a pound, the resulting loss will run right close to \$2,400,000.00.

The estimates, while admittedly not accurate, are based on reports coming from individual farmers in nearly every section of the county. The center of the rain damage apparently is located in Jamesville, Williams and Griffins Townships with Jamesville bearing the brunt of the water damage. There are bad spots in other sections, and there is little doubt but what the crop has been damaged throughout the county possibly the best tobacco as of late Thursday was found in that area running from the western edge of Bear Grass through Cross Roads, Robersonville, a part of Poplar Point and Hamilton on into the Oak City sector.

Part of the crop in Jamesville and Williams has already been abandoned, indirect reports declared. In other instances, the farmers are leaving the lower leaves and pulling those nearer the top in an effort to save some of their crops.

The present condition of the peanut crop in this county is bad but not believed critical. The outlook is not at all encouraging. Grass is fast taking hold, and prospects are not very bright for cultivation immediately.

The corn crop, as a whole, is holding up well. There is very little cotton in the county, and the condition of that crop has not been mentioned.

Crop conditions, considered serious some days ago, were tagged (Continued on page six)

## Some Germans Say U. S. Too Lenient

Stuttgart.—Of 43 Germans, asked whether they thought amnesty should be extended to all Nazis except party leaders, nearly one-third said they believed the Americans had been too lenient and that Germans with Nazi leanings would be allowed to run things again.

Sixty-eight percent said, however, that they were heartily in favor of amnesty being granted to all Nazis, except the leaders, because they believed most Germans were guilty of no crime.

Military government granted amnesty last week to all Germans under 27 who were not major offenders, activists or profiteers. A group of Germans approved by military government as youth leaders and other Germans approached at random on the streets were asked whether they believed that action should be made general.

A 32-year-old housewife said the law was "too soft" and that young Nazis were frequently worse than older ones.

Only one of the 43 Germans interviewed admitted that he had been a Nazi Party member and he said he was now willing to learn democracy. "We learn by experience," he said somewhat sadly.

## Thirteen Cases Heard Monday In Recorder's Court

### Fines, Amounting to \$230, Collected During A Short Session

Judge J. Calvin Smith heard thirteen cases during a short session of the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Only a few spectators were present. Fines, amounting to \$230, were collected.

Proceedings: The case charging Dorothy Brown with temporary larceny, was not proseed. In a second case in which she was charged with drunken and reckless driving, the defendant pleaded guilty and was fined \$100, taxed with the cost and had her driver's license revoked for one year.

A continuance was granted until the first Monday in September, in the case charging Clyde Moore and Leslie Godard with an assault.

Charged with speeding, Millard E. Townsend pleaded guilty and was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost.

Charles Joseph Shiner was fined \$25 and taxed with the cost for speeding.

Jesse Gaimor, aged colored man who has been plagued by ill luck during recent months, was fined \$20, taxed with the cost and lost his driver's license for six months when he was adjudged guilty of reckless driving. Gaimor, pleading not guilty, admitted that he was driving with one hand while pulling at something with the other in the foot of his car. Judge Smith declared that there was apparently no criminal intent, but such action was dangerous and should not go unpunished. Gaimor, it will be recalled, lost \$1,063 in hard-earned cash some months ago at about the time his common-law wife disappeared from his home near Williamston.

Charged with the larceny of motor vehicle license plates and their improper use, Noah Frazier pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. The road sentence was suspended for one year upon the payment of a \$50 fine and costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year.

The cases charging William Stokes with disorderly conduct and assaulting a female, and Hannah Stokes with an assault with a deadly weapon were continued until July 22.

Josh Pritchard, charged with larceny and receiving, was found not guilty.

A. W. Hardison, charged with drunkenness, through his attorney withdrew his appeal from a lower court and the case was remanded to the trial magistrate.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with speeding, Johnnie Griffin was fined \$20 and taxed with the court costs.

John Williams, charged with reckless and drunken driving, was adjudged guilty and drew a \$50 fine and was required to pay the court costs. His license to operate a motor vehicle was revoked for one year. Marshall Staton, a second defendant in the case, was adjudged not guilty, the two men having accused each other of operating the motor vehicle when it was wrecked near Parmele a few days ago.

In the case charging F. C. Egan (Continued on page six)

## Registration For School Election

Between 140 and 145 citizens have registered for the special school election to be held in the Jamesville district on Saturday, July 27. Substitute Registrar W. W. Walters reported this week.

The registration books close on Saturday of this week and will be opened on Saturday of next week for challenge of registrations.

The proposal before the special election voters calls for a 20-cent tax levy on the \$100 assessed property valuation, and if adopted will supplement the state-supported minimum school term, it was explained.

A similar election was successfully held in Williamston in May and Robersonville adopted a 20-cent levy by a large majority last Saturday.