By Armed Forces

Releases Dwindle In Number In Recent Weeks, Late Report Shows

After reaching a peak during the early months of this year, the number of discharges given by the armed forces has dwindled fairly rapidly in recent months, according to a report coming from the Martin County Draft Board

During recent weeks, eightyseven Martin County men - 55 white and 32 colored - were discharged by the armed services. Official records are not available just now, but it is fairly certain that a large percentage of Martin County men has returned from the services, leaving possibly a couple of hundred in the various branches of the armed forces.

Inducted in November, 1943, Murry White Holloman was released last April.

The men whose name follow were discharged in May of this year, the figures representing the month and year they were induct-

White - William Lester Bunting, 1-44, RFD 1, Robersonville; Louis Tyler Wynne, 8-44, RFD 3. Williamston; William Edward Earley, Jr., 9-44, Oak City; Harry Jordan Smith, 4-44, RFD 3, Williamston: James Robert Bullock 1-46, RFD 3, Williamston; Bonnie Haywood Dail, 9-43, 11 E. Deleward, Chicago; Rufus Vernon Bunting, 4-44, Williamston; Ernest Cornelius Jones, 4-44, Williamston; James Elton Smith, 9-44, Robersonville; John Clayton Johnston, 5-41, Robersonville; Eli David Harrison, 1-46, RFD 2, Williamston; Charlie Felton Keel, 10-45, RFD 2, Robersonville; Wiley Benjamin Bunting, 9-44, Palmyra Cecil Clemmons Ange, 4-44, RFD 1. Jamesville; Floyd Dewey Warren, 3-44, Robersonville; Walter Edgar Roberson, Jr., 3-44, Robersonville; James Hardy Council, 9-44, RFD 1, Hobgood; Sam Lathenhouse Whichard, 9-43, RFD 3, Williamston; Arthur Gray Bennett, 10-43, RFD 2, Williamston; Rome Rogerson, Jr., 9-44, RFD 2, Wil-1, Jamesville.

The following white men were discharged in June:

Benjamin Edwin Powell, 9-44, RFD 1, Robersonville; Guy Ausborne Rawls, Jr., 9-44, RFD 1, Robersonville; Roland Cecil Cherry, 8-44, RFD 3, Williamston James Elbert Beach, 7-44, RFD 3, Williamston; Lee Burton Jenkins, 7-14, RFD 3; Williamston; George Washington Wynne, 7-44, RFD 3, Williamston; Wesley, Hardison, 7-44, RFD 1, Williamston; John Henry Jones, 7-45, RFD 3, Wil- and several grandchildren. liamston; John Calvin White, 5-44, Williamston; John Richard Ships Sunk By liamston; John Calvin White, 5-Medford, 6-44, Palmyra; James Cecil Lilley, 6-44, Jamesville; Charles Edward Bullock, 1-41, RFD 3, Williamston; Millard Edward Ange, 3-46, RFD 1, Jamesville; William Bert Scott, 9-44, RFD 1. Oak City: William Craven Britton, 8-44, RFD 3, Williamston; Carl Wilson Jenkins, 9-44, RFD 2. Robersonville; Willie

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Geo. F. Matthews **Died Wednesday**

George F. Matthews died at his home in Robersonville Wednesday evening at 7:30, following an extended illness. A native of this county Mr. Matthews lived at intervals in the Everetts and Williamston sections of the county. Funeral arrangements are in-

complete pending the arrival of a daughter, Mrs. W. L. Chesson, Jr., who is on her way home from

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Susie E. Matthews; seven daughters, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Richard Everett, Mrs. Jim Smith, Miss Juanita Matthews and Miss Bernice Matthews, all of Robersenville, Mrs. Leighton Croom of Gold Point and Mrs. W. L. Chesson, Jr., of San Francisco; three sons, W. H. Matthews, with the U. S. Army in Italy, Corporal E. L. Matthews, Japan, and Fred of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Perry of Scotland Neck and Mrs. J. E. Martin of Bethel; two brothers, J. Frank of Robersonville and W. B. Matthews of Rocky Mount.

More County Men County Boy Killed Compromise Dates Georgia Markets To Install Automatic Judge J. C. Smith Given Discharges County Boy Killed Compromise Dates Georgia Markets To Install Automatic Judge J. C. Smith Calls Eight Cases In Airplane Crash Game Next Season In Leaf Prices Phone System Here In County's Court



After successfully serving the local Pentecostal Holiness Church here and those in Roper and Windsor for three years, Rev. H. M. Pope is resigning to enter the evangelistic field, it was announced this week. His resignation was accepted reluctantly by the entire congregation and his many friends in other denominations regret to learn of his resignation. The minister will move his family to Clinton early next month and return here for his last appointment as pastor on August 18th.

Former Resident Dies In Windsor

Funeral services were conducted at the home in Windsor last Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. J. H. Overton, 66, who died of a heart attack there the Saturday before. The Rev. Mr. Myatt officiated and burial was in Williamston's Woodlawn Cemetery.

Rogerson, Jr., 9-44, RFD 2, William Edward William Edward Williams, 5-43, RFD 1, Robersonville; William Edward Williams, 5-43, RFD 1, Robersonville; Williams, 5-43, RFD 1, Robersonvill Fred James Calloway, 4-45, RFD ville Township, this county, for Windsor about twelve or fifteen

> Surviving are her husband; two sons, J. R. Overton of Jamesville and Lee Overton, of Detroit, Mich.; three daughters, Mrs. C. J. Hinson of Washington, N. C., Mrs. Guy R. Waters of Jamesville, and Mrs. Dan Castelloe of Portsmouth, Va.; three brothers, Roosevelt, Richard and Haywood Spruill of Elizabeth City; one sister, Mrs. Linie Godfrey of Elizabeth City;

Atom Explosion

At least nine ships, including the battleship "Arkansas" and the carrier "Saratoga" were sunk and others damaged in a test of a subsurface atomic bomb explsion at Kikini atoll Wednesday. A fuil report on the damage is being delayed pending the clearing up of radioactive waters.

The explosion of the bomb was the second in a series of tests to Goodland Airport and asked if determine its power and reac-

First reports said that the explosion caused a wave about ten feet high and sent water almost a mile into the air. It was said to have been more' destructive than the one used in the first ex-

PLAN PURCHASE

Meeting this week, Messrs. R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodmon and C. B. Clark, Sr., members of the Williamston School District committee, discussed the possible purchase of the remodeled K. B. Crawford home on Smithwick Street

for a teacherage. The property has been inspected by the committee. Realizing that the housing and rooming shortage here is proving a bottleneck for the operation of the schools, the committee will discuss the proposal with the county board at a meeting Friday

Lt. J. R. Daniel **Visited Relatives** Few Days Before

Funeral Arrangements For Young Man

Lt. James Robert Daneil, 21 year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Daniel of the Flat Swamp section of Robersonville Townairplane crash near Goodland, Kansas, last Thursday night, according to a telegraphic message received by his parents Tuesday

Lt. Daniel was the only child home on a furlough just a few per day and two per season. days ago and when he left he plane. When the accident occurnothing about the funeral ar- more than 150. rangements as the telegram only | Squirrel - October 1 through stated that he had been killed.

Young Daniel had been in the per day. graduate of the local schools he be one for the entire season. had many friends in this section | Rabbit - Thanksgiving Day of the state.

lost his life on a destroyer in the per day basis. Pacific a little over a year ago.

cident was released last Saturday per season. a press association under a | Opossum and Raccoon, with Goodland (Kansas) date line:

C-47 Army transport-died in a ping will be allowed only from 10 miles southwest of here during mals. a thunderstorm last night.

Charles Bigler, Goodland news- uary. paperman who drove through a For the first time, the hook and ered almost beyond recognition except in some sections to be closas a plane. The bodies all had ed as spawning areas. Inland fishbeen blown clear of the wreckage, ing rules were simplified. The

"The clothing had been blown Bigler said. "All were mangled Nine Divorces On

The plane was believed to have struck the top of a knoll, bounced twice, and exploded on its third contact with the ground.

The wreckage was not found Army Air Base announced the plane was missing on the Topeka- L. B. Wynne. to-Denver leg of a routine coastto-coast flight.

Farmers living in the vicinity said they saw a flash of light about 9:30 p. m. but believed it came from a bolt of lightning. It was raining heavily.

Only one man who saw the flash and the subsequent scattered fire in the wheat stubble believed it was a plane wash. He was Victor Follett, a local flier. Modlin against Mary Modlin, Del-He was visiting at a farm house two miles distant.

any planes were missing. He was

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Justice Hassell Hears Four Cases

The summer slump reported in

with \$8.50 costs. Judgment was suspended upon the Secretary of Agriculture. the payment of \$6 costs in the

improper brakes.

\$10 and taxed with \$7 costs. and required to pay \$8.50 costs. the most part,

Quail Season In County has Been Reduced To 75 Days; Lay Days Set

Confronted with strong pressure exerted by sportsmen and hunters at district meetings held here and in other sections weeks Army Has Not Disclosed ago, the State Board of Conservation and Development in session ed all-time records. Unofficial at Morehead City this week compromised its stand for shorter game seasons and fixed dates more in keeping with popular de-

Its actions taking the form of an aggravation measure, the ship, was instantly killed in an board lopped off five days from the deer season and fifteen days from the quail season.

The hunting season for county follows:

Deer, male only-October 5 instead of October 1 through Januof Mr. and Mrs. Daniel. He was ary 1. The bag limit will be one Quail-Thanksgiving Day, Nov-

went direct to Fort Bragg for his ember 28, through January 31 with hunting allowed only on ed he was on his way to Utah and Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturfrom there he was scheduled to go days. New Year's and Christmas to the Pacific. Details of the ac- Days are excepted. The bag limcident are not available and the it was reduced from ten to eight parents of the young flyer know per day with a season total of not

January 1. The bag limit is ten

Army Air Corps for several years | Turkey-November 28 through and was devoted to his work, A January 31. The bag limit will

through January 31. The daily L. Daniel was a cousin of Ver- bag limit is ten with no limit for non Casper, Oak City youth who the season other than on the ten

Bear-October 15 through Jan-The following account of the ac- uary 1 with a bag limit of two

gun and dogs only-October 15 Thirteen persons-10 passeng- through February 15. Opossum, ers and three crew members of a raccoon, mink and muskrat trapflash of flames when their plane December 1 to February 15. No crashed into a wheat stubble field limits are fixed for these ani-

Otter trapping-month of Jan-

which was spread over a large shad season will close May 1 in inland waters instead of May 10.

Court's Calendar

At least nine divorce cases have been calendared in the Mar-The wreckage was not found until today when the Topeka the last session of the tribunal, it year the first row brought 41

Based for the most part on two years' separation, the divorce pleas were filed by the follow- brought an average of 45 cents

Wilson Staton against Della Staton, Libby C. Staton against common grades brought as high Lenwood P. Staton, R. T. Chance against Mary E. Chance, Ella R. Jr., Mary E. Summerlin against best grades brought as high as 50 James F. Summerlin, Luther cents. la Whitehurst against William Whitehurst, Goler Ormond against Carrie Ormond, and Bert

Congress Passes Muddled OPA Bill

Eller James vs Arthur James.

After wrangling more than three weeks while prices climbed uncontrolled to record levels, Drunk and disorderly, Eugene by pressure groups, are certain to Dr. D. R. Coppage, in New Bern Anderson was fined \$5 and taxed escape. Food prices, under the for six months before locating new law, will rest largely with here.

case charging Paul Dixon with by the bill until August 20. Dur- here, made many friends in the has proved successful as a preoperating a motor vehicle with ing the meantime, prices continue county before selling to Dr. Cop- ventive measure. to soar, late quotations placing page. Dr. Schoeley and Mrs James Henry Ashley, charged the cost of bacon at 65 cents a Schoolcy left this week for Kanwith operating a motor vehicle pound and steak at 89 cents per sas where they plan to make their ber of work animals against the with improper brakes, was fined pound. Butter, after going to 97 home. cents a pound, has dropped a bit, Dr. Coppage is maintaining an clinic facilities were limited to a Charged with public drunken- but even with the reduction, buy- office on North Haughton Street comparatively small number of

Averages Range From \$42 To Almost \$48. There on a ednesday

Opening-day prices on the Georgia-Florida tobacco markets last Wednesday exceeded all pre liminary estimates and approachreports placed the opening-day average between \$42 and \$48 in Georgia. Quality, for the most part, was good and sales were

A direct report from Douglas placed the average there at \$42.50 with a top of 49 cents a pound.

Anderson and Gray, Martin County tobacconists, operating on the Moultrie market, said in a private report: Anderson and Gray sold 328,496 pounds for \$47.98 average on July 24. The sale was highest ever made in Georgia. Quality good and farmers all

Reports from other markets: Adel-The opening range for the better grades of leaf was between 40 and 48 cents. Poorer

grades also were selling well. Blackshear-Prices spurted upward in mid-morning and good grades brought 44 to 46 cents a

Fitzgerald-The average of 40.3 cents for the first 16,720 pounds sold was approximately two cents a pound above last year's open-

Hahira-The first row of 51 piles of leaf brought an average of 42 1-2 cents, and one grower reported an average of 47 cents for his leaf.

Hazelhurst - The first row brought an average of 45.5 cents, flye cents above the opening price

Metter-Opening prices compared favorably with last year, and opening bids ranged as high s 49 cents.

Nashville-A range of 23 to 47 cents was near last year's opening day range

Pelham-J. D. Rogers, a warehouseman, said the first row aver-

pound was paid, but the average Statesboro-The market opened strong and the first sales averaged 43 cents.

Tifton-Opening sales ranged from 10 to 47 cents a pound with the average at 43 cents. The first row last year averaged 41 cents. Valdesta-The first two rows old at an average of 44 cents, several cents above last year's

Vidalia-The first row of 110 was learned this week from Clerk cents. The high bid was 57 cents compared with last year's 47

> Waycross - The first row compared with 42 cents last year. Prices held steady and tips and as 39 cents.

Lake City, Fla.-Sales for the Taylor against Thurston Taylor, first hour averaged 43 cents while

Buys Veterinary

Business Here (Continued on page six) Purchasing the business, in

cluding all equipment and good Dr. W. F. Coppage recently entered upon the practice of veterinary nedicine here.

A native of Vanceboro, Dr. Coppage holds two degrees from Alathe business field generally is re- Congress late Wednesday passed bama Polytechnic Institute. He week by Dr. W. F. Coppage who flected in the size of Justice John a muddled OPA bill. The new- was graduated there in 1941 with said that a farm mule was fatally L. Hassell's trial docket for the fangled bill has nearly every kind a B. S. degree in agriculture with stricken in the Jamesville section past week or ten days. Only four of feature, and its true meaning animal husbandry as a major. He last Monday. The animal, owned alleged violations were docketed is hardly known. Some items are received his degree in veterinary by Farmer J. Perry, was disposed during the period, and two of certain to bear the brunt of price medicine in 1945 and engaged in of when it was certain no cure those were of a technical nature. control while others, supported general practice with his brother, could be effected.

> Dr. Schooley, who succeeded known for the disease. However, Little or no control is provided Dr. A. J. Osteen in the practice

> > P. H. Brown on Academy Street. was learned.

Company Planning To Take Over All Rural Telephones

Underground Wires Promised In Business Area; To Enlarge Plant

Plans for modernizing and enlarging Williamston's telephone xchange system are nearing completion and construction work is scheduled to get under way within a short time in the rural areas where all telephones will be taken over and others added by the Carolina Telephone and Tele graph Company, according to in formation released this week by W. E. Thornton, local manager.

Equipment for changing the present plant into a dial system has been ordered and delivery has been tentatively scheduled for the latter part of next November. During the meantime the present switching plant and company office on South Smithwick Street is to be enlarged and modernized. A ernizing the building has been let were released, but the expenditure for the modernization and enlargement program will run in- week. to comparatively large figures.

In addition to the proposed Smithwick to a point just back of the Sinclair station.

While the automatic system photographs, descriptions, etc. will eliminate all operators for messages.

ago, the company, possibly with a representative from Mississippi. little prodding from government agencies, at last is making ready to take over the rural telephones Will Open Dress agencies, at last is making ready served by the office here. Even before the change to the dial system is effected, the company is making plans to construct new lines and add a goodly number of Leasing a part of the J. Lawthe Army but of the latest mag- Delores L. (Weenie) Beaird will neto type, are to be installed, it open a dress shop there about the placed with dial units when the will be placed in the store and

Company engineers came here use on the Farm Life lines, and it Shop. is estimated that about twenty more stations will be added when five lines are constructed. Three lines are to serve the approximately eighteen subscribers and a few others to be added in the

Sleeping Sickness Is Fatal To Mule

The first case of encephalomyelitis (sleeping sickness) in the county this year was reported this

Dr. Coppage pointed out that the disease is fatal in 99 1-2 percent of the cases, that no cure is it was explained that vaccination Dr. M. A. Schoqley, former local

veterinarian, vaccinated a numdisease some months ago, but the ness, Willie Hardison was fined \$5 ers are proceeding cautiously for and is at home with Mr. and Mrs. work animals in the county, it

TO SET DATES

Holding one of their scheduled meetings in the courthouse here Friday evening, members of the Martin County Board of Education will determine dates for opening the schools this coming term. It is likely that the board will also decide holiday schedules for the term.

Very little other business is scheduled for consideration, but the board is likely to definitely cancel all plans tentatively advanced for expanding the various school plants by contract.

Local Girl Wins 2nd Place Honor

ceived by local Lions Club offic- costs. The court also stipulated ials, Miss Angela McLawhorn was in the judgment that the defenddeclared the runner-up in the ant is not to be found publicly statewide Cotton States Jubilee drunk during the one-year sus-Beauty Pageant. The purpose of pension period. The case climaxcontract for enlarging and mod- the contest was to select a winner ed the ups and downs of the from each of the cotton produc- blacksmith's thirty-six years of to a Rocky Mount building firm, ing states to represent the respec- married life. It was declared that it was learned. No cost estimates tive states in a contest held at the there had been much fighting and International Convention of Lions quarreling during most of the Clubs, held in Philadelphia this travel down the rocky marital

change to the dial system and Brevard Lions Club, with Miss a deadly weapon, namely, an ice other features of the new pro- McLawhorn running a close sec- pick. It was proved in court that gram, the company plans to place ond, according to the report. Each the family had an electric efrigall wires in the business section of the 148 Lions Clubs in the state erator, that no ice pick was kept underground, it was learned. The was eligible to enter a candidate in the house. Stokes, commenting underground system will include for the honor. The entry was in open court, declared that an ice that territory from the exchange made by local club officials send- pick was used on him, "and it office to the corner of Haughton ing the name, pictures and meas- stings, too," he maintained. The Street and to a point near the urements of the entrant to the wife was adjudged not guilty. post office on Main and on North Cotton States Jubilee headquar-

local calls, the company plans to contestants were entered in the him with the cost.

so near being the winner. take: over about twenty years as the winner was known, was the

Shop Here Soon

telephones in the rural sections. rence Peele jewelry store build-Telephones, declared surplus by ing on Washington Street, Mrs. was learned. They will be re- middle of next month, A partition switch to the automatic system is alterations are planned for the window and interior.

The owner of the new shop has this week to survey line routes to been in several of the markets the Farm Life, Bear Grass and during recent weeks and is rap-Smithwick Creek sections. At the idly completing arrangements for the present time there are ap- the opening. The new store will proximately twenty telephones in be known as the Wear Right

Supervisor Will Return Here Soon

Undergoing treatment in several hospitals for a back injury, Miss Lissie Pearce, supervisor of Martin County elementary Return Last Of schools is rapidly improving at the home of her sister in Smithfield and plans to return to her work here in about two weeks, riends learned here yesterday.

Miss Pearce was injured in an automobile accident near Greenville last March 30 and has been in bed since that time.

OILY SMELL

In addition to returning to an exacting grading system, the tobacco buying companies this year are certain to register complaints about the oily smell of tobacco. It has been pointed out that where oil curers go out of control the smell of oil is found in the tobacco.

Farmers possibly can offset the condition to some extent by packing tobacco with such a scent separately or airing it the best they can.

Fines Collected In the Sum 145 At Session Last Monday

Judge J. Calvin Smith called ight cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. One of the eight was continued and in another case the defendants failed to appear. The docket was the smallest prepared for a ession of the court in recent weeks, and Judge Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson completed heir work in a little over an nour. Very few people were in he courtroom, and the court atracted very little attention. Fines were collected in the sum of \$145.

Proceedings:

William Stokes, charged with ssaulting a female, through his attorney, H. G. Horton, pleaded guilty of a technical assault and was sentenced to the roads for sixty days. Judge Smith suspended the sentence for one year upon According to word recently re- the payment of a \$20 fine and

The old north state was repre- Stokes' wife, Hannah, was sented by a young lady from the charged with assaulting him with

ters at Memphis, Tenn. There the charging him with an assault with selections were made from the a deadly weapon, Ben Clemmons It is not known just how many imposing a \$25 fine and taxing

install six positions for that many state contest, but the local club is Pleading guilty in the case operators to handle long distance proud to know that its entry came charging him with drunken driving, Thurman Williams was fined Reversing a contrary policy In the contest among the state \$50 and taxed with the cost. His

> was revoked for one year. Jesse Williams, charged with allowing an intoxicated person to operate a motor vehicle, was fined \$25 and required to pay the

court costs. The case charging William Manson, Jr., with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license was continue until August Charged with fornication and

adultery, Charlie and Louise

Freeman failed to answer when

called in open court, and papers

were issued, calling for their ar-Dallas Mizelle was sentenced to the roads for thirty days for operwas suspended by Judge Smith a \$25 fine and the court costs. The court also stipulated in its judg-

ment that no driver's license is to be issued to the defendant for one Several other cases were tentaively scheduled for trial Monday of this week, but Judge Smith

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War Prisoners

The War department has sent back to Germany the last of the more than 370,000 prisoners of war brought to the United States. The last group, it was stated, sailed July 22. All were Germans. The last of the Japanese and Italian P. O. W.'s were returned to their homelands early this year. Under an arrangement with Great Britain, 175,000 of the final group held in the Uvited States were to be turned over to British custody. However, about half of these already have gone to the United Kingdom and the others have been sent to the British-occupied zone of Germany. During the peak period before the Nazi collapse more than 315,000 German war prisoners were scattered among special camps in every section of the United States, along with some 50,000 Italians and fewer than 5,000 Japanese.