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Henry A. Wallace Registration Books Open Major Legislation Answers Truman's Saturday for City Primary Passed This Week ***** Greek Loan Plans In The Legislature

In A Century of Fear With His Plan

In a public address last Thurs- morning. The books will be held day night, Henry A. Wallace, former vice president, declared, "President Truman has ushered in a Century of Fear."

of the fulfillment of the American dream."

Wallace, who was speaking over the NBC network, was referring of course, to Truman's new foreign policy. He called it "a reckless adventure" in which Truman was "betraying the great tradition of America and the leadership of the great American who preceded him." Wallace's advice: "As one American citizen I say: No loan to undemocratic and well-fed Turkey. No loan to Greece until a representative Greek Government is formed and can assure America that our funds will be used for the welfare of the Greek people.'

The man who held three high positions under FDR and was fired from one of them by Truman for publicly differing over U.S. policy toward Russia, declared flatly that the loans proposed by Plan Completion the President "will bring the world nearer to war."

He said:

"Russia may be poor and unprepared for war, but she knows very well how to reply to Truman's declaration of economic Church Had Its Beginning and financial pressure.

"Who among us is ready to predict that in this struggle American dollars will outlast the grievances that lead to Communism? I certainly don't want to see Communism spread. I predict that Truman's policy will spread Communism in Europe and Asia, You can't fight something with nothing.'

Truman's speech before Congress marked "a turning point in American history," Wallace said. "It is not a Greek crisis that we face, it is an American crisis. Only the American people fully prevent disaster."

Books for the registration of date possibly two or three times voters for the municipal primary since that date, meaning that the Says President Is Ushering election to be held here on April names of deceased persons and of Beverage Laws Muddled 14 will be opened by Registrar others moving away were not John E. Pope in his office on transferred from the old to the Washington Street Saturday new books.

Those who have participated in open each Saturday, March 22 a town election since 1921 will in the State's General Assembly and 29 and April 5 from 9:00 likely find they are properly reo'clock a. m. until 6:00 o'clock p. gistered. However, to make cerm. Registration may be effected tain of their eligibility they on any other days during the should check with the registrar "I say this can be the century period by special appointment. during the designated period. It On April 12 the books will be should be carefully noted that a held open for the challenge of any person who participated in a names improperly entered.

county, state or national election An unofficial review of the reg- in the past and who has not registration books shows that there istered for a town election here are 569 names already listed, but will not be eligible to participate passed during recent days was the owners of at least 95 of them in the primary unless he gets his have passed away and at least an- or her name on the registration other ninety have moved away, books during the next two weeks. reducing the list of eligible vot- One may have participated in a ers at the present time to about county, state or national election, 384 persons. The present regis- but he must be registered on the tration dates back to 1821, but the town registration books to parbooks have been brought up to ticipate in a town election.

From One End of State To The Other

Their pay exhausted, legislators are now down to business, working hard and passing major legislation without delay. Beverage legislation is in one big mess now, the legislators finding it difficult to rewrite the old laws apparently phrased by and in the interest of the beverage industry. Among the major legislation the budget revenue bill, calling for record expenditures. The 30 percent teacher salary increase is now fairly certain to be supported by sufficient funds.

The Buggs Island Resolution. pledging the State's backing for the Buggs Island Flood Control project, was passed by the Senate Wednesday.

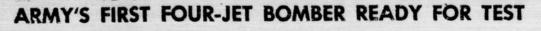
The Joint Appropriations Committee turned back opponents of the four-year medical school at Chapel Hill Thursday by refusing to relegate the school to the background in the Good Health Pro-

According to the latest available information five of the seven The Senate Tuesday refused to districts reporting so far have invalidate the right recently won gone over the top in the current by women to sit on juries.

Red Cross Fund Drive, boosting A proposed bill calling for the the total to date to \$2,080.62. Fund painting of highway patrol vehicles a distinctive color and to Chairman Claude B. Clark, Jr., remove patrolmen from the beck stated Thursday noon that the and call of sheriffs' and police drive is now only \$419.38 short of departments received a favorable its goal. He predicted that the report this week from the Senate campaign would go well over the Public Roads Committee. The top and explained that any surmeasure, introduced by Senator plus would be applied on the W. W. Neal of McDowell County, quota for next year.

Three very encouraging reports is regarded by many as a move to weaken law enforcement, and were received this week, one eliminate cooperation among the from Mrs. J. Eason Lilley, Grifvarious law enforcement agencies. fins district chairman, one from The Senate this week passed a Mrs. R. J. Hardison, chairman of stricter road safety law, requir- the Williams Township drive, and ing reissuance of drivers' licenses one from James Faulk, principal every four years at a cost of \$2, heading the drive in the Williams fixing the speed law at 55 miles Lower School District.

an hour on open highways and 35 Assigned a \$225 quota, Griffins miles an hour in residetial sec- raised \$269.05, or \$44.05 in excess tios. The law also calls for ve- of the original goal. Raising hicle inspection every six months \$61.39, Williams Township exat a cost of \$1. Minimum fines ceeded its quota by \$21.39. Aided for drunken driving would be fix- by seven canvassers, Principal ed at \$100 or 30 days in jail on the Faulk raised \$45.01 in the Wil-



JUST BEFORE IT TOOK OFF in flight tests made, according to officials, at high speeds, the Army's first four-jet bomber is shown at the Muroc, Calif., field. A significant aeronautical development, the XB-45, shown against a background of assorted planes, has a wing span of 891/2 feet; is 74 feet long and 25 feet from the ground to top of tail. The jet propulsion engines are arranged in pairs in a single nacelle in each wing. (International)



ROAD HEARING

Set All-Time Record

District Highway Engineer McKim, meeting with the Martin County Commissioners and delegations from Griffins, Williams and Hamilton Townships, explained the latest developments in the road construction program as it affects this county. District Commissioner Merrill Evans was unable to attend on account of other pressing business.

Engineer McKim explained that the Griffins road project would be let possibly in June and not later than July, that it would make the turn at the big pine at Smithwick's Creek.

Officers Conduct Raids On Alleged THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK

ESTABLISHED 1899

Trial Of Criminal Docket Drags To A Close Thursday

Several Charges Dismissed And Other Cases Are Continued

After dismissing a few charges and continuing several others the Martin County Superior Court finally completed the trial of its criminal docket and recessed for the week. Next Monday the court will consider about two dozen divorce actions and a few civil cases.

The docket, scheduled to have been cleared in a single day, was finally worn to a frazzle by long, drawn-out evidence. It was one of those creeping courts which, in addition to spending more than a day trying an assault case, experienced two unexpected interruptions. The tribunal recessed for Judge C. Everett Thompson's funeral Tuesday afternoon, and most of Wednesday afternoon was given over to two Craven County neys who came here to argue a restraining order. Incidentally, Judge J. Paul Frizzell, the presiding jurist, said that in all his years on the bench he had never heard a similar action. Both the defendant and the plaintiff claimed a piece of land, and one of them claimed damages without injury.

The Leonard Boston assault Nearly \$300,000 as turned out to be the stumbl-ing block for a recess in the midcase turned out to be the stumbldle of the week. Starting work on it Wednesday morning, the court heard evidence during the \$61,907.25 Higher Than remainder of the day, and at nightfall the defense still had other witnesses to offer.

Liquor sales in Martin County The case, charging Leonard eached an all-time high figure Boston of the Free Union section during the three months ending with assaulting his brother-inlast December 31 when the four law, Joe Jefferson, was strictly a county-maintained stores report- family affair, involving husband, ed a gross income of \$279,578.90, wife, brother-in-law, sister-in-The sales were \$61,907.25 in ex- law and the plaintiff's children. cess of the previous record re- The wife testified in behalf of her ported in the corresponding defendant brother. The sister-inperiod of 1945 when the gross in- law, father-in-law and one of Jefcome amounted to \$217,671.65. ferson's own children supported

Sales For Fourth

Quarter In 1946

Expenditures In the Period

Previous Record

The fourth quarter business her uncle. But Jefferson had an boosted sales for 1946 to \$799,- able witness in his son, Joseph. 004.95, an amount more than half The youngster told what happenas great as the total income re- ed when the father came home ceived from peanuts produced in from his work on the afternoon of the county during the period. The February 26 and found all the

Of \$6,500 Church

In Sunday School Organed Two Years Ago

A contract for the construction of a \$6,500 church was let to Builders Rufus Hardison and Jimmy Gurkin by the West End Baptist Church building committee this week. To be located on the Martin property just across

the road from the old fair ground, the building will be 50 by 32 feet in size. It is to be finished in asbestos siding. A lot, 116 by 200 feet, was purchased by the membership some time ago, and the aroused and promptly acting can religious group, drawing interdenominational support, has about

Early In May ing of the local parent-teacher association scheduled for next Monday night has been postponed until Monday of

Award Contract For Church At West End

POSTPONED

The regular monthly meet-

the following week, March 31,

it was announced following

the emergency closing of the

schools here on account of an

A playlet planned by Miss

Byrum's sixth grade will be

staged in the high school for

the meeting March 31, it was

announced by the program

Grand Jury Files

Quarterly Report

In Court Tuesday

influenza epidemic.

committee chairman

He said Truman proposed, "in effect, that America police Russia's every border. There is no regime to reactionary for us, provided it stands in Russia's expansionist path. There is no country too remote to serve as the scene of a contest which may widen until it becomes a world war."

Wallace said he was for aid for all deserving people, "but if aid to the people of the world is our objective, why did the President and Congress allow UNRRA to die?" He also asked, "How does support to the undemocratic governments of Turkey and Greece aid the cause of freedom?" day.

He described Turkey as a nation "which fought us in the first World War and which in this war refused to help the United Nations," which "fattened herself off the Germans and the Allies by offering her vital supplies of chrome to the highest bidder," making a quarter of a billion dollars in the process.

Turkey, he said, "was a haven for Nazi leaders at the war's end," and many Allied divisions "were immobilized throughout the war because we never knew on which side this same Turkish army (which the U.S.A. is proposing to help) was preparing to fight." Greece urgently needs eco-

No transee as w Truman "has made it clear that

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Baseball Group To Meet Here Monday

Meeting in the Thrower Appliance Company store here next Monday night, club presidents of the newly created Martin County Baseball League are expected to formally adopt a schedule for the season, and agree on playing rules and regulations. Other business will also be handled at that time. Arrangements for launching the season next month are fairly will advanced in some of the league communities, and rosters will start shaping up shortly, one club president announced yesterday.

\$4,500 in hand. The leaders are hopeful that additional funds car. be raised by the time construction work is completed in late April or early May.

Rev. W. B. Harrington, serving the membership as pastor at the

present time, met with the building committee, Messrs. David Keel, Cecil Newbern and Tom Phelps, the early part of this the construction project within the next ten days or two weeks. port reads, as follows: "We hope to complete the building in about four to six weeks." Exum Ward, speaking for the

building committee, said yesterian accounts filed. The West End church had its Storptier House Cafe in April, bonds in order

W. R. Burrell, pastor of the

(Continued on page seven) SCHOOLS CLOSE

Reaching epidemic propor-

tions in this district during the past few days, influenza forced the closing of the local

te schools ... Wednesday, the local committee-R. L. Coburn, R. H. Goodmon and C. B. Clark-announcing that classes would be resumed at the usual hour next Wednesday morning. Absences climbed from about an average the latter part of last week to 225 Wednesday morning, the big

increase calling for quick action that day. Reports from local physicians indicate there is a large

number of influenza cases in the community. So far the disease has not materially reduced attendance in other schools in the county. As far as it could be learned no influenza deaths have been re-

ported in this section. During the flu epidemic, the local recreational center will be closed, it was announced.

Condition of County School Busses Reviewed for Jury By Superintendent

Serving as foreman for the second time since it was made into a permanent body a few years ago. H. S. Johnson, Jr., of Ham- for the second and subsequent ilton, filed for the Martin County week when plans for launching Grand Jury its quarterly report in open court Tuesday. The re-We have passed on all bills of indictment presented to us.

We visited the Clerk of Court's Office and found it to be in excellent condition with all Guard-

Sunday School in Roberson's Office in excellent shape and all ed by the Joint Finance Commit ganized the first women's clubs, rounds. We found the Register of Deeds Memorial Baptist Church, includ- Collector's Office were visited enue during the ensuing bien- not take their membership seri- ers found only one pint of white ing Mr. J. C. Anderson, and Dr. and found in good condition with nium. Collections of \$92,372,800 ously.

all records up to date. We visited the Office of the Superintendent of Schools and found it in excellent condition. Mr. Manning, superintendent, met before the grand jury and

gave satisfactory explanation as gave satisfactory explanation as Mrs. Lula Leggett the last grand jury had not been complied with. He has agreed to carry out all these suggestions. We checked all Justices of

Peace reports and found them all filed with the Clerk of Court and fines submitted to the Treasurer.

We visited the County Jail and found it to be clean and well kept. We found 7 colored inmates (male) and two white inmates, 1 male and 1 female.

and found two white male inmates and three white female inmates, five male colored and two

females, colored. In the T. B. Ward we found three white males and one white female, three male colored and two females, colored. to the County Home.

thing in good shape.

first offense, \$200 fine or a 6 liams School district, or \$17.51 in months road sentence for the sec- excess of the goal.

The drive is well under way in ond offense, and \$500 fine or one year on the roads for the third of- all other districts, but no late refense. A \$25 minimum fee for ports have been received. Chair- One Victim Apparently speeding or reckless driving man Clark is fairly certain most

fense, \$50 fine or imprisonment the task over the week-end. covictions. Speeding at more Unit President than 75 miles an hour would be

punishable by a fine of not less than \$100.

The biennial Budget Revenue Bill raet its final General Assemreading in the Senate.

tee, anticipates the collection of and declared that although they

are expected during the coming

1948-49 fiscal year.

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Passes In County

Mrs. Lula Coburn Leggett, 66, cannot work for world peace if officers went into Hamilton wife of Luther G. Leggett, died at we are confused.

years. Funeral services will be ful consideration.

We visited the County Home Leggett family cemetery. spent her entire life in the Spring crat.

We found porch columns were unrepaired and suggested same be repaired as soon as possible,

We visited the Prison Farm and found 69 inmates and every-We visited the schools in the

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would be fixed for the first of. of the canvassers will complete

both houses just as it was report- ly the courageous leaders who or- the officers could make their

The Sheriff's Office and Tax \$184,172,000 in general in trend on to many clubs, women do Hassell Saturday night the offic-

fiscal year, and revenue of \$91,- zens, we should become more con- recently emptied. Quite a few 796,800 is anticipated during the cerned about existing conditions potential ch. 'omers were present. in the world today," the speaker | The officers then went to the

action:

ganization is making. We need was a large crowd present.

her home near Spring Green in "We should not just say we of white liquor at Jake Ward's. A Martin County Wednesday after- tired of hearing about atomic en- well-worn path was followed noon at 4 o'clock. She had been ergy and leave it go at that. It from Ward's home to a field, the in declining health for several needs our thoughtful and prayer- officers finding a steaming 50-

conducted at the home Friday at "We should read and find out and 100 gallons of beer. 3 p. m. by Elder W. E. Grimes, what is going on in Washington. On Tuesday of this week after Primitive Baptist minister of near We should learn to be tolerant the court had recessed for Judge Greenville. Burial will be in the and broadminded. A person C. Everett Thompson's funeral, should not be hated just because Officers J. H. Roebuck, Peel and Mrs. Leggett was born and he is a Republican or a Demo- Holloman, assisted by Constable

Green community. She was a "We can let our congressmen ed in the Free Union section and daughter of the late James W. and know what we like or dislike, and captured a 100-gallon capacity Susan Coburn. Surviving are one we must work for things we think copper still and poured out one son, Luther G., Jr., and two worth while." hundred gallons of beer.

daughters, Mildred and Gladys Concluding, Mrs. Moye said, Trials for the alleged liquor Leggett, all of the home; two sis- "Often women are very ignorant law violators will be held in the ters, Mrs. Vinony Ange of James- about their own town govern- county court on March 31, Officer ville and Mrs. Katie Leggett of ment. We do not necessarily Roebuck said.

Mrs. Erma Leggett of Hopewell, voice in matters in our town. Wo- of illicit ilquor has shown a grad-Va., and Mrs. Beulah Rawls of men should always vote and try ual decline in the county in recent weeks. to support the right person."

Liquor Retailers

Was Manufacturing And Retailing

Martin County ABC Officer J. H. Roebuck, assisted by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, Deputies Murray Addresses Club Holloman and Roy Peel and Cpl. W. T. Simpson handled a series of Holloman and Roy Peel and Cpl. liquor raids in the county last to the out-of-stae distillers, o'clock that afternoon he found

Addressing the regular meeting week-end. For the most part Nearly \$6,000 was spent in handl- the defendant there and the food bly test Wednesday, moving with- of the local Woman's Club last very little activity was found on ing the sales, leaving an operat- gone. The children said they did out opposition through its third Tuesday evening, Mrs. Jesse the illicit liquor retail front that ing income of \$64,696.08. Moye, Fifteenth District presi- night, the dealers either expect-

The bill, which moved through dent of Farmville, reviewed brief- ing a raid or selling out before that the legal liquor store sales law. A few curse words were ut-

parent that the country beverage bill during the period was in ex- that night. liquor, but there were empty bot-

"In order to become better citi- tles and a four-gallon stone jug, wines and cordials.

said, briefly outlining a course of Lester Brown home, but found nothing. Continuing into the Ro-"First, we should study the bersonville area, the officers

problems confronting the United foud nothing at Anderson Webb's Nations and keep ourselves in- Moonlight Service Station or formed as to the progress the or- Park near Robersonville. There

Township and found half a pint gallon oil drum, five fermenters,

Paul Holliday of Jamesville, raid-

Spring Green; two half-sisters, have to run for mayor to have a According to officers, the sale

sales were just about seven times food he had prepared at lunch larger than those reported for the gone, allegedly eaten by the defourth quarter, ten years previ- fendant. The little fellow held ously. While regular business his own on cross examination. was experiencing a decrease dur- Jefferson, telling the court that ig the period, legal liquor sales he had asked his brother-in-law pushed ahead to break all previ- to stay away, told that his wife ous high records and confuse the was an invalid, that he had to do the cooking and most of the economic situation.

SPEAKS .

Motorists traveled through

the eleventh week of the new

year without serious acci-

ponding weeks in this year

and last and for each year to

11th Week

Comparisons To Date

24

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge

0

3

\$ 400

1,400

6.050

9,620

the present time.

1947 2 0

1947 31 20

1946 5

1946 36

Taking in \$279,578.90 during the house work. On February 26 he period, the county immediately cooked dinner and supper in the turned and sent \$208,932.37, or middle of the day. When he renearly three-fourths of the total turned from the field about 5

not know what became of it. Sus-It is conservatively estimated picion centered on the brother-inrepresent about one-half the tered, and Jefferson alleges Bosamount spent for intoxicants in ton moved toward him with an Visiting LeRoy Andrews in the county. On that basis, it is ap- open pocket knife. Jefferson said e left home and did not return

> cess of half million dollars, the fi- | Boston, bits of unfavorable gure including amounts spent for evidence about his activities legal liquor, illicit liquor, beers, creeping into the case as it was being aired before the jury, did While the county was spending not take the stand.

Taking the case at 11:07 Thursday morning, the jury returned a verdict of guilty against Boston twenty minutes later. The case was discussed openly and frankly for thirty mirutes before Judge Frizelle sentenced him to the

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Critcher Shoe Co. Opens Saturday

Completely remodeling the store building next to the Enterprise office, the Critcher Shoe Company will open for business Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock, it was announced today by Miss Helen Johnson, manager.

The new firm, owned by Mr. B. A. Critcher, is handling several of the leading shoe brands and will also carry men's, ladies' and children's accessories. An unusually large stock of shoes has been placed on the shelves, but the manager explained that deliveries had been delayed on several orders.

Mr. Ralph Parker, experienced merchant, has been employed as salesman.

There is a fairly definite trend downward in the number of accidents, number injured and property losses. The question is, Can or will the trend be maintained? The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corres-

dent, members of the Highway Patrol reporting only two minor mishaps during the period.

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to form opinions of our own. We Sunday morning several of the