**ESTABLISHED 1899** 

NEARLY 4,000 COPIES OF THE

ENTERPRISE GOING INTO THE

HOMES OF MARTIN COUNTY

Has Been Raised

tion. According to the chairman's ing mails of ever-increasing size.

Of the 629 letters mailed direct, Of the 629 letters mailed direct, 10th, and in-coming packages are ing task, one to handle and have of the answers brought in \$2, but running well into the hundreds done with. of the answers brought in \$2, but quite a few persons returned the stamps and made no donation. In addition to the contributions made by direct mail, seal bonds were sold in the amount of \$292.25 by Mrs. Elbert Sherman. Farm Life School raised \$30.68 and the local white schools contributed \$72.85. No direct reports have been received from the other schools in this chapter, but it was reliably learned that Hassell and Oak City reached and passed their goals. Local colored citizens, according to a preliminary report, have already raised \$93.00.

The sale is nearing its close in the county, and those in charge who have heard appeals from those carrying on the relentless fight against tuberculosis are anxious to have Martin County go over the top. Those persons who received direct letter appeals and who have not answered them are most urgently asked to do so today.

A report from Robersonville where a separate sale is in progress, states that the first supply of stamps had been sold, that the response there was very encouraging.

Early reports on the 1945 Christmas Seal sale indicate a lag in returns for the State, as a whole, in spite of the fact that during the immediate postwar years the American public should be strengthening its guard against tuberculosis. Determined efforts will be continued to reach the State's Christmas Seal sale goal of \$285,000, it was announced by Frank W. Webster, Executive Tuberculosis Association.

Webster pointed out that past Funeral Wednesday wars have been followed consistently by increases in tuberculosis, although it is too early to predict in war II in this respect. number of years to make its destruction known.

The state and community goals in ily cemetery near by. losis organizations may continue and several months. even augment their programs of health education and case-finding the late Mrs. Bertha Jenkins Bul- any criminal law during the suspenlosis is made only once each year, ucation cannot be minimized.

## Allotted \$51,8999.00 For Soil Practices

Martin County has been allotted \$51,899 for its soil conservation program in 1946, it was announced this week at a meeting of community and county Triple A committeemen in the courthouse last Tuesday. The total will be broken down and allotted to the various districts, offic-

for all the crop land in the county. The 1946 work sheets will be prepared shortly and made ready for consideration by the farmers some time in January, it was learned.

As far as it could be learned there will be no major changes in the 1946 farm program, but it will be possible for the growers and committeemen to work out plans so larger payments can be earned.

Thirty-seven committeemen attended the meeting.

On January 4 and 5, committeemen will receive applications for the 1945 soil building payments. No estimate could be had, but the total for the current year will approximate \$40,000 or possibly more.

## Announce Special **Christmas Program**

On Sunday at 5:00 p. m., the choir of the Williamston Christian church, supported by several younger members of the church, will present a Christmas program.

"The Journey of a White Gift" is the production being used. It is a Christmas story and song program. Miss Evelyn Griffin will be the reader. Mrs. W. C. Manning, church organist, is directing the music. Mrs. V. J. Spivey and Mrs. G. H. Woolard

have charge of all arrangements. The pastor and congregation will welcome all friends in the community who can attend.

Latest Reports Show That master W. E. Dunn stating yesterday Most of the Office vear are going at the one and one-

are being taxed to capacity in handl- half cent rate, the postmaster exing the enormous task. Additional plaining that had they been mailed The annual sale of Christmas seals, workers have been employed, but at the three-cent rate he believed advanced in support of the fight even with their help, the regular the office would have taken in sufagainst tuberculosis, is lagging bad- force can hardly handle the calls ficient revenue to go first class next ly in this chapter, according to a and demands without some delay. year. Present indications are that report released this week by Mrs. The office will remain open Satur- the office will miss the \$40,000.00 Joel Muse, chairman for the Wom- day afternoon this week to help re- figure by about \$2,000, Mr. Dunn an's club, the sponsoring organiza- lieve congestion caused by incom- was quoted as saying.

report, \$946.25 of the \$1,450 quota has been raised, and donations and fice canceled 12,000 pieces of letter day holiday for Christmas, the post responses to direct appeals are mail, not to mention several hundred dwindling to a low point, it was depackages and canceled by hand. Over 75,000 pieces of letter mail a holiday, but for the postal work-

While most federal offices and have been canceled since December ers it offers a burdensome and try-

Until Last Day Of

This Year

the last Monday in the year.

Proceedings:

forfeited.

not guilty.

months.

for trial next March.

tinued until December 31.

about 3:30 o'clock that afternoon.

Judgment was suspended upon the

issued the defendant for one year.

Henry L. Harvey, charged with

jury, and the case was automatically

charging him with indecent expos-

ure, L. L. Britt was adjudged guilty

and prayer for judgment was con-

The case charging Joe Hardison

Pleading guilty of assaulting an-

Lewis Daniel, charged with allow-

in gan unlicensed driver to operate

Charged with operating a motor

with the cost. The court recommend-

(Continued on page six)

Christmas Service Sunday

the public is cordially invited.

taxed with the cost.

with an assault with a deadly weapon

was continued until December 31.

## Twenty-nine Cases In The Recorder's Court propriation so that the proponents and opponents to the project could be heard. The committee completed

#### **MEETING**

Meeting in special session here Wednesday to hear complaints against the refunding of \$20,000 Hamilton Township road bonds, the county commission-ers heard no objections and the bonds will be offered for sale in due time.

Before adjourning, the board members discussed plans for handling World War II veterans' affairs under the Bill of Rights. Named veterans' admistration officer for the county at the regular meeting held earlier this month, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., submitted plans for handling her new duties and reviewed the work with a representative from the State office. Mrs. Martin plans to open an office in her home on East Main Street about the first of next month, it was learned.

# Secretary of the North Carolina Mrs. Della B. Bowen

Funeral services were held Wed-LeRoy O'Mart, charged with careless the United States the effect of World nesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for and reckless driving, had paid for Mrs. Della Bullock Bowen who died the damage done to the prosecuting been a sharp increase in tuberculosis at her home near here last Monday witness' car. however, in Europe and Asia, where night about 8:30 o'clock. Rev. L. E. home and interment was in the fam- sault with a deadly weapon, Lester

Mrs. Bowen had been in declin- sentenced to the roads for four order that the voluntary tubercu- her condition had been critical for the first fifteen days of the sentence The daughter of Jack Bullock and costs. The defendant is not to violate

in bringing in check the greatest lock, she was born in this county sion period of one year. killer of youth in our nation. The 27 years ago, and was married to appeal for funds to fight tubercu- Dave Bowen about three years ago. Besides her father and husband, Webster continued, but the import- she leaves a brother, George Bulance of the Seal sale as a means of lock, and a sister, Miss Irene Bulcontrolling tuberculosis through ed- lock, both of this county; ten halfbrothers and half-sisters, Bettie, in was sentenced to the roads for Christine, Magdalena, Jannie, Sadie, six months. The term was suspend-Mavis, Surrey, Jack, Samuel and ed upon the payment of a \$75 fine and costs. Notice of appeal was step-children, Charlie and Mack Bowen, Bettie Mae Bowen, Mrs. Jno. Williams, and Mrs. Renfrew of Wilmington.

#### Justice Ino. Hassell Has Two Cases In His Court

Troubled by a severe cold, Justice John L. Hassell handled very little business in his court during the ials explaining that the payments early part of this week. Only two will average about 75 cents an acre cases were called and both of them were sent on up to the county court

> Charged with speeding, James T Wilson was bound over under bond in the sum of \$50, and Edgar L. Keel offered \$150 bond in the case charging him with drunken driving.

### THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Martin County's highway accident toll was materially boosted last week-end when motorists turned over, smashed and crashed in Robersonville, Bear Grass, Williamston and Poplar Point Townships, not to mention several who ditched their machines in various parts of the county during the Saturday snow

The accident count is fast moving on toward a new record in the county and the main holiday season is still ahead.

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. Fiftieth Week

Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge \$ 1,725 0 Comparisons To Date

Million Dollars

The \$30,900,000 Buggs Island reservoir for the Roanoke River in Virginia and North Carolina can get underway with a \$1,000,000 appropriation voted by the Senate last week-end in a deficiency bill.

Although authorized by Congress, this project became the subject of heated debate recently both in the House Appropriations Committee and on the floor of the House. The in the series of government finanpriation to the bill after the com- to a close with Martin County still mittee had removed it as "the chief short of its "E" bond quota. Up unbone of contention" among the flood til yesterday afternoon, Martin Councontrol projects in the measure.

be heard. The committee completed the hearings last week. Army engineers held hearings at South Hill, Va., on December 5. Court Is Not To Meet Again

Only previous allotment for the project had been \$300,000.

Judge J. C. Smith and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson whittled down the size of the docket when they called twenty-nine cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. After straightening out the docket, and a few defendants, too, the officials recessed the court until hearings stated.

During the session last Monday, navigation benefits from the Buggs | A last-minute buying spurt is apthe court collected \$530, including a forfeited bond in the sum of \$100. A fair-sized crowd was in attendance upon the session which lasted until Appropriation Committee hearing.

The case charging Roscoe Little with non-support was nol prossed. Charged with reckless driving and trol projects. operating a motor vehicle with im-

proper brakes, Booker T. Mizelle was found guilty of the second count and executed bond in the sum of \$100 and Army engineers.

#### when he did not appear on December 3, the court ordered the bond Victims Of Fire payment of the cost when it was

fires in years, the four families bonds. The negotiable bond quota housed in the K. B. Crawford apart- for the county was only \$301,000. Entering a plea of nolo contendre this long-term disease has had a Shaw conducted the last rites at the in the case charging him with an ashome with relatives and friends. Mr. Morgan was adjudged guilty and was and Mrs. Crawford moved in with their son, Asa Crawford, and family, Jamesville and must be met, Webster said, in ing health for a year or more, and months. The court suspended all but on Grace Street, Extended. Mr. and Williams Mrs. Dampey Simmons are at home with Mrs. Simmons' parents, Mr. upon the payment of a \$25 fine and and Mrs. L. P. Lindsley, on Church Williamston street. Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parker Cross Roads are with the T. B. Brandons on Robersonville Grace Street, and Mrs. R. E. Peele Eli Armstead, charged with drunkis making her home with Mr. and Hamilton en driving, was fined \$50 and taxed Mrs. Joe Glenn on Marshall Avenue. Hassell with the cost. The court recom-The household furnishings saved Goose Nest mended that no driver's license be from the costly fire are stored in the homes of neighbors just about all Charged with an affray, Cole Cowover town.

grateful to all those who were so helpful during the fire, that friends from town and country, both white and colored, rushed in to render Charged with an assault with a every service possible. "Everyone has been so kind and thoughtful, and program of Christmas music and Property Found In deadly weapon, B. Moore was found every service possible. "Everyone all of us sincerely appreciate it all," Mr. Crawford said.

drunken driving, asked for a trial by While the fire aggravates the serious housing shortage locally and placed on the superior court docket proved a costly one for all the families, many have pointed out it could member of the congregation, upon cently, the Martin grand jury found commandant of the Navy Ward, the Pleading not guilty in the case

## Trailer Runs Wild **And Strikes Truck**

other with a deadly weapon, J. T. Tearing loose from its hitch behind Perry was sentenced to the roads for a small mail truck, a trailer ran wild sixty days. All but the first two and crashed head on into a truck days of the sentence was suspended driven by Charlie L. White near for one year upon the payment of a \$20 fine and cost. The defendant was also directed to pay \$10 to Ivory the trailer coming in his direction Clark, the prosecuting witness, and but he could not get his truck out of \$7.50 to Dr. Early for medical ser- the way in time to avoid a crash. vices. Judge Smith also directed the The trailer was hitched to a truck defendant not to be found publicly driven by M. G. Bryant, Patrolman

drunk during the next twelve W. E. Saunders said. Damage to the truck was estimat-A continuance was allowed until ed at \$100 and the trailer was ing on the true meaning of Christ-December 31 in the case charging wrecked, the investigating officer de-William Midyette with indecent ex- claring that even the tires were ruined in the crash.

#### Funeral For Gus Rigas Held In Raleigh Church Thursday motor vehicle, was fined \$20 and

Funeral services were held from chiele without a driver's likense, the Greek Orthodox Church in Ral- lices of the Dixie Peanut Company Joseph Gray was fined \$20 and taxed eigh yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o' clock for Constantine (Gus) Rigas, torn from files and scattered on the local cafe owner-operator, who died floor, but nothing was missed, one in a hospital here early last Monday report said. morning following a long illness. Interment was in the family plot in Regular Services In The In Piney Grove Church Oakwood Cemetery, Raleigh. Rev. George Stefanis, pastor, conducted

A Christmas service will be held the last rites.

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HOME AGENTS

Accepting the positions made

vacant by the resignations of

Miss Mildred Pigg and Mrs. Mar-

garette Ricks Pearce, home

agent and assistant, respectively,

Misses Elizabeth Parker of Sun-

bury, and Garnette Crocker of

Seaboard, will enter upon their

new duties as agent and assistant

in this county on December 28.

Miss Parker, is a graduate of Elon College, and her assistant,

Miss Crocker, is finishing her

courses at East Carolina Teach-

following her resignation a

short time ago, the former agent

is now making her home in

Greensboro. Her resignation

becoming effective January 1,

Mrs. Pearce will join her hus-band in Raleigh where they will

**Ten Martin County** 

Young White Men

Called for Service

Soon To Remain Home

At Christmas

cluded in those groups whose induc-

after Christmas, ten Martin County

white youths were called Wednesday

to report to Fort Bragg for final in-

in some service camp.

ginia city for final induction.

HOLIDAY

In keeping with a practice

generally advanced throughout

the state and nation, local mer-

chants and other business hous-

es will suspend activities two

days for Chirstmas, closing late

Monday and reopening their

doors the following Thursday

morning. A few business hous-

es will close for the week, but

sonville

Called one day too soon to be in-

Married to Chas. Lee Hartsell

ers' College this week.

make their home.

The newly appointed agent,

# Williamston Only **Districts Lagging**

Sale of Negotiable Bonds Is More Than Double The **Assigned Quota** 

The Victory Bond Drive, the last House restored the \$1,000,000 appro- cing undertakings, is fast drawing When the bill reached the Senate in "E" bonds, leaving the drive short by about \$1,500. The over-all loey (D-N. C.) and Senator Byrd picture for the county is very good, D-Va.) requested the committee to but in two townships—Williamston hold hearings before making the ap- and Poplar Point—the drive is far from its goal.

Reporting on the drive, Chairman D. V. Clayton said yesterday that Williamston had purchased less than half its assigned quota, and that Poplar Point was \$1,718.75 short of its goal.

No material changes were report ed in bond sales by Jamesville, Grif-The amount needed to complete the fins, Cross Roads, Hamilton, Hassell concrete dam and powerhouse as a and Goose Nest recently, but Robunit in a comprehensive plan for ersonville boosted its purchases by flood control, power and related pur- about \$5,000 to push its total to a poses in the Roanoke River basin, record high for the county. Bear House hearings said, is now estimat- Grass added about \$2,000 to its total, Boys Are Called One Day Too ed at \$29,600,000. The estimated and a few additional hundred were amount needed to carry the project purchased in Williams Township. on in 1947 is \$3,000,000, the House Poplar Point reported sales of \$787.50 since the last report was released on Average annual flood control and the 11th of this month.

Island project were estimated at parently developing in Williamston, \$207,000 and average annual value Chairman Clayton stating that goodof power at \$1,748,900 in the House ly numbers were buying "E" bonds for Christmas presents, that quite duction. If they had been called to The Buggs Island appropriation a few business firms were giving report on the 20th, their induction approved today by the Senate was their employees a bonus in bonds. would have been delayed by official contained in a \$125,275,000 appropri- The chairman is still hopeful the ation for navigation and flood con- last-minute purchases will improve almost certain to spend Christmas the picture in Williamston and Pop-The amount is contained in a de- lar Point. "Nine districts in the ficiency supply bill already passed county are over the top, and we hope by the House. It puts water projects to see the other two reach the goal

While the sale of "E" bonds lags called are just eighteen years old, Housed by Friends dividuals had invested \$538,500.00 The names, registration and lastin negotiable bonds and corporations had bought \$138,570.50 to boost Dallas Hopkins, RFD 1, Williams-Victims of one of the town's worst the total to \$677,070.50 for negotiable

A review of "E" bond sales by districts in this county follows: Williamston. Quota 7,300 \$ 14,175.00 Williamston. 4,700 12,250 14,456.50 Robersonville. 10,931.25 William Alfonza Jones, RFD 8,500 Bear Grass 103,000 46,727.50 Williamston. 7.300 73,000 107,956.50 Williamston. 3,131.25 Giles Ervin Stallings, RFD 4.850 Poplar Point 5,000 18.862.50 Jamesville. 5,000

7,300

10,968.75 ton.

# Speaking for the four families, Mr. K. B. Crawford said he was deeply Christmas Program

carols by candlelight at the Memorcarols by candlelight at the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday afternoon Excellent Condition at 5:30

The traditional Candlelight processional will be used and each entering the church, will be presented a candle to be lighted prior to cellent condition. No recommenda- James D. Barner, USN, my first the singing of "Hark, The Herald tions were offered by the jurymen. | commanding officer, and the setting Angels Sing." The program will be All guardian accounts were propnarrated and the musical counter- erly filed in the clerk's office part will be sung by the combined County bonds were in order and all tered in profound solemnity, the U adult and junior choirs with the con- records in the tax collector's and S. S. Shangri-La became a fullgregation participating in the singing sheriff's offices were up to date. The fledgfed warship in the United States of the old familiar carols.

ning, organist and choir director, who treasury. was discharged from the army last | The county jail was in a well kept week after serving 4 1-2 years as condition, and the prison camp, unchaplain's assistant in charge of der new management for the past music in the U. S. Army Air Forces. several weeks, was found in a spot-It is hoped that this traditional less condition and offered a new ap-

service may be especially meaning- pearance both in and outside. ful this year. Let us dedicate this hour in drawing apart from worldly cares and strife, and quietly reflectmsa, and on the promise of His coming to earth holds for each of us.

#### Thieves Enter Dixie **Peanut Company Office**

Breaking a glass in the door, robbers entered and ransacked the ofhere last Sunday night. Papers were

public is invited.

Martin County Young Man Was On Famous Ship During Pacific Campaign

Spending a 30-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Whiteurst, RFD 3, Williamston, AMM 3/C James S. Whitehurst, a short time ago, reviewed the record of the aircraft carrier, USS Shangri-La. Boarding the famous ship on October 29, 1944, about one month after it was commissioned, the young man was confident the Shangri-La had a master part in hastening the end of the war with Japan.

"For instance," he said, "we destroyed 185 Jap planes and damaged 204 others, a total of 389. We sunk 48 Japanese merchant ships and sent to the bottom seven enemy warships. In addition to that we damaged 89 merchant ships and 22 warships beonging to Hirohito. For good measare, our planes also destroyed 24 ocomotives and damaged nine

Young Whitehurst, the only Marin County man known to have been on the Shangri-La, explained that vas the naked score, and he produced written story of the ship. The young aviation machinist's mate left a hort time ago to take his place aboard the carrier which went through the last months of the war without a scratch from enemy guns.

The first in the series of install ments taken from "Over the Horizno" on the Shangri-La appears below. Other installments will follow from time to time, just as they were released by Seaman Whitehurst.—ed. If the Shangri-La Could Speak-

A little over a year ago, I was an aircraft carrier fast nearing completion has been ordered delayed until toin for my commissioning. I had no crew, therefore I had no soul. I was just tons of iron and steel and brass shaped into the design of the nation's newest aircraft carrier. Potentially I was a mighty weapon designed to go to war to bring about peace, but order. As it is the young men are at that time I was mostly statistics. I had been authorized on August 7,

1942, as the twelfth ship of the Essex Six of the ten young men come Class and the twentieth "CV" to be from Martin County farms, the other commissioned. My keel had been was fined \$10 and taxed with the back on a peacetime basis, as recost. The defendant had previously quested by President Truman and or industry. Seven of the ten men are several dependent to see the other two reach the goal four holding various jobs in offices or industry. Seven of the ten men are 1100 and taxed with the back on a peacetime basis, as recost. The defendant had previously quested by President Truman and 31." Mr. Clayton said. While the sale of "E" bonds lags the ages of the group ranging from in Williamston and Poplar Point, 23 to 25 years. As far the records thousand people had witnessed my ward rapidly to exceed all expecta-tions. Up until near vesterday in-I tasted my first champagne as Mrs.

ing training at the Naval Training Clifton Loelen Whitaker, Rober- Station, Newport, R. I. There, they were part of what was commonly James Robert Bullock, RFD 3, called "Magruder's Navy", going through the rigors of fire-fighting William Bruce Whitehurst, RFD 2, school, rifle range, swimming tests, marching and drilling, and listening 5,737.50 Harcum McIver Roebuck, RFD 1, hour after hour in classes which would fit them for duties they would perform aboard ship. Others were following a similar pattern at the

8,568.75 Benjamin Franklin Gurganus, Navy Yard at Portsmouth. I did not really come to life until my crew marched up the gangway and boarded me for the first time on 18,862.50 Ellis Gray Keel, RFD 3, Williams- the morning of September 15, 19 There, mustered for the first time on Maurice Edwin Roberson, RFD 1, my long flight deck, they listened to \$243,000 \$241,515.50 Williamston, and Newport News, the ship's bells on harbor craft pro-Roberson was transferred to the claim high noon as Commander Jos. board in this county from the Vir- F. Quilter, my first executive officer, passed the first official word, "All Reported ill, William Alfonsa hands, Attention!" From that time In Baptist Church Jones was unable to make the trip on, I was alive and animated, and with the other boys. scribe anything that I did in the

term "We" I was hot and humid under the sunless Virginia sky on commissioning day, but these were historic moments passing only one: The reading of the commissioning directive Making a quarterly inspection re- by Rear Admiral Felix Gygaz, USN, county properties and offices in ex- acceptance of the ship by Captain of the first watch.

By these simple tokens, adminisseveral justices of the peace in the Navy, but readiness for battle did The program is arranged by and county had filed their reports and not end there. For several weeks under the direction of Ben E. Man- fines had been paid into the county while fitting-out was being completed, we carried out normal routine to the disturbing accompaniment of welding torches, and chipping hammers, deck spaces afoul with rubber hose, steel lines and construction gear. By October 15 we were ready for our one-day builder's trial run when we sailed out into the entrance of Chesapeake Bay and conducted drills, performed experiments and executed various tactical maneuvers. But the main event was left to Commander Wallace A. Sherrill, USN, of Air Group 85, who flew a torpedo bomber out from the Naval Air Station at Norfolk to make five landings and takeoffs from our flight deck. At last we had wings.

Then followed more days in port, nore fitting out, around-the-clock

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#### Announce Services In The Local Baptist Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m Morning worship, 11 o'clock. Special candlelight carol service t 5:30 o'clock. Public is invited. There will be no training union Sunday evening.

Wednesday, 7:30, prayer service.

they are exceptions to the rule. tom, The Enterprise will not publish but one edition for Christmas week. The last paper for the old year goes to press Riddick's Grove Church tomorrow for next Tuesday, and

Regular services will be held in the shop will be closed all next in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Sunday night at 7:00 o'clock. All the Biggs Funeral Home here, was members are asked to be present and removed to Raleigh Wednesday aftweek. Several members of the force are sick a-bed now, but they hope to be well and back on Monday, December 31.