ESTABLISHED 1899

Here Last Thursday

List First Of January. **OPA** Announces

purchase of eighty-seven tires-86 for building lots. for passenger cars and light pick-up

rington, J. N. Hopkins, Leslie Lam- largest single transfer involved and \$81,434. J. E. Ward, Kenneth H. Roberson, Foreman-Derrickson Company paid sonville, Parmele and Gold Point Mamie E. Roberson, William Little, Perlie Hardison, J. T. Heath, D. A. Perlie Hardison, J. T. Heath, D. A. One or two iod. Ausborn, Clyde Williams, Robert J. D. Lilley, Jr., O. L. Whichard, Augustus Griffin, Will Parker, Randolph Goff, Cleophus Leathers, William Lawrence, J. T. Latham, Lewis Brown, Jimmie B. Bullock, Wiley Lyons, C. S. Griffin, James Arthur Perkins, Hubert Vergil Lilley, Arthur Mac Woolard, Clarence Edmondson, Tom Sessoms, Charlie Lloyd, Harry Thomas Wiggins, W. G. Perry, Magellan Duggins, Sam Stevenson, James Staton, Jesse Bell, Herbert E. Lee, Robert E. Gainor, Will R. Little, King Hyman, James M. Bland, Nellie Moore, Manson Council, H. L. Hop-kins, Sylvester McNeil, Slade, Rhodes Company and Coy Griffin.

The board in this county has about caught up with the applications, it was learned.

was learned, and while they did not know it, members of the Board's tire panel were in their last scheduled meeting.

The OPA has announced that tires will go off the ration list January 1, leaving nothing but sugar to be rationed, and there is no immediate hope that the sweet stuff will be declared in free trade any time soon. Tire stocks were frozen on De-

cember 8, 1941, and rationing began January 5, 1942. Under the program, 57,000,000 new passenger car tires-normally a 20-

month replacement supply-kept almost 24,000,000 passenger cars rolling for four war years.

purchase certificates will have eleven gett for the past three years. He days to turn in their certificates to was a member of the church at Old dealers, enabling dealers to supply Ford for many years. them before rationing ends.

been issued in this county since last day afternoon by Rev. Dennis War- cial Christmas music will be ren-Thursday and no more will be is- ren Davis, and interment was in the sued except in emergency cases. Hodges family cemetery. OPA tire rationing panels are standing by, however, until January 1 to Hodges of RFD 1, Washington; handle emergency needs of appli- three daughters, Mrs. R. H. Peel, cants who cannot wait until then for RFD 1, Williamston, Mrs. J. Walter

quarter reached 11,000,000 passenger Hodges of Snow Hill; seven grandtires. The Civilian Production Ad- children, three great-grandchildren, ministration and the OPA had agreed and several nieces and nephews. that rationing could be lifted when it reached that level.

Several million tires will be needed for new automobiles during the coming year. Millions more must be available for replacements.

tires for new cars, as well as white packing meat will hardly be reachwall tires and tires for export, to as- ed before next month. sure motorists the maximum number of replacements.

The production increase will make supply. Bowles requested continued they did a year ago. conservation measures.

He asked the dealers to take care of hardship cases and not to sell complete sets of tires to motorists who can get along with one or two during the next few months.

He said the decision to end rationing is in line with OPA's general policy to lift controls when the supply is sufficient to overcome general

Holiday Proposed For New Year's Day

A general holiday is being proposed for local business on New Year's day, but no official announcement to that effect has been made It is likely that in addition to Federal and State offices, a few business houses are planning to close.

New Year's Day has not been generally observed as a holiday here in past years.

Eighty-Seven Tires Record Real Estate Transfers Results of Recent Released By Board Reported in County This Year Hybrid Corn Tests

Real estate transfers established other transfers ran into half hun-Tires To Go Off Rationing for number and value in Martin as nouse in Williamston was sold Approximately 1,000 Acres County this year, according to a re- for \$20,000 view of the deeds books in the office By actual count there were 468 of the register of deeds this week. land and timber deeds written in In addition to showing a record num- the county from last January 1 up Meeting in special session here last ber of transfers, the records point to until Wednesday of this week. Aside tire panel issued certificates for the than half of the deeds recorded were numbers and listed considerations,

tively estimated that the actual Robersonville, 124 and \$159,462.50;

appear in the county records, by

TAX COLLECTIONS

More property owners are paying taxes faster in Martin County this year than in a long, long time, according to a report re-leased by Tax Collector M. L.

Up until last Friday, \$144,471 of the \$188,479.88 levy had been collected, the collector explaining that the payments along with discounts and relief orders had reduced the uncollected amount to \$42,565.04. On the same date last year, \$63,265.53 of the 1944 levy remained uncollected.

Those persons owning no property and owing only poll tax are in the slow group when it comes to paying taxes, it was pointed out.

Richard D. Hodges **Funeral Thursday**

Richard Donald Hodges, 90, died last Wednesday morning at the home of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Mamie Leg- in front of the theater in Roberson- riety was worth \$63.50. gett, RFD 3, Williamston, after three ville while the owner was attending years of declining health.

Mr. Hodges, a retired farmer, was the son of the late Lewis H. Hodges OPA said that holders of tire had made his home with Mrs. Leg-

Funeral services were conducted No additional certificates have from the Leggett home last Thurs- 11:30 p. m., Holy Communion. Spe-

Surviving are one son, Bailey of Everetts, and Alice Hodges Tire production in the current of the home; one sister, Mrs. Sallie

Few Martin County Farmers Killing And Packing Meat

Hog killings in Martin County are increasing in number these days, CPA will continue to restrict spare but the main season for killing and

Conflicting reports have been heard as to how much met there is in the 1945 with this issue. It has been a The OPA will continue to control county for home consumption. It is most hectic year in the life of the it possible for most motorists to get for the live markets this year than ings and errors were accepted in tires within a reasonable time, Price at any other time in recent years, good spirits by its patrons. After Administrator Chester Bowles said. but it is believed that farmers gen- enjoying a few days' holiday, the The end of rationing does not mean, erally are killing and packing more force will return to work on Monhowever, that there will be an ample meat for home use this season than day, December 31. There'll be no edi-

Thurman Beach, Martin County Beach, was painfully but not badly had suffered a broken back, but a

be had here immediately, but one for the local or home type. report stated the car, driven by Curis Beach at the time, turned a flip, leaving nothing about the machine intact except the motor and two

that night.

the show Thursday night.

the son of the late Lewis H. Hodges and wife of Beaufort County, and Service Schedule In

Christmas Eve. December 24thdered at this service. The people in the community are cordially invited to be with us in this service.

Christmas Day, December 25—8:00 a. m., Holy Communion. 11:00 a. m., Holy Communion and sermon. Wednesday, December 26-Feast of St. Stephen. 7:30, Holy Communion; 9:30, Holy Communion

Thursday, December 27-Feast of St. John, the Evangelist. 7:30, Holy ommunion; 9:30, Holy Communion. Friday, December 28-Feast of the Holy Innocents. 7:30, Holy Comnunion; 9:30, Holy Communion.

No Edition of Enterprise To Be Issued December 28

The Enterprise is closing the year certain that Martin farmers raised paper, but there is some measure of about the smallest number of hogs relief in knowing that its shortcomtien on Friday, December 28.

Reviewed by Agent

Are Planted In County Last Season

Using hybrid seed, quite a few Thursday afternoon, the Martin a boom in home construction in sev- from the big timberland deed, the county War Price and Ration Board county War Price and Ration Board eral sections of the county, for more following transfers, showing the increased their corn yields last seas-No accurate record of the money townships: Jamesville, 35 and \$31,- the yield was almost doubled. It is trucks and one for a large truck. The involved in the transfers could be had 837.00; Williams, 9 and \$13,015; Grif-conservatively estimated that Martin lone truck tire went to Leslie W. immediately, but according to the ac- fins, 19 and \$15,567; Bear Grass, 10 County farmers planted 1,000 acres tual listings the properties carried a and \$34,140; Williamston, 183 and to hybrid corn during the 1945 seas-Passenger car tires were issued value of \$1,336,000. It is conserva- \$277,699; Cross Roads, 17 and \$18,401; on, but accurate and complete records were kept in only a few instances. J. H. Edwards, E. D. Brown, C. G. money involved will approximate Poplar Point, 3 and \$8,975.00; Hamil- A general comparison was possibly Coltrain, Mayo Harrison, James Har- two million or more dollars. The ton, 26 and \$65,785; Goose Nest, 42 made in every case, but only Marvin Jones of Jamesville, Minton Beach of

> Testing two varieties of the hybrid County Boy Injured
> When Car Turns Flip
> When Car Turns Flip
> When Car Turns Flip type of seed. Mr. Jones planted the hybrid seed in rows 3.5 feet wide while the local type of seed were young man, was injured, possibly while the local type of seed were planted in 4-foot rows. He used 350 pounds of 5-7-5 fertilizer for each hurt in an automobile wreck near 300 pounds of nitrate of soda. There first thought that Thurman Beach had suffered a broken back but a later report indicated that he was injured internally, and added that of \$17. The first type of hybrid Few details of the accident could with \$76.85 for the T-15 and \$76.20 corn was valued at 95.25 compared

Using Variety T-23 and a local type of seed, Farmer Beach used 450 pounds of 4-12-4 fertilizer for each plot and 500 pounds of nitrate of soda for the hybrid variety and 300 pounds The more seriously injured of the of soda for the home type. Cultivatwo was removed to a Tarboro hos- tion methods and costs were similar pital for treatment, and his brother, to those made by the Jamesville farcharged with drunken driving, was mer, but Mr. Beach produced 96 placed in the county jail here late bushels with the hybrid seed and only 50 bushels with the home-The car, belonging to Jesse Beach, grown seed. The hybrid corn was was said to have been stolen from valued at \$121.92 and the home va-

Farmer High used 400 pounds of 4-12-4, 300 pounds of 4-8-8 fertilizer and 400 pounds of nitrate of soda to produce 71.6 bushels of T-23 hybrid County Having Few fertilizer and 300 pounds of soda to Church Of Advent fertilizer and 300 pounds of soda to produce 48 bushels of the home va-

Three other tests were started in the county but could not be completed. Farmer C. Abram Roberson found it necessary to plow up his hybrid corn when the plot was raided by cut worms. Farmer Melvin Harrell of Oak City did not get a stand, and Farmer Bill Holliday of Jamesville had to abandon his test when he was called into the armed forces. It is predicted that the hybrid corn

acreage will be further increased in (Continued on page six)

NEARLY ALL GONE

Between 85 and 90 percent of the peanut crop in this county has been harvested and marketed, according to reliable estimates offered by peanut men last week-end. Delayed by unfavorable weather conditions, a few farmers resumed their harvest work the latter part of last week, and it is now possible for them to complete the work shortly, weather conditions remaining favorable.

A larger percentage of the crop still is in the fields in adjoining counties, it was learned.

Reviews Work Contracts For Jas. S. Whitehurst Prisoners Of War In County Reviews Record Of

German prisoners of war worked stacking peanuts, cost the farmers of 78,418 man hours and harvested 97,- this county a total of \$34,730.29 dur-860 stacks of peanuts on farms in this ing the past twelve months. In adcounty, according to information dition to the peanut harvest, the pris gained from the office of the farm oners of war worked 78,418 man agent a few days ago.

war labor paid the government \$22,- the Germans to prime tobacco. 987.09 for general farm work and No report on the industrial labo bert, W. W. Taylor, Dr. R. G. Hicks, thousands of acres of swamp land in Hugh Roberson, J. C. Williams, Dr. Jamesville and Williams Townships. Williamston and 118 lots in Rober-Oak City, completed recognized tests, in stacking the 97,860 stacks of pearun well into the hundreds of thousands. Oak City, completed recognized tests, in stacking the 97,860 stacks of pear run well into the hundreds of thous-

Striking Christmas

Scene at POW Camp

One of the most striking Christ-

nas scenes ever designed in this im-

mediate section was prepared by

German prisoners of war at the local

POW camp this week at the sugges-

tion of Captain Vincent Veehar and

under the direction of Sgt. Kaufman.

Men to Christ's birthplace in a

Bethlehem inn stable, the scene was

artistically executed in minute de-

tail and brings to attention the work

of able artists among the prisoner

The lighting is also very effective,

and the scene is receiving wide ac-

claim from many travelers, in-

cluding local people and tourists

It is indeed apparent that the ar-

tists and others who constructed the

scene had a marked interest in the

Holiday Marriages

of war personnel.

from distant states.

couples, as follows:

Williamston; Carl W. Copeland,

Matthews, both of Robersonville;

and Gordon Purvis, of RFD 1, Bethel,

and Edith Moore House, of Rober-

Successful Sale of Seal

were sold, it was reported.

Depicting the visit of the Wise

During the past twelve months, war labor, including that used hours handling general farm work.

From the first of last December | According to the report, 315 farmuntil the first of this month, prison- ers used the prisoners to harvest ers of war were available for farm peanuts, 83 used them to harvest on, the farm agent stating that in one work during a total of 191 days. No corn, ten used them to cut tobacco prisoners were available in the wood and four used them to prepare months of April and May for farm tobacco beds. Twenty-one farmers work, but they were shifted from cleared new land with the prisoners industry to the farms in October and and ditching was done for 24 farm-November when they put in 7,721 ers. Twenty-four used the prisoners man days harvesting peanuts main- to harvest hay, 27 to shrub and 13 to harvest sweet potatoes. During The 614 farmers using prisoner of the tobacco harvest, 83 farmers used

Appreciative of the patronage and friendship they have enjoyed during 1945, county merchants and other business operators are extending cordial greetings to the people of this section through the little messages appearing elsewhere in this edition.

Christmas season even with the return of peace, would somehow or other appear a bit empty. Read the little messages and know that the local merchants and other business men are interested in your welfare and hope for you a joyous season this Christmas time.

Comparatively Few Are Cashing Bonds that continually was running thru

evident locally this year, but the holiday spirit is well advanced in paratively few owners in this counhome and office interiors, including ty are cashing in their war bonds. Point? For days there had been talk an attractively arranged tree in the An increase in the number sur- of further yard availability on the offices of the Carolina Telephone rendering their bonds was expected and Telegraph Company on Smith-during the holiday period, but the ditional 40-mm. quads. Foreboding increase has been negligible, it was truths, distorted and exaggerated by

bonds bought them under the pay the new suicide weapon the Japanese roll deduction plan, and quite a few had been using. Undoubtedly, in servicemen are calling for the cash. view of damage sustained by active been heard against bond purchas- gri-La must be urgently needed for With the war over and many boys ing, but they have been quite limit- replacement. . . guns or no guns. returning from the services, the ed in number. "As long as we buy Martin County marriage license bu- bonds, the more the government shipboard prophets who had held reau anticipated a marked increase will spend," one potential customer out for Hunter's Point. Instead of rein business during the pre-holiday charged in offering an excuse not to ceiving West Coast yard availability season. A report from the bureau buy. Another man, apparently wor- we proceeded to San Diego for a last Friday afternoon stated that ac- ried because his son was drafted, not short period of rigid military inspectivities there were hardly of normal only decided not to buy more bonds, tion and additional battle problems size, that only four license had been but cashed in those he had. But it until shortly after noon on February issued during the previous seven is already fairly evident in some 8, when we pointed out bow westdays, and all of those went to white cases that it is advisable to hold on ward toward Pearl Harbor, carrying to every bond possible and be pre- a surplus load of planes and pas-John Earl Roberson, of Roberson- pared for any emergency.

ville, and Mary Lucille Shaw, of of Tourists Going South In Robersonville, and Marguerite Lil-Ever-Increasing Numbers ley, of RFD 1, Williamston; James Leighton Croom and Joyce Hope

Seal bangles on the local streets last Strange as it may seem, quite a few Thursday, Girl Scouts were very tourists, including those in house successful. Approximately \$50 worth trailers, are returning north, reports stating that Florida is so badly The sales boost the total to over crowded that there isn't even room \$1,000 for the seal fund in the county. to squat there.

GREETINGS

Without these greetings, the

Very few out-door decorations are According to reliable reports com-

Where there was only a trickle during the war years, southbound automobile traffic is now increasing fairly rapidly. According to unofficial estimates, more than 150 northern tourists are passing through here daily, possibly to escape the Bangles Reported Locally frigid weather up North or to spend the holidays with relatives farther Handling the sale of Christmas south.

Carrier Shangri-La

Martin County Young Man Was On Famous Ship During Pacific Campaign

(In the previous installment, Seanan Jas. Whitehurst, Martin Couny boy, reviewed the early days of ne carrier, "USS Shangri-La".-ed.) Outward Bound to Pearl Harbor

This trip had added interest over he shakedown, for in addition to he ship's company and the air group there were special passengers board, including several prominent figures in the theatrical world and publishing profession who were oberving standard warship procedure in order to acquire atmosphere for ossible dramatic productions and ditorial analyses of life aboard an ircraft carrier.

As we sailed into the Caribbean nd on twoard the Panama Canal, the old familiar routine was carried out, more or less as a continuation of the shake-down routine. All flight operations, drills and exercises were imed at one goal...to acquire perection of skill and hardening of endurance for the task that lay ahead. We climaxed this training as we neared the approaches of the Panama Canal by staging a mock assault against zone installations...an attack that was so successful that only one group of eleven dive bombers was intercepted by Army aircraft protecting the area.

Then we turned our thoughts and interest toward squeezing through the canal. That was an eight-hour job that day as we inched through the locks. At times it seemed as if there just wouldn't be enough room, but the tugging locomotives and the skill of experienced pilots nursed us through without a mishap other than scraping off a little paint in a few

All this time, the prime question our minds was...after Panama, where? San Diego seemed the logical place for jumping off into the for-West Coast for installation of adscuttlebutt, had been reaching us Most of those cashing in their about the battle in the Pacific and Some rather serious charges have units in the combat zone, the Shan-

A brief dispatch squelched the sengers as replacements for the forward area.

Before we had left the San Diego area, however, we had witnessed one of the most tragic accidents that had occurred to our group to date. On our shakedown and during subsequent operations we had suffered several operational accidents in which five pilots or aircrewmen had lost their lives, but in most cases the men had been rescued. But on February 3, as our air group launched an attack against San Clemente Island, one SB2C dive bomber without flaps attempted a landing. Failing to engage the arresting gear cables, the plane crashed headlong into the barriers. The forceful impact nosed the big plane over in a burst of flame, ripped off its tail assembly and left the seriously injured pilot, Ensign Glen Even, pinned in the cockpit. Fire parties made short work of the flames, but it was a slow and painful job to cut the pilot free. The radio gunner, Frank Riker, ARM2C. had been flung to the deck several feet ahead of the wreckage and (Continued on page six)

Holiday Parties Are **Enjoyed by Children**

There has been much evidence of the holiday spirit in shopping tours and in other places, but it was the little children who brought out the real meaning of Christmas at their little parties at school and in the various churches, the Jaycees pushing the season's joy to a new high point last Friday evening when they had as their guests a large number of underpriveleged children at a party in the Woman's Club.

ristmas means more than mailing presents and opening packages. Today, as never before in all history, it means giving something of ourselves to others. For that is the spirit of the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate.

This year more families in Martin County have given the supreme gift—the offering of sons for their country. Stars on more than half hundred service flags in our county have turned to gold, each beckoning us to pick up the torch and hold it high that noble ideals and the good things in life may live on and on. Each week for nearly four years, The Enterprise recorded the noble and unselfish deeds of those who served, fought and died that we may be free to enjoy Christmas seasons down through the years.

The families of these heroes know the true meaning of Christmas. For they, also, have given a Son.

Many of us cannot match such records of high sacrifice. But we can make good will and kindness, charity and understanding not empty words but heart-warming realities in our dealings with others. We can help the boys returning to this community from the war build a brave new future. We can cheer the lonely homes of servicemen still far away. We can work fervently to maintain peace on earth, and speed justice and common brotherhood for all men in all nations throughout the earth.

In thus giving of ourselves we will all be far richer. And we will add inner meaning and strength to the age-old but ever-new greeting which The Enterprise and every member of its force extend to you and yours a-