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## State Government Tobacco Sales Near Five Review Of Effect Ask Local People Judge Cites Crime Criminal Docket Costs And Income Million Pounds On Market Listed In Report

Nearly Eighty-six Million **Dollars Spent Two** Years Ago

spent nearly eighty-six million dollars during the fiscal year enddelay. ing June 30, 1944, according to a delayed report just recently released by the Department of Tax come for the same period was nearly one hundred and ten million dollars. A considerable increase in both costs and income this year.

The legislature was not in session during the 1943-44 fiscal year, but legislative activities cost \$9,701 during the period. Nearly half million dollars was spent for the judiciary, and since then the \$442,705 paid the judiciary has been hiked considerably by travel allowances. The executive and administrative department cost \$2,929,445. Only \$3,277,338 was spent on higher education, most of the money going to state-owned and state-operated university and colleges. Nearly as much or \$3,131,369, was spent on charitable or correctional institutions. In other words, North Carolina is spending almost as much for the correction of a comparatively few persons as it is investing in the higher education of its citizens. State aid and obligations, including money for the aged, dependent children and blind, amounted to \$4,834,401. Pensions, amounting to \$267,774, were paid during the year, quite a few to widows of the Confederacy.

Public schools accounted for nearly one-half of the total expenditures that year; the report showing that \$38,569,351 or nearly

for elementary education in the State. Debt service cost \$5,233,590 that

year, leaving an outstanding debt of \$113,596,500 with almost \$22,-000,000 in the sinking fund.

The Department of Agricultu

One of the greatest tobacco from the producers' end. It is now blocks in the history of auction fairly certain that grading work sales is gripping the local market will be slowed down because this week, but even though tobac- some damaged tobacco is making co was placed on the floors on its appearance on the floors.

When the market closed last der of the marketing season. Friday for the week-end there Up until this morning, the local was enough tobacco on the floors market had sold 4,704,350 pounds Research. While the State was to hold the selling organization for an official average of 49 cents. spending that large amount its in- through Wednesday. Deliveries Yesterday and today the price continued and sales were hardly trend appeared somewhat strongcompleted Monday before more er, and individual farmers reporttobacco was being placed on the ed some of the best sales of the floors. The selling time was re- season, several declaring they has followed, and it is admitted duced from five to three hours, average from fifteen to twenty that all-time income and out-go and the schedule for the week was cents more than they expected. ern Fronts closed together, howrecords were established during delayed by a full day or more. However, inferior tobaccos are the fiscal year ended June 30 of The new schedule is backing up being offered in fairly large quanthe sales and deliveries are ap- tities and the price there is un-

parently increasing the pressure certain.

Monday of this week for sale on No official . unouncement has The State of North Carolina Friday, activities are going for- been made about the new selling ward smoothly but burdened al- schedule, but it is likely that it most to the breaking point with will be maintained during a great-

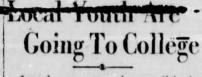
er part if not during the remain-

Suggest Control Of Leaf Tobacco Sales **Membership Drive CLUB MEETING** 

Suspending its activities during the summer months, the local Woman's Club will hold its first meeting of the new club year at 8:00 o'clock this evening in the club building, Mrs. P. B. Cone, presi-

dent, announced. No formal program has been planned, but the schedule of activities for the new year will be discussed, and teachers in the local schools will be entertained as special guests.

Members are earnestly ask ed to be present.



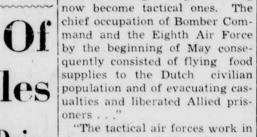
Local young people, possibly in bers was in sight. The member- nel was too far developed for any record numbers, are leaving this ship report was based on tabulaand next week to continue their tions released by fifteen of about seven-tenths of the total spent in education in various colleges and one-half of the canvassers. A seca state predominantly agricultur- universities. A complete list of ond report on the drive is due on Friday night, September 27, and those planning to enter institu- President Chas. L. Daniel is ask-The Highway Department spent tions of higher learning could not ing the canvassers to push on totion. . . . be had, but no less than thirty ward the goal and report their acboosting the total cost of state will attend, one report indicated. fivities at that time. The meeting is to be held at 8:00 o'clock in Misses Jane Goff, Betsy Manthe county courthouse. Reports from other counties declare that the membership drive and William Oscar Peel are entering A. C. College, Wilson, this in the State is meeting with the the organization. John A. Ward, Jr., is entering Discussing the serious shortage State College, Raleigh, Thursday. in available parts for farm ma-He will be accompanied by Mrs. chinery repairs, the group, upon Ward who has accepted a posithe motion of J. L. Knowles of tion in the capital while her hus-Dardens, passed a resolution urgband is in school. ing the state Farm Bureau lead-Miss Frances Griffin left last ers, congressional leaders and the week for Lynchburg where she them. manufacturers to take immediate will continue her studies at action in an effort to relieve the Lynchburg College. visting conditions. Lettors Miss Mary Wallace of Jamesbracing the resolution, were ordville entered Appalachian State ered sent to members of congress, Teachers College, Boone, a short Farm Bureau officials and machinery representatives and manu-Collin Peel, Bernard York, Confacturers. enemy relied, and the fruits, of ad Getsinger, Dillon Wynne,

Air Power Had In | To Aid Survivors European Area Of Nazi Brutality Increase In Charge

### Excerpts Taken From Report of Commander To **His Chiefs of Staff**

(Below are the final group of in the war in Europe.-ed.)

14. "In these concluding stages of the war the Allied air forces continued to afford the invaluable support which had been such a vital factor in insuring our successes throughout the entire campaign. As the Eastern and Westever, opportunities for employment of the strategic bomber forces grew more and more limited. former strategic targets having



For Farm Bureau Making Progress Group Urges Release Of **Parts For Machinery** 

**Repairs On Farm** by the tactical planes was in the south, where attacks were con-Meeting in the county courtcentrated ahead of the Third house last Friday evening, repre-Army advance down the Danube sentatives of the Martin Farm Bu-Valley, destroying the enemy's rereau heard an encouraging report maining dumps of fuel and other on the annual membership drive supplies in that area, and cutting and discussed several urgent the few communications still problems facing farmers in this available for their distribution."

section. It was pointed out that approxithe air there was no sign. A: the mately 1.200 persons in the counarea left to the German

ords and tenants, and remaining airfields grew worse and professional men, had joined the organization during the first stroyed on the ground mounted two weeks of the membership in proportion. The demoralization drive, that the goal of 2,080 mem- of the German Air Force person- Locker Opening suicidal effort to be made with



excerpts from the report of the out by Nazi terror and war, Jewsupreme commander to the allied ish survivors are appealing to a chiefs of staff and his conclusions thoughful people in this nation concerning the effect of air power for aid. Supported by people of all faiths but with a common pur

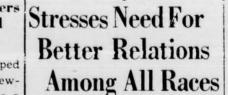
> pose to relieve suffering humanity, a non-sectarian campaign to raise 100 million dollars has been launched in this country.

Rev. John Hardy and Rev. John L. Goff have agreed to head the drive in this immediate communty and appeals are being directed to all people for support. No personal solicitations will made, but either of the chairmen will gladly receive contributions from anyone and forward the money to headquarters, 342 Madison Ave., New York City. Letters, explaining the urgency of the relief call, are being addressed to a goodly number of citizens in the community, and it is earnestly

noped that the appeal will receive a willing and liberal support. close support of the advancing It has been revealed that of 1,armies of the north and south 500,000 Jewish children in prewent on, but their operations also war Europe only 150,000 are alive were restricted by the danger of today and most of them are orhitting advanced Russian elephans. It is conservatively estiments and the large bodies of mated that forty million dollars prisoners who, having broken will keep body and soul together oose from their camps, were for them. Today there are still streaming westward along the 85,000 Jews whose position is traroads. The last major offensive They are pleading for a hold gic. on life until they can find a place to call their own.

The Jewish people are supportng the drive liberally, a report from Dallas, Texas, stating that the Jewish Community there had "Of enemy offensive activity in

> AT4: 40% a Methodist minister and a Baptist layman headed a successful drive.



Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn **Substituting For Judge Henry Stevens** 

In a lengthy and serious charge to the Martin County Grand Jury, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn, substiuting for Judge Henry Stevens, this week cited the alarming increase in crime and stressed the need for better relations among the races and followers of the various creeds and religions. The be Jackson jurist also assailed the efforts of big business men in offering excuses to escape jury duty.

Opening his address, Judge Badly Injured In a Burgwyn told the jurymen it was their duty to see that law and or-der are maintained. "You do not Highway Accident have to be a detective but you should bring to the attention of William Brown, colored man

the solicitor any law violations," was badly injured in an autohe said. bicycle accident at Sandy Point

"Crime is on the increase in the near here on Highway 125 last nation and in the State and to Saturday afternoon about 3:30 such an extent that it is alarm- o'clock. Suffering a compound who almost cut Josh Rascoe to ing. The trend is sufficient to leg fracture and bruises, Brown death in Williamston, entered a cause thinking people to stop and was removed to a Rocky Mount plea of nolo contendre. He was consider the seriousness of the hospital in a Biggs ambulance aftproblem and to cause them to do er receiving first aid treatment something about it. Pick up your here.

papers any day and you'll see Riding his bicycle toward Wil- tion under which the defendant where many serious crimes have liamston, Brown started zigzagbeen committed. Most of the vio- ging on the road as Miss Mildred have the sentence suspended. Finlators are young people between Thomas, accompanied by her al action in the case was not anthe ages of 16 and 24 years, the grandmother and Luther Peel, average being right at 18 years. Jr., and driving a Chevrolet se They are just over-grown chil- dan, rounded a curve. Miss dren who have not been properly Thomas turned to her right and raised nearly three-quarters of a trained at home. They are chil- when Brown turned in front of driving. Convicted of million dollars. The need is too dren who have had poor examples her car she turned to the left. driving for the great for any one group to handle, set for them by their own parents Brown also turned and he was and non-Jews have stepped in to and elders. They believe they are run down on the left shoulder, the by Judge J. C. Smith in heroes when daring to commit wheels of the car passing over crimes, get drunk autor at up. And leg.

today, thousands are working on Witnesses stated that the driver big court. It the roads, most of them young of the car did all she could to the man had been in an auto acavoid the accident.

"We talk about juvenile delinquency but when we stop to an-alyze it, we find it is due to adult Conclude Meeting

In Court Monday **Divorce Mill Thrown Into Operation By Judge** 

**ROUND-UP** 

Nine persons, charged with

violating various laws, were

rounded up and jailed in this

county last week-end. A re-

port from Robersonville stat-

ed that the liquor store was

unexpectedly ordered closed

there last Saturday morning

at 11 o'clock, and that peace

and sobriety reigned during

Of the nine persons arrest-

ed and jailed here, six were

charged with public drunken-

ness, and one each with

drunken driving, assault and

breaking and entering. The

ages of the group ranged from

18 to 56 years, and two of the

group were white.

the remainder of the day.

**Burgwyn** Today

In one of the shortest criminal sessions held in this county in several years, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn Monday completed the trial of the docket and cranked up the divorce mill this morning. There were only fifteen cases on the docket, and most of them were continued, a court observer advancing the belief that many of them would be worn to a frazzle by continuances. Only one case reached the petit jury, and judgment was not pronounced immediately.

The opening session was delayed about half an hour Monday morning because of an error made by the governor's office in the judge's commission. Exchanging courts with Judge Henry Stevens for convenience, Judge Burgwyn vas directed to proceed to this ounty for the trial of civil cases only. The error was corrected by telephone

One of the smallest crowds seen in the court room in many months was present

Proceedings

James Bannerman, colored man sentenced to the roads for eighteen months. There was an optional judgment under consideramay pay a \$500 fine and costs and

nounced immediately John A. Eberhart did not anwas called in the case charging him with drunken drunken third time, Eberhart was sentenced last Monday

cident and that he was having trouble with his teeth, and the case was continued until Decem-

accounted for \$638,783, or just al.

\$18.810.971 for its operations and applied \$7,939,021 on its debt, government that fiscal year to \$85,999,006. The amount com- ning, Elizabeth Ward, John L. pares with \$1,530,178 spent in the Goff, Jr., Maurice S. Moore, Jr. fiscal year, 1900-1901.

While spending that sizable amount, the State was busy col- week. lecting an even larger sum, \$109,-702,931, to be exact, as follows:

General Fund-Inheritance tax, \$969.355; licenses, \$2,353,029; franchise taxes, \$10,664,624; income tax, \$36,038,353; sales tax, \$19,-652,071; beverage tax, \$4,466,836; gift tax, \$79,639; intangibles tax, \$568,060; miscellaneous taxes, \$27,531; earnings, fees, etc., \$1,-802,603. The general fund income amounted to \$76,622,101.

The Agricultural Department collected in various fees and sertime ago vices far more than it spent, or \$806.011.

The Highway Fund received \$32,274,819, as follows: vehicle li- dree, Reg Griffin and Miss Della censes, \$8,627,915; gasoline tax, Jane Mobley are leaving next \$21,268,262; bus and truck fran- week for East Carolina Teachers chise, \$2,059,496, and title and College, Greenville. other taxes and services, \$319,146.

income was placed at \$1,398,037. At that time there were no sales, beverage or gift taxes, and, of course, there was no State highway department and no gas or vehicle license taxes.

## **Autos Damaged In Oak City Crash**

Two automobiles, one driven by Miss Madeline Davenport, head. were badly damaged when they last Sunday evening. No one was September 30. hurt, according to a report comwho investigated the crash.

Chevrolet was placed at \$100.

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George Edward Wynne, J. D. Bal-



Roy Pritchard, Bertie County plant of the North Carolina Pulp white man, was dangerously but Company in the lower part of this not critically cut back of the ear county week before last. Rev. E. when he was attacked by Elmer J. Costner of Plymouth conduct-Bellflower at the bus station here ed the last rites which were held last Saturday evening. Bellflow- at the home of his father-in-law, er, maintaining he struck in self J. F. Cox, and burial was in the defense, said he struck the man Thomas cemetery in this county

with a water glass, part of which between Oak City and Hassell. by Julius Cherry and the other left a deep gash in Pritchard's He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Boggs of Plymouth, former-

A hearing will be given Bell- ly of Richwood, W. Va. He had crashed on Oak City's main street flower in the county court on been living in Plymouth about four and one-half years.

Charged with public drunken-Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Viing from Officer Edmond Early ness, Pritchard was taxed with ola Cox Biggs; one child, Sylvia movie houses Sunday. Manager pinch hitter Bullock. and Patrolman Whit Saunders the costs and directed to pay \$10 Ann Boggs; his parents; two C. W. Hamilton stated yesterday to the attending doctor.

Damages to the Ford driven by | Pritchard did not know how the leston, W. Va., and Stanley Boggs cessful, and predicted that movie- ended with the tieing run on sec- B. Siceloff, James Garland Bailey, walls and ceiling. Miss Davenport were estimated attack was made, and knew little of Richwood, W. Va.; and two sis- goers in this area would soon be- ond base. Reese Bullock scatter- Leslie Smith, Riley Mizelle, C. D. The call was the first handled turned out that Williamston ofat \$250 and that to the Cherry about it until he sobered up some ters, Mrs. Foster Cook and Mrs. come accustomed to and like the hours after he was jailed. Virgie Harper, both of Plymouth. new schedule.

the jet aircraft squadrons left in Austria and Czechslovakia, and by the beginning of May practically the only flights undertaken were for the purpose of deser-

was in his logistical inability to last evening. maintain his armies in the field

this effort were evident immediately the land campaign began. Following the invasion, these stra-**Accident Victim** tegic blows at the heart of German industry were continued, and **Buried In County** the task was also undertaken of cutting the supply lines which linked the factories to the fronts.

Funeral services were conduct-Meanwhile the tactical aircraft, d last Saturday for Garland by their incessant bombing and Boggs, young white man who was strafing of the enemy before us fatally hurt in an accident at the in the field, broke his powers of resistance and prepared the way

for the ground advances which struck toward the center of Germany. Those thrusts, moreover, were made with a rapidity which (Continued on page six)

## Theaters Open Under New Management Here

Leasing the Watts and Marco theaters here for ten years, Messrs. Everett and Stewart took

over the operation of the two brothers, Adrian Boggs of Char- that the opening was very suc-

nere Successiui The formal opening of the Col- crime list, "and yet we call our-

delinquency."

onial Frozen Foods of Williamston plant on Haughton and Grace Streets here was quite successful, 15. "Throughout the struggle, it Manager Claude J. Goodman said educated nation and the nation

Most of the locker keys were feel we should be recognized as that the enemy's fatal weakness delivered to the patrons last Sat- the boss and leader. Yet, we comlay. Courage his forces had in urday and yesterday Mrs. B. S. mit more crimes than any other was held in the old Hardison Mill full measure, but courage was not Courtney placed the first food in country in the world, excepting pond Sunday afternoon. enough. Reinforcements failed to the plant for preservation. She none of our former enemies. With arrive, weapons, ammunition, and delivered a quantity of lima such a record do we have the food alike ran short, and the beans, and Mrs. R. H. Clayton right to ask others to follow us. dearth of fuel caused their powers placed in her locker several packof tactical mobility to dwindle to ages of the beans also.

the vanishing point. In the last Several patrons placed stages of the campaign they could pork in the plant, and one locker ders in the city of Charlotte per 1,200 and 1,500 attended the picnic do little more than wait for the owner transferred a quantity of capita than in any other city. Yet, dinner which featured country Allied avalanche to sweep over food from another plant to the one here for convenience.

"For this state of affairs Manager Goodman stated that had, above all, to be grateful to several hundred patrons were he work of the Allied air forces. searching for beef cattle and hogs Long before we landed in France, and explained that large quantithe heavy bombers had begun ties of beef and other types of their task of destroying the cen- meat would be in storage at the ters of production upon which the plant within the next few weeks.

Locals Lose 4-3

Despite the fact that they were outhit, Robersonville eked out a and instead of shirking their duty 4-3 overtime win over the Martins and criticising the courts they here Sunday. Robersonville took

first blood when they scored two help correct any existing faults. I tallies on two hits, two errors and two fielder's choice in the third inning.

in the 5th inning to take the lead which they held until Robersonville tied it up in the 8th on a

for the Martins throughout the hat by Little Miss Caroline Mar- young member of the family ran in Martin County's superior court game allowing only five hits but tin, nine Martin County men all the way to the fire station to this week imposed \$25 fines each

Williamston threatened in the tenth inning but the ball game Jim J. Pierce, Joe Johnson, Jr., C. floor before spreading to the months ago. ed eleven Wiliamston hits and Cavenaugh, L. L. Keel and A. M. by local volunteer firemen in sev- ficers had failed to summon the came through well in the clinches. Long.

At Maple Grove The judge declared that murder, rape, robber seem to lead the

Rev. M. L. Ambrose, the pastor. selves Christian people," he said. concluded a successful series of "We boast about our being the revival services in the Maple most civilized nation, the best Grove Christian Church Sunday. Ten members were added to the with the most advantages, and church roll, and a baptismal service, attended by a large crowd.

The services were largely attended each evening during the week, and a record number was There were 143,000 murders in present for the Sunday morning this nation last year. England had service and picnic. It was consersome only 25. There were more mur- vatively estimated that between Charlotte has more churches per ham and barbecue, prepared to a

capita than any other city in the king's taste along with all the world excepting Edinburgh, Scot- salads and no less than half dozen land. Something is wrong, either kinds of delicious calles and deswith car people, maintenance of serts, ....

Meat hungry, large numbers law and order or the officers. I do not believe the trouble is with from various communities attendthe officers or law. It is right ed and a warm welcome was exhere at home. We call for jury tended them by the people of the service and the big business man community and the church pascomes into court and asks to be tor. While the crowd was conexcused. His business is too big siderably larger than was expect-

for him to serve, and yet the big ed the supply of food was ade-To Robersonville business man is the first to criti-spare. cise the courts when they do spare.

something he does not like. There are too many shirking their duty, Lunch Room Burns and criticising the courts they On Railroad Street

Its origin not definitely known, fire gutted the interior of the small lunch room owned and operated by Mrs. N. C. Godard on Railroad Street here at 5:00 **9** New Members o'clock Sunday morning. The owner expressed the opinion that Their names drawn from the Awakened by a barking dog, a

was in trouble several times due Monday entered upon their new turn in the alarm. Confining it duties as members of the grand to the front interior of the small Ed Purrington and Sallie Little. Robersonville pushed across the jury for the coming year. James one-story building, firemen stat- They were supposed to appear in winning marker in the 10th on an Harrington, serving as foreman ed that the fire apparently starterror, fielder's choice and a hit by for the past six months was re- ed under the lunch counter near Bannerman, colored man charged

er stands charged with drunken

driving and manslaughter was continued again when it was learned that the main state witness, Mr. Marcellus Newssome, was not able to appear in court. Critically injured in an auto accident last February, Mr. Newssome was a patient in a Durham hospital until a short time ago. He continues in bed, his hip brok-

en, at his Hertford County home. The following cases were continued: Peter Williams, false pretense; Joe Bell, false pretense; Early May Boston, assault with a deadly weapon. This case was continued in March, June and September. Henry L. Harvey, charged with drunken driving, was continued for the third time. one report stating that the defendant was sick again. John E. William, charged with false pretense, has been in the courts since last December and his case was

again continued. Ben Nichols, charged with breaking and entering, did not appear in court and his case was continued again, leaving the \$200 bond unforfeited.

The case charging Willie Savage with false pretense was coninued again.

The case charging P. A. Balird with violating the sanitary aw; namely, the slaughtering of eef within Williamston's town

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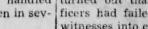
Jurist

the fire was of incendiary origin. practice followed by some witnesses, Judge W. H. S. Burgwyn on Maggie Rascoe, Mollie Clark, court and testify against James the front of the building and with assaulting and dangerously

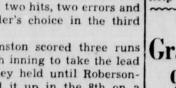
> The fines were lifted when it witnesses into court.

The new grand jurymen are, burned a hole almost through the wounding Josh Rascoe some

eral weeks.







(Continued on page six) Williamston scored three runs Grand Jury Gets

safety and a miscue. Billy Peele pitched effectively

to costly errors.

tained in that position.