THE ENTERPRISE IS READ BY OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNTY FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEEK

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Judge Smith Hears Prices Average \$50 Area Employment Strike Threat Climaxes Drive Band Day To Be Twenty-two Cases **Reports Increased Held Next Month** In County's Court On Border Markets Activity In July To Organize Workers At Plant To Raise Funds Nearly 2,000 Persons Were Of Williamston Lumber Firm Fines, Amounting to \$180. Summer Session To Close **Prices For Early** Are Imposed At Session INCOME With Pienic At School Last Monday **Office Last Month** Sales About \$3.00

The apparently flagrant violation of the law requiring the licensing of motorbike operators got into the limelight in this county last Monday when two defendants were fined \$25 each for intentionally or unintentionally driving the chug-chug machines without operators' licenses. Quite a few of the machines-bicycles equipped with a two-by-four engine-were being operated in this county at one time by minors who could not qualify for drivers' licenses. Possibly a warning against the practice by Highway Patrol officials had its effect because the machines are not so numerous now.

The court session this week had several baffling cases, and when it was fairly evident that some of the litigants had mapped their strategy after an unethical fashion, Judge J. C. Smith, working on the theory that where there's a lot of scars there must have been a lot of fighting, adjudged one defendant after another guil-

The jurist and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson worked until 4:00 o'clock that afternoon before clearing the docket. It was the first time in Some time that the court found it necessary to go into an afternoon session. Proceedings:

Pleading not guilty in the case sault, and he was fined \$15 and larger than it was a year ago. was adjudged guilty of a simple sessing and collecting. assault and the court suspended The county is receiving \$3,-

the costs. Charged with an assault with a \$46.12; Oak City, \$64.82; Rober-Charged with an assault with a state of the same weeks ago that plans were the barn was equipped with a state of the barn was equipped with a father Of Local deadly weapon, Edgar Cross sonville, \$907.50; and Williamston, inferior tobacco was on the floors were veterans of World War II, being advanced for the unioniza- stoker and other than the motor Father Of Local pleaded guilty and he was sen- \$2,731.22. enced to the roads for ninety | The largest single amount in in-

Sources of income beside general taxation yielded a fairly sizable sum for the county treasury for the month of July according to reports filed by the several county officers with the commissioners at a recent meeting of the board.

The recorder's court netted \$1,485.85, including \$840 in fines. Another \$177.15 was reported by the court clerk as coming from miscellaneous items. The register of deeds reported \$348.35 raised from the recording of various papers during the month, and the sheriff's office submitted \$158 income from the service of papers, making a total of \$2,169.35.

Intangibles Tax **Melon Divided In County. 4 Towns**

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and Williamston, are receiving were rejected.

\$12,465.62 as their part of the a tienally weapon. Ted Scott was and collected by the State despectadjudged guilty of a simple as- ment of Revenue, the tax is much tained his innocence. However, he pense has to be deducted for as- pounds.

ing to four towns: Everetts, mates.

The Williamston office of the

Under Last Year's State Employment Service, serving Martin, Bertie, Washington, and Tyrrell Counties, reports that Downward Trend Reported 1850 persons contacted the office **On Georgia Markets In** during July regarding job openings, self-employment claims, in-

Recent Days formation on Social Security and The seventeen tobacco markets employment opportunities in other along the border of North Caro- areas of the State and nation, and lina and South Carolina opened veterans in quest of information today with an estimated price av- about the veterans' assistance proerage right at \$50 per hundred gram. This is the highest numpounds, according to reports bas- ber of reception contacts for the ed on the first two-hour selling office in one month for some time, reports Howard S. Sexton, the

The North Carolina and United local office manager. For this States Departments of Agricul- group the office rendered such ture in an early report reported services as job placement and job the average ranged between \$50 counseling, handling claims for and \$53 per hundred, but individ- the self-employed, submitting inual reports maintained the aver- formation on the Social Security

age was hardly \$50 on several Act, and giving information to markets. The departments stated veterans on on-the-job training, that a large percentage of the in- insurance, schooling, pensions and ferior grades were selling below GI loans for housing. The mathe Flue-cured Stabilization Cor- jority of these contacts were with poration support price, indicating Martin County residents. that farmers were patronizing the Mr. Sexton reports that there

representatives of the A. F. of L. corporation. The first reports has been a large increase in acaffiliate had held group meetings from the Border said that prices tive applications for work over in the Williams Chapel church Total of \$12,465.62 Being ranged as low as \$4 and reached the past month due to work layhere on Rhodes Street. It was \$68 in one or two instances. Qual- offs and project termination here reported that representatives of ity of lugs was said to be fair to and there. At the end of July the the CIO had held meetings in the fine, and the quality of cutters office had on file around 300 ap-River Hill Christian Church, but Martin County and four towns, was low to fair. Growers were plications for the four counties the report could not be confirm-

Everetis, Oak City, Robersonville said to be satisfied and few sales whereas at the end of May there

were only 114 on file. There are The average this year was about over 100 job openings in the area charging him with an assault with 1946-47 intangible tax. Assessed \$3 per hundred pounds below the at this time on file with the ofopening day ngure last year. fice, but experience and educa-Press reports, released early tional requirements prevent plac-Thursday afternoon, placed the ing of a high percentage of the taxed with the costs. In a second The total collection was \$15,- over-all average at \$50 per hun- job seekers in the existing opencase charging him with gambling 622.75, but the State shares in the dred with the better grades bring- ings. The Williamston office and an assault, Scott again main- melon cutting and then some ex- ing from \$62 to \$68 per hundred staff placed 68 persons on jobs during the month of July, and an-

Darlington reported an average ticipates placing a considerably of \$54 to \$58, the report being larger number during August due judgment upon the payment of 715.96 the following amounts go-based on strictly unofficial entire to seasonal employment in the in the tobacco industry. From the Conway, explaining that much total persons placed in July, 34 some weeks ago that plans were The barn was equipped with a

there, reported an average of \$47 and three of these were placed tion of local plants, but no names the automatic equipment was not per hundred. Prices reached an in on-the-jub training positions. could be learned until yesterday, materially damaged. Mr. Slade

Police Department Reports

"We'll Do It Our Way," Organizers Warn Managers

CIO and AFL Reported Active Here During the **Past Several Weeks**

Organizational efforts by John L. Lewis' District 50, United Mine Workers of the American Federation of Labor, and reportedly by the Congress of Industrial Orsault and affray charges. ganizations reached a climax here Wednesday when union representatives threatened to "strike' the Williamston Lumber Company's plant.

launched

colored females. Thirty-eight of The threat brought into open, for the first time a drive maining eighteen to face the some weeks ago to courts this month. Fines were col- be greater. unionize the workers at the lum lected in the sum of \$305.00, and ber plant and in other industries here. Few details could be had making a total of \$793.20.

at first, but it was learned that Chief Simpson said that only one ers report to the court.

Curing Barn Lost In Poplar Point

Just who and how many have Believed to have started when oined the union could not be a stick of tobacco fell on the flues. earned, but one report stated that fire destroyed a plank curing barn posibly 100 or more workers had and 1,000 sticks of tobacco on the signed. It was reliably learned T. B. Slade farm in Poplar Point that the initiation fee was fixed shortly before midnight Tuesday at 50 cents per member, and that It was the fifth barn reported to 'dues will be discussed as the or- have burned in the county so far ganizational work progresses." this season. The loss, partially William P. Thomason, repre- covered by insurance, will apenting himself as state director proximate \$1,800. The operator, of the A.F. of L. affiliate, could Dick Slade, stated that the tobac not be reached for a statement or co, the third pulling, was about

Fifty - Six Arrests In July Making a monthly report to the incident or crime remained unboard of commissioners in session solved. "We have been unable to last Monday night, Chief of Police trace the origin of a stray bullet that struck Jas. A. Leggett," the

W. T. Simpson stated that fiftychief said, adding that the pellet six persons were arrested and must have been fired a block or charged with various infractions two away possibly just off of of the law. Most of them were North Haughton Street. One change resulted in the de charged with public drunkenness,

while a goodly number faced as- partment personnel at the end of the month. Officer P. A. Ballard Of the 56 persons arrested, six- resigned and he was succeeded by

teen were white males. Thirty Bill Haislip, former deputy sherwere colored males and ten were liff of the county If the present trend is main-

the 56 arrested were booked for tained, arrests in August will outtrial during the month, the re- number those reported in July and fines and costs are likely to Members of the department

court costs amounted to \$488.20, were "armed" with town motor vehicle tags this week and in Commenting on the activities of structed to have them put on unthe department during the month, tagged vehicles or have the own-

BAKER'S DOZEN

One of the most unusual freaks in the grain kingdom was displayed here this week. Miss Carrie Dell Peaks brought to The Enterprise office a cluster of ears of corn grown on the farm of her sten-father, Mr. James Bowen, near here. There are twelve fairly well-developed ears of corn ringing a normal ear. The cluster measures 13 inches in circumference and the main car is ten inches long.

August 22 Meeting in the high school audiorium Monday night of this week he Williamston Band Parents' Club decided to hold a Band Day rally and fund-raising drive some time early in September in an ef-

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fort o supply uniforms for every member of the band. Professor Jack Butler, director of the band, put his musicians-tobe through a stiff rehearsal as the meeting opened Monday night and it was noted that remarkable progress had been made since the

early part of the summer when the band work really got its first instruments together. The goal of the campaign has

been set at not less than \$1.000. It is to be raised by diverse means with the big day coming as the climax to the campaign.

Final date for the big day will be determined at a picnic-meeting of the band parents and members of the band Friday, August 22, at the high school building. All parents of band members and others interested in the promotion of the band program are urged to be on hand for this final summer meet-

Presiding over the meeting last Monday evening, President M. M. Levin heard various suggestions regarding the ways and means of getting the uniform money. Included in the suggested ways of raising the funds were: Requests of donations from various civic lubs, solicitations among the people of the town, serving of meals to civic organizations, cake and pie sales, tag day, serving of meals which would be open to the public instead of being restricted to he membership of organizations, and similar activities.

It was voted to set ques for membership into the club at \$2 per family per year and it was estimated this would give the club some working capital.

When the band day is held it is anned to have the band marc

hrough the streets with every

other member attired in one of the

new uniforms already on hand

scheme would make striking pic-

ture of the need for uniforms was

not questioned. The big burden

in this event would be upon the

shoulders of Director Butler who

still is trying to whip his recruits

into a workable organization. He

has few veteran band students

and a great many who have just

started taking lessons with newly

Ben Scott.

until August 18.

fendant until August 18.

required to pay the costs.

suspending the sentence on condition that the defendant pay a \$10 fine and costs. McNair was unable to arrange for the fine and costs immediately.

Charged with drunken and reckless driving, John Paul Jones failed to answer when called and papers were ordered issued for his arrest.

Charged with operating a motorbike without a driver's license, Odell Hart was fined \$25 and taxed with the costs.

Pleading guilty of assaulting a female, N. S. Nichols was sentenced to the roads for thirty days. The court suspended the sentence upon the payment of a \$20 fine and costs and on the further condition that he is not to associate with Idell Brown, colored.

The cases charging Bill Wright with assaulting a female and Lula Mae Wright with being drunk and disorderly were continued for the defendants until September 8.

Charged with drunken driving, Robert Suggs pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the roads for brother, Lewis Thomas Holliday, downward price trend was revoked for one year upon the recommendation of the court. The defendant apparently found the new mandatory fine of \$100 for

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days. The sentence was suspend- tangible property taxes was col- occasional top of \$65 per hundred. ed upon the payment of a \$25 fine lected right in the banks. A re- With good quality tobacco on floor of the city hall, is anxious and costs and \$35 to Dr. E. E. Pitt- port from the Revenue Depart- its floors there, reported an aver- to interview individuals qualified man for medical service rendered ment showing that \$6,771.22 was age of \$47 per hundred. Prices for the following positions: Secre-

Joseph Oscar Wiggins was ad- banks. When intangible proper- per hundred. judged not guilty in the case ties were listed with the deputy With good quality tobacco on its tor (Bertie County), electric linecharging him with assaulting a fe- collector in the county, the listers floors, Tabor City reported an man, lathe operator, housemaid, male. In a second case in which reported just enough money on average of \$54.40. he was charged with non-support, hand to raise \$87.89 in revenue. Timmonsville had an average of circular headsaw operator, ma-Wiggins pleaded guilty, and pray- Accounts receivable, limited to the about \$50 per hundred and a 68er for judgment was continued most part to items recorded in the cent top. Quality of the offerings laborer jobs in such work as elec-

The case charging Albert As- in revenue. Notes, bonds, mort- Lumberton reported a 52-cent ging and lumber.

In the case charging Frank Or- companies with some few excep- floors, Kingstree had a 52-cent fice keeps an up-to-date list of mond and Ernestine Riddick with tions, brought in the second larg- average and a 60-cent top price some 175 job openings all over the an affray, Ormond was adjudged est amount from any single source during early sales. not guilty. Found guilty, the of revenue, the report showing Reporting a main price range of ed to Raleigh by all offices, but

holders of stocks. Penalties and had a \$51 average.

McNair was sentenced to the amounted to \$310.35. And to cap noon from Valdosta declared that roads for thirty days, the judge the revenue coming from in- prices on Thursday in Georgia of these jobs every week cover-

of the body of their son and seen on the floors.

sist in preparing applications latter part of last week. Over when received by others desiring eight million pounds were sold drunken driving too expensive. the return of the bodies of their loved ones.

collected on money on deposit in reached an occasional top of \$65 tary, bookkeeper, salesman, male

period.

public registry, produced \$1,395.20 was described as good.

kew with violating the liquor gages accounted for \$2,997.46. average and a top price of 63 laws was continued for the de- Stocks, reported to the depart- cents per pound. ment by the corporations and With half million pounds on its ings and that in addition the of-

other defendant was fined \$25 and that \$4.057.04 was raised from \$20 to \$62 per hundred, Lake City all of these require skills and ex-

Drunk and disorderly, Allen interest on delayed payments A late report Thursday after-

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Mother Is Asking **Return** Of Her Hero Son's Body

End this week asked in an official tracted large crowds on every one Mrs. John C. Newbern of West application the return of her hero son's body from a U.S. Military

Cemetery in France. A paratrooper in World War II, John C. Newbern, Jr., made the supreme sacrifice in France the early part of fusing reports came from the bor-1945. Removed from the field of battle, the young man's body now rests temporarily in a military cemetery at Epinal, France, and is

to be brought here for burial. The application, prepared in the office of the Martin County Chapter of the Red Cross here, was the of all types of tobacco of poor Hollidays having asked the return

a short time ago. Home Service Director Mrs. Ed-

ported to have developed in recent days, after sales boomed to na Laughinghouse will gladly as- the highest level of the year the

The office, located on the third ment when questioned.

A. F. of L. Agency contacted the said. managers of the Williamston

office worker, caterpillar opera-Lumber Company Wednesday the Open New Studio strike threat was suggested if the company should refuse to sign a cook, stationary boiler fireman, union contract. One of the owners pointed out that he was unchinist II, auto parts clerk, and able to understand how a strike

trical construction, highway, log-Mr. Sexton states that the above

do it our way." are chiefly Martin County open-

State of North Carolina as report-

for those interested in Civil Service jobs, the office recieves a list

were about the lowest of the seas- ing Eastern United States. It should be remembered that it is Light sales were reported on useless to seek any of the posimost of the markets along the bor- tions unless the applicant possesder in this State due to the fact es the occuational background to that in some areas hardly more match the existing openings.

than half of the crop has been harvested. However, the sales, Cooperative To war period and with the price Meet August 28 trend a bit more uncertain, at-

of the markets. Quite a few interested persons, including tobacconists, farmers and others, attended the opening sales from this

Indefinite and somewhat conweek by John Marshall, director of public relations.

der this week relative to the qual-Similar meetings have been ity of the crop there. It was statheld already in the western part ed by some that the quality was of the state where record attendgood, but hardly up to the record ance figures were reported. M. of last year. Other reports de-G. Mann, general manager, credclared that the opening day sales ited the increase in attendance on some markets were made up quality except there were no tips

1947 General Assembly." A program for the meeting has to be present.

of the county schools that day. (Continued on page eight)

and workers would offer no com- said. "We were just about through 'cooking' the tobacco When the representatives of the when the fire started," the owner

Here This Week

Operating under the firm name could be called when no contract of Royal Photographic Center, existed, and the union representa- Messrs. William Tetterton and tive was quoted as saying, "We'll David Hillen are opening a modern studio in the Harrison build-

The company management ex- ing on North Haughton Street plained that it was understood here next Saturday. In addition that the workers, desiring to join to their regular work in the a union, would go into an election studio, the photographers are prearranged and supervised by the pared to do extensive home pho-National Labor Relations Board tography on short notice. The

so that the workers could choose studio is adequately equipped perience of varying amounts. Also their own bargaining agency. The with modern fixtures and matermanagement pointed out that as ials for making portraits and all far as they could learn no election other types of pictures.

has been arranged. Mr. Tetterton, a native of this Just when the union represen- county, has had twelve years exstrike threat could not be learn- ing worked in Brooklyn prior to teret County. Funcral arrangeed.

Leading citizens of the colored had seventeen years experience in population not directly associated some of the country's largest with industry but acquainted studios.

with some of the organizational **Amvets Are Given** work yesterday expressed the hope that the work would be carried on above board, that no labor **Official Standing** strife would follow. It was also

The Martin County Farmers Co- stated that many employees who operative Exchange will hold its had enjoyed cordial relations with annual meeting in Williamston's the employers over a period of high school building on Thursday, years had refused to participate American Veterans of World War August 28, it was announced this in the unionization movement.

Discussing relations with its vets," are now officially recogniz-(Continued on page eight)

Legion Post Installing

upon the farm meetings to the 8:00 o'clock in the Legion hut on The organization, which was enthusiasm and interest aroused Watts Street, the John Walton formed in 1943, is reported to last spring by the North Carolina Hassell Post will install new of- have more than 120,000 members Merchants Association in its fight ficers for the coming year. A in more than 1,200 posts in fortyon farm cooperatives during the Dutch supper will be served, and eight states. Its major objectives, all members are cordially asked as stated in its charter, are to work for promotion of world

not been announced, but the Ray Galloway, newly elected peace; to work for the preservaschedule, getting under way at State Commander of the Ameri- tion of the American way of life; 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon, will can Legion, of Wilmington, will and to promote legislation and not interefere with the opening install the new officers and ad- measures designed to help veterdress the meeting. ans help themselves.

Frincipal Fasses Will r Stewart, father of Professor B. G. Stewart of the local while the fellow next to him carschools, died suddenly at his home ried a sign proclaiming his need

in Gloucester near Beaufort in of the proper raiment. That this Carteret County Wednesday morning of a heart attack. Despite his advanced age of eighty years. Mr. Stewart was very active until he suffered the attack just a short time before the end. Mrs. Stewart's father, M. W. C. Stallings, died of a heart attack in Arlington, Va., on Thursday of last week.

acquired instruments. Surviving Mr. Stewart are sev-Final plans will be completed at en children, B. G. Stewart of the picnic and meeting on the Williamston, Mrs. D. A. Jarvis of 22nd of this month but opinion ap-Straits, Mrs. Cecil Mason of Newpeared pointing toward a one-day port, Mrs. Wordie Murphy of Radrive with the idea that it could leigh, Mrs. Herbert Phillips of be made more impressive in that Hookerton, Mrs. Clyde Whitehurst of Gloucester and Mrs. John

G. Smith of Fort Myers, Fla. Principal and Mrs. Stewart and sons left Wednesday for Carments had not been made at that By Hail and Wind locating here. His associate has time, and could not be learned here Thursday.

SPEAKS . . . THE RECORD

Trailing the 1946 figures by By a recent act of Congress proa wide margin for some time, viding a national charter, the the 1947 acident record reflected a fairly rapid closing II, popularly termed the "Amof the gap last week when five wrecks were reported on ed and hold "legal status equal to the highways of this county. So far, motorists have been considerate of life and limb as compared with the recklessness recorded in the first

31 weeks of 1946. 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.

31st Week Accidents Inj'd Killed Dam'ge 1947 5 1 0 \$ 1,260 0 0 -1946 3 1947 71 32

350 **Comparisons To Date** 3 15,785 3 19,650 67 1946 80

Tobacco Damaged A freakish storm, bordering on little tornado, struck and badly damaged several tobacco crops in the Farm Life section of Griffins Township last Monday shortly before noon.

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Rain, described as about the heaviest ever seen there, fell for about thirty minutes, and the hail and wind fell hardly more than a minute or two about fifteen minutes after the rain started. Some fields of tobacco were badly punctured by hail, but wind apparently did more damage, ripping two or three leaves from the stalks and leaving others broken and badly battered.

The damage was limited to a comparatively few farms, centering mainly on those owned by Fenner and Rufus Hardison, W. B. Harrington and State Rober-

son. According to Mr. Harrington he peanut crop apparently was damaged to come extent by the heavy rain and wind. "The bunch tops were blown down almost to the ground; but most of them reared their heads a short time later," the farmer said.-

that of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans and Officers Monday Night the United Spanish War Veterans, the only other veterans' groups

Meeting next Monday night at holding Congressional charters."