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Last Quarter Liquor Sales Break-Records

PEANUT QUOTAS

North Carolina has been al-

lotted 225,702 acres of peanuts

under the quota system estab-

lished for the 1948 crop year,

accoding to unofficial but re-

liable information received

last week. The new quota is

about 50,000 acres below the

plantings reported by the

eleven main peanut producing

counties in the State in 1944.

The national allotment is ap-

proximately 600,00 acres less

than the plantings in 1944.

North Carolina once number-

ed at the top in peanut pro-

duction, rates hardly ten per-

have not yet been determin-

ed, they will be fixed within a

Twelve Marriages

Mill Grinds Out Even Doz-

en Divorces In Less

Than One Hour

ing time shattered forever the

James E. Strawbridge from Be-

nita Strawbridge. The court rul-

ed that the defendant is to have

permanent custody of a child,

To State Prison

porting the child.

short time.

Quotas for the counties

cent of the 1948 allotment.

Total Of \$3.704,957 Spent For Liquor Since July In 1935

Sales Last Quarter \$2,000 Larger Than They Were One Year Ago

Legal liquor sales in Martin County for the second quarter this year were the largest for any corresponding period in the history of the stores, according to a quarterly audit just recently released by the Martin Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. Reporting a gross income of \$157,994.75 in the three months of April, May and June, the board pointed out that total sales since the stores were opened in July, 1935, amounted to \$3,704,957.55.

Sales last quarter were just about \$2,000 larger than the record sales reported in the corresponding months of 1946. Profits Wrecked Thursday 291.46 and boosted the total net income received since 1935 to \$893.889.63.

Completing the fiscal year last June 30, the stores sold over \$811,-000 worth of liquor during the period, the sales representing about one-fourth of the total for the twelve years the stores have been in operation.

At the end of last June the Board had assets in the sum of \$91,766.15, including \$41,924.43 in cranked up its divorce mill and in eash, \$49,828.07 in inventories, less than an hour of actual workand \$13.65 fixed assets. Liabilities were listed, \$8,482.80 accounts bonds of matrimony between a and towns, \$22,502.73 reserve for law enforcement, and \$12,000 sur-

sales were \$6.094.61 for the quar- week before, ter, including salaries and wages, \$3,097.50; rent, \$366.00; store supplies, \$12.79; heat, water and two-year separation grounds. No lights, \$41.60; building and equip- licenses for remarriage were imment repairs, \$41.05. Administra- mediately issued in this county tive and general expenses amount- to the freed parties, a review of ed to \$2,534.27, including saiaries Register of Deeds J. Sam Get- higher prices generally affected for warehouse, office and admin- singer's license registry showed. istrative, \$615; insurance premium, \$14; stationery and office tion, divorces were granted to the supplies, \$937.45; telephone and following: telegraph, \$20.20; travel and hotel, \$70.50; retirement, \$256.20; audit Lilley. The court was advised by and legal, \$75.00; federal and state the plaintiff that a child born to and poorest thin nondescript. licenses, \$195; drayage, \$331.69.

A review of the sales for the grandmother, but supported by ly. corresponding quarters in 1946 him. and 1947 shows that the gross income varied a bit. Williamston reported an increase of nearly \$5,-000 and Oak City gained about \$1,500. Sales decreased in the stores at Robersonville and Jamesville, as the following figures show the court that the plaintiff is supfor the quarters ending June 30, 1946 and 1947:

	1946	1947
W'mston	\$ 82,810.00	\$ 87,306.10
R'ville	37,482.70	35,389.7
Oak City	18,507.20	19.920.40
Jamesville	16,824.20	 15,378.5

\$155.624.20 \$157.994.75 While sales decreased in two stores only one showed a smaller profit last quarter than it did a year ago, according to a review of net income for the periods, as fol-

	1946	1947	16
W'mston	\$18,730.38	\$21,701.12	ľ
R'ville	8,093.55	8,319.72	
Oak City	3,990.54	4,719.67	1
Jamesville	3,600.12	3,550.46	3
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The profit pie was cut as fol-429.55: Reserve for law enforcement, \$1,243.10; Town of Williamston, \$2,718.65; Town of Rob-

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Father Of Williamston

Mr. James B. Jernigan, a native and did not make the trip to Ral- perty in dispute. of Bertie County and father of eigh. Wooten, calling on Caora Mrs. P. O. Holloman of Williams Little for \$1,000 bond, paid \$400 sessions, the petition of Calvin was in Woodlawn Cemetery. ton, died in Duke Hospital at 4:00 for the remainder of the \$400 Ayers and others, calling for the o'clock yesterday morning. He bond and gained his freedom, tem- idssolution of the Roanoke Tobachad been a patient in the hospital porarily at least, last Friday, co Warehouse Company, incor-

ducted in the Mars Hill Church ally made satisfactory arrange- Nashville on October 11 at 9:30 County Agent D. W. Brady was day but no one was hurt. Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 ments to gain his freedom pend- o'clock. o'clock and interment will be in ing action on his appeal to the Most of the other civil cases on ing and was expected to return Saturday was about as heavy as ed \$100 and taxed with the cost. ed among others from this county the Colerain Cemetery.

Leaf Sales Well Over Six Million On Local Market

Prices Paid Yesterday Were **Highest Since Early** September

a noticeable upward trend in ed right on up to \$40 per hundred at the plant. the latter part of the week on the figure yesterday when approxifor an average right at \$42 per tract will be closely observed. nundred pounds.

While it is estimated that 40 percent of the crop has been sold in gress in unionizing local industry. few days ago. A written warning. the belt, it is believed that between fifty and sixty percent of at the plant of the Williamston away fom his job, was found on a group holding forth in the reguthe leaf has moved out of the growers' hands in this immediate

Centering considerable attention on the peanut harvest, farmers in this section are not marketing their tobacco as rapidly as In Superior Court they did at one time. However full-day sales have been main tained almost without interrup tion on the market here.

Company prices yesterday and today moved on up to the highest figures of the season, the Ameri-Completing the trial of criminal can paying sixty cents right along cases at 4:00 o'clock last Thurs- while the Export went as high as day afternoon, the Martin County 62 cents per pound for the best Superior Court immediately grades.

> A report, covering activities on the eastern markets, follows:

Eastern North Carolina fluecured tobacco prices rose to the payable, \$48,780.62 due county dozen couples. Five other divorce highest levels of the season durcases were carried over when the ing the fifth week of sales. According to the United States and court's operating schedule was thrown out of gear by Judge North Carolina Departments of Expenses exclusive of cost of Clawson L. Williams's illness the Africulture practically all grades showed increases ranging from \$1 to \$5 per hundred. In comparison Most of the divorces went to white couples and were based on smoking leaf picked up \$1 to \$5, cutters \$1 to \$2 and lugs and primings from \$1 to \$4. The gains were chiefly at \$2 and \$3. While all qualities, the largest advances ing leaf, and lugs. Top cutters and some fair green leaf were firm H. B. Liley from Ruby Bennett while the only declines were for common green leaf (lemon side) the union was with its maternal These were 50c and \$1, respective-

> Despite the higher grade averages the 42,734,105 pounds sold for a general average of \$40.01. This was only \$1.86 above the previous week's return, heid to this minimum by the increases in the James Murray Strawbridge, born amount of leaf grades marketed. to the union. It was explained to The volume was around 11 mil-(Continued on Page Seven)

Catherine Stokes from William **Consent Judgments** (Continued from Page Six) In Superior Court Carry Prisoners

Even though overwhelmed by a long, drawn-out criminal docket, the Martin County Superior Court Four of the six persons, convict- last week managed to pass on coned and sentenced by Judge Claw- sent judgments in several civil son Williams in the Martin Coun- cases.

ty Superior Court last week, are Settled by agreement, the case now paying their debt to society of Ben D. Courtney against Mrs. J. P. Fleming was cleared from Deputy Murray Holloman deliv- the docket when the defendant ered Harold Clark, Charlie Lewis agreed to vacate certain property and Matthew Williams to State's on or before next January 1.

Prison in Raleigh last Friday. William Thomas Cullipher, Jr. Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Cpl. T. injured when the truck in which Fearing delivered William Kirk- he was riding was struck by a pleasure out of fishing and handllows: Martin County, \$18,895.05; man to the prison Saturday morn- train at a crossing on the old Ev- ing team, was born in Williams-State of North Carolina, \$13 .- ing early. Clark is serving 18 eretts-Williamston Road last Ocmonths to three years; Lewis, 12 tober 3, agreed to a \$400 settleto three years, and William Kirk- against the Atlantic Coast Line man, eighteen to twenty years. Railroad Company. The suit was John D. Wooten, sentenced to brought through his next friend,

serve seven to ten years, and W. T. Cullipher, Sr. Webb Ward, drawing a three-to- In the case of Wesley Davis are appealing to the higher courts ordered a survey be made of pro-

Ward encountered some difficulty porated, was set for a hearing be-Funeral services will be con- in raising his \$5.000 bond, but fin- fore Judge Walter J. Bone in of an eye infection, Assistant highway near Robersonville Sun-

the calendar were continued.

Contract With The Union Last Term Session

pany, operating one of the largest rushing at this season, have abplants in this section, signed a! Williamston's tobacco market District 50, United Mine Workers liamston Lumber Company plant went well over the six million- of the American Federation of is gradually returning to a norpound mark yesterday with prices Labor. The terms of the contract mal operating schedule. The compushing to the highest figure since were not immediately disclosed, pany's big mill was operated last After holding to price averages gotiations were advanced after an operations. However, quite a few in the middle thirties week before amicable fashion. The contract, of the plant workers switched to last, the market last week started covering wages, hours and work- peanut fields this week but with

market here and went over that into between a locally-owned and believe operations will go forward locally-operated plant and a unmately 240,000 pounds were sold ion, and operations under the con- the plant owners said,

ployment figures. However, other gated, it was learned.

The W. I. Skinner Tobacco Com-Lindustry and farm operations. independent tobacco redrying sorbed most of the workers formrly employed at the basket plant.

Its operations interrupted by a union contract last week-end with strike two weeks ago, the Wilbut it was reported that the ne- week and plans call for continued ing conditions, was executed with- the intention of returning as soon prices. The daily averages push- out an interruption of operations as the peanut harvest is completed. "We have reorganized our It is the first contract entered forces, filling all key positions and

> So far the union forces have either from the union or union made comparatively little pro- members, were heard here just a which is now in its eighth week, been verbally advanced against have been noticeable in unem- plant workers, are being investi-

smoothly in a short time," one of

First Traffic Moved Over New River Bridge Saturday

o'clock for about four hours when trash, floating down the stream, threatened to tear the temporary bridge from its moorings. The emergency over, traffic was re- turers, and just about all the conrouted over the temporary struc- crete work with the exception of

His name could not be learned but a Virginian, driving a Buick bridge connects with the main car, was the first to travel over structure on the Bertie County the new bridge, and from that side time until about 4:00 o'clock between four and five hundred vehicles passed over the structure.

ready about two months behind great length of time.

The new Roanoke River bridge | schedule, are planning to pour the here was opened to traffic last concrete flooring on the bridge to-Saturday afternoon at 12:05 morrow and it isn't likely that traffic will be allowed on the bridge witin two weeks. Steel traffic barriers, operated by compressed air, are being installed by representatives of the manufacthe floor on the bridge span and a few spans where the detour

HIGH WATER

High water in the Roanoke is expected to turn squirrel and deer hunters back when the season formally opens next Monday, October 6. There'll be some hunting on the hills and ridges, but the swamps have too much water to invite the hunters.

The Roanoke, now breaking over the banks, is expected to add about one more foot before it reaches a crest day after tomorrow.

Charles Gurganus Dies In Hospital

Charlie Gurganus, local fisherman, died in a Washington hospital last Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock following an illness typhus fever about two weeks ago Missionary Baptist minister. In- again last year. while working in and around a terment was in Woodlawn Cemelocal mule exchange, and that tery here at 4:30 that afternoon. with complications resulted in

Mr. Gurganus, a diligent worker who seemed to get a great deal of ton on January 5, 1880, the son of the late Virgil A. and Nancy Ray life here, living at peace with his week-end.

One brother, Henry G. Gurganus, of Greenville survives. Funeral services were conduct-

IMPROVING IN HOSPITAL

al Bantist Church. .. Interment

reported yesterday to be improvto his home here shortly.

It is possible that the high wat er will delay the electricians in their work to some extent. However, the contractors are expected pleted and it will be several more to open the new draw span to trafweeks before it is formally open- fic and operate it by hand if the ed to traffic. The contractors, al- electrical work is delayed for any

Paul Taylor Dies In Rocky Mount

years.

He was a son of the late Archie judge said. and Victoria Ward Taylor of this

Todd of Kinston. Funeral services were conduct-

Two Minor Wrecks On County Roads

No one was hurt but a mule was badly injured in auto mishaps on to 15 years, Williams, 18 months ment in his \$2,500 damage suit Gurganus. He spent his entire Martin County highways last

Driving south on Highway 17 Dillon Thomas Rogerson plowed into a pack of mules at Skewarkey church about midnight Satur-Citizen Dies In Hospital five-year term for manslaughter, against R. A. Critcher, the court ed last Friday afternoon at the day. One of the animals had a rear Judge Williams told Lewis. Ordinarily members of the jury graveside at 2:30 o'clock by Dr. leg broken, and the owner, Mack Ira D. S. Knight, pastor of the lo- Bowen, was advised to have the ous youth, and it is the earnest others had broken out of their those laws both for white and col- County woman drawn for jury owner's lot about two miles away. Approximately \$75 damage was Entering a Durham hospital done to the Rogerson Pontiac car.

last week-end for the treatment | Two cars scraped fenders on a Traffic moving to the games liquor laws, Ralph Suggs was fin- ler, Sr., and Hoke Roberson serv-

Chas. Lewis Given Fifteen Years for Attack and Rape Attempt Its first week called off on ac-

count of the illness of Judge Clawson L. Williams, the Martin County Superior Court folded its tent prematurely late last Thursday afternoon when it was explained that the presiding jurist had a habeas corpus hearing scheduled in Lee County the following morning. But the court did not quit until it had meted out prison sentences totalling fifty-nine years and cleared the docket of all "jail cases."

Getting its second wind Thursday, the court started turning out cases in pairs. It was one of the few times that two juries were out They have interrupted operations advising a truck driver to remain at the same time deliberating, one Package Manufacturing Com- windshield of a truck on the plant lar jury room and the other depany, and the effects of the strike yard. Other threats, said to have bating the issues of another case in the court antercom.

A final accounting was held just before the court completed the trial of the criminal docket that afternoon at 4:00 o'clock and S. shortly before the divorce mill was cranked up for rapid opera-

Walter Lee Wilkins, charged with attempted breaking and enyears, Judge Williams warning a motive for the tragic act. him that if he drank any liquor or violated any criminal law he tol with the hammer missing, Outwould be sent to the roads to terbridge tied a piece of wire serve the term. Wilkins was the only person to be favored with a against the bullet cap and ulsed a probationary term.

nan charged with breaking and the body. entering and the larceny of clothes from the Blue Star Cleaners in officers investigated the killing Williamston last Easter, was sen- which took place at the home of tenced to prison for not less than Outterbridge's parents, George than three years. The young Bailey farm a short distance off got a sympathetic response from road. No evidence of foul play could send you to prison for ten members of the family, Coroner years, but I don't want to do Biggs ruled a formal inquest unthat," the jurist said, turning his necessary. "It was the second head while meditating half min- suicide among the colored populaute or so. "The law is the best tion in this county in a long numfriend you have. All that you do ber of years," Coroner Biggs said. or hope to do, the law protects A longshoreman, Outterbridge Paul Alle nTaylor, a native of you and your rights. If you work had been working in Norfolk for Martin County, died at his home, and earn money the law protects several years, but returned home 612 Paul Street, Rocky Mount, last your earnings against thieves and about two months ago. One re-Wednesday night at 9:50 o'clock, robbers. But you have tried to port intimated that there might He had been in declining health tear down what offers you protec- have been family troubles and he and unable to work for about five tion. Your crime was not one of left his wife in the Virginia city. impulse but a planned one," the It was reliably learned that he

Clark, talking to the court, told county, and moved with them to how he had asked to be sentenced Rocky Mount about thirty years to the roads in Warren County for ago. He was married to Miss thirty days, but declared he did Mamie Bryant of Nash County not know why he made such a reand she survives with two chil- quest. He was booked for vagdren, Allan Lee Taylor, and Vel- rancy. He also told the judge that Called For Jury ma Lee Taylor, of the home, a he was sentenced to the roads for brother, Herbert To, to S. Locky two years for breaking and en-

Mount; and three sisters, Mrs. J. tering, that he was given an op-A. Summers and Mrs. F. A. Paris portunity to go to a reformatory. of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. Pearl After four months and some rough treatment there he ran away.

James Walker, Jr., charged with the larceny of Dr. E. E. Early's automobile last July 4, was sentenced to the roads for six months when he was adjudged guilty.

Booked for an assault and attempted rape, Charles Lewis was found guilty as charged and Judge Williams sentenced him to hard labor in State's Prison for not less than twelve and not more than fifteen years. The judgment specified that the convicted man is to Judge Gilliam was most accomwear stripes.

"You are fortunate in that you. "There are laws to protect virtudesire of the court to enforce ored citizens," the judge said, add- duty in the federal courts. ing that the records will show that the colored citizen's rights teer fireman, was excused on that have been protested.

charging him with violating the Thurman Nicholson, W. J. Mil-Suggs's fine was the only one im- as members of the jury this week.

Local Tobacco Firm Signs Superior Court In Hospital For County Late on Thursday Discussed at Meeting

PAY DAY

Wednesday of this week is pay day for Martin County's more than 200 school teachers, reports stating that the total salaries will set an all-time record for size.

Drawing \$213.33 gross salaries last year, teachers holding A certificates and with eleven years experience are receiving a gross check of \$241.00 this term. The net check last year was \$180; this year it is \$198.00, an actual increase of money in hand of \$18. The increase is about the same for teachers holding other types of certificates.

Young Negro Man **Ends His Life At Home Of Parents**

T. Outterbridge Had Been In Declining Health Recently

S. T. Outterbridge, 36-year-old colored man, ended his life at the tering, pleaded guilty of forcible home of his parents near Wilrespass, and he was sentenced to liamston last Friday afternoon at the roads for from eighteen 1:30 o'clock by firing a bullet months to two years. He was through his heart. He died within placed on probation for three ten minutes and without offering

Using a .32 calibre Spanish pis around the weapon, fitted a nail small machinist's hammer to fire Harold Clark, 20-year-old white the missile which tore through Coroner S. R. Biggs and county

eighteen months and not more Outterbridge and wife, on the

had experienced declining health for some time.

Last Friday, Outterbridge walked through the kitchen of his par-(Continued on page seven)

duty in the federal district court Captured nine months later, he at Washington this week, Mrs. N. of about two weeks' duration. He ed at the home Friday afternoon paid his debt to society on a road C. Green of Williamston was exis believed to have contracted at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Casey, gang but got into society's debt cused by Judge Donnell Gilliam yesterday noon, but not until she had stood by several hours for

> Asked by Marshall Ford Worthy if she wanted to serve on the jury Mrs. Green explained that she preferred to be excused. The marshall called the case to the attention of Judge Gilliam who asked if she had an excuse. Mrs. Green explained that she had no legitimate excuse but since she was the only woman on the jury she would like to be excused. modating and Mrs. Green returned home but not until she had were not on trial for your life," been remunerated for her time. receive about \$8 for travel and

a day in entries Mrs. Green was the first Martin

Wheeler Manning, local volunaccount when he reported yester-Pleading guilty in the case day at the direction of the court.

Rodman Addresses Civic Club Group Thursday Evening

Suggests Naming of Committee To Study Needs And Act Soon

Addressing the Williamston Lions Club and special guests of the club here last Thursday evening, State Senator W. B. Rodman discussed North Carolina's Medical Care Commission's hospital program ,and suggested a committee be named in this county to make a study of hospital needs and take action without further delay. Enjoying a delicious turkey dinner, the large group, including special representatives from other organizations in the ounty, was told frankly that the old country doctor is rapidly disappearing from the modern-day scene, that there is a well-advanced trend to hospital practice and that Martin County is relatively high on the priority list for a hospital

Mr. Rodman, a member of the State Medical Care Commission, stressed the need for more hosand, while not an agent of any inpeople of Martin County to subscribe more extensively to hospital insurance, declaring that the proposed hospital program would be dependent upon a large cover-

opened the meeting and introduced Lion Clarence Griffin who well comed the visitors and pointed out that North Carolina had appropriated much money for medical care and that the people should acquaint themselves with the program. He introduced the speak-

white man's talk and appearance the old Greenville-Williamston address the group, Senator Rodman referred to the public health Judge Williams. "Young man, I was found and after questioning as an acute problem. "Each age a difefrent problem." the speaker said, referring briefly to the old Elizabethean and Victorian periods. "Today, we are in a scientific period. Two years ago the atomic bomb fell on Hiroshima. The federal government is spending large sums of money to encourage the study of scientific problems," the

Continuing he said, "All of this

speaker said.

has a tremendous amount to do with the question before us now. Forty years ago in Beaufort County medical doctors were scattered around every ten or twelve miles. In Martin County you had doctors in Jamesville, Williamston, Everetts, Robersonville and Hamilton. A doctor in those days could cover only eight or ten miles In Federal Court practice. Patients died because and he had to handle all kinds of they did not know what they were suffering with. Treatment was confined to the home in a large percentage of the cases,' Rodman said, pausing to pay tribute to the country doctor, "No finer citizens ever lived than the country doctors. Their memory will live long for what they did. In rain or snow, hot or cold weather they went to the individual homes and they did a marvelous job. But science is changing all that. The X-ray machine was invented, and many other scientific instruments and drugs have followed. Today, when one is ill he goes through a physical examination, calling for a dozen different kinds of tests.

"That kind of treatment cannot be had in the home because the costs are prohibitive. The medical universities say it must be done scientifically, that the doctor must have adequate equipment to make tests and determine what

he nationt is suffering from Briefly recalling the progress made by medical science in the past century, the speaker told about the death of President Calvin Coolidge's son. "Today, modern drugs would have had the boy well and out of the hospital in 48 hours. Penicillin first was effective for only three hours, Now it

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any ever seen here.