

Legal Whiskey Sales Continue Downward

Total Of \$5,329,266 Spent For Liquors Since July In 1935

Sales Last Quarter Are Under \$100,000 For First Time In Six Years

Legal liquor sales, maintaining a downward trend for several years, fell below the \$100,000 figure during the first three months of this year for the first time since 1944, and are about one-third the size of the sales recorded in the last quarter of 1946 when the total stood at \$279,578.90. During the period ending last March 31, sales in the legal stores amounted to \$98,260.55, and profits for the period were figured at \$21,764.23.

In the first quarter of last year the sales amounted to \$134,146.70, and profits amounted to \$30,318.14.

It is possible that there is a switch from the legal brands to the rural brands, the move coming in the name of economy.

According to the quarterly audit just recently released, the cost of liquors amounted to \$71,044.52, leaving a gross profit of \$27,216.03. Operating expenses amounted to \$5,561.14.

As of March 31, the ABC Board had \$19,578.18 in cash on hand, \$35,502.30 inventory, and fixed assets in the amount of \$435.85. Liabilities were listed, accounts payable, \$13,963.82; due towns and county, \$12,070.67; reserve for law enforcement, \$17,481.84 and surplus, \$12,000.00.

The \$21,764.23 in profits were divided as follows: Martin County, \$9,053.15; State of North Carolina, \$8,352.15; reserve for law enforcement, \$1,341.21; town of Williamston, \$1,586.19; town of Robersonville, \$563.57; town of Oak City, \$207.46; town of Jameville, \$198.41; town of Hamilton, \$176.91; town of Parmele, \$142.59; town of Everetts, \$89.78; town of Hassell, \$52.81.

Profits for the first quarter, this year, are compared with those of the first quarter in 1949, as follows, by stores:

| | 1949 | 1950 |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|
| Williamston | \$17,394.22 | \$12,270.80 |
| Robersonville | 7,244.64 | 5,501.18 |
| Oak City | 3,880.39 | 2,750.61 |
| Jameville | 1,864.89 | 1,241.64 |

A comparison of sales for the first quarters in 1949 and 1950 follows, by stores:

| | 1949 | 1950 |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| W'mston | \$73,581.95 | \$52,512.35 |
| R'snville | 32,999.95 | 25,643.35 |
| Oak City | 17,685.40 | 12,861.20 |
| Jameville | 9,879.40 | 7,243.65 |

A review of sales and profits from the time the stores were opened in July, 1935, follows, by quarters:

| Quarter Ending | Sales | Profits |
|----------------|-------------|------------|
| Sept., '35 | \$22,446.35 | \$2,743.11 |
| Dec., '35 | 37,379.29 | 9,887.99 |
| Mar., '36 | 25,274.96 | 5,100.24 |
| June, '36 | 21,584.05 | 3,425.70 |
| Sept., '36 | 27,864.59 | 5,619.93 |
| Dec., '36 | 44,727.00 | 11,661.14 |
| Mar., '37 | 29,771.20 | 6,563.07 |
| June, '37 | 31,640.93 | 4,484.77 |
| Sept., '37 | 30,259.05 | 2,854.43 |
| Dec., '37 | 56,179.40 | 16,224.82 |
| Mar., '38 | 33,325.62 | 7,694.35 |

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Funeral Held For Mrs. Annie York

Graveside services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. E. R. Shuller, local Methodist minister, for Mrs. Annie Bernard York, 67, who died near here Tuesday morning. Interment was held in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Mrs. York, widow of John W. York, was a native of Suffolk, Virginia, but lived in this county a number of years, including several spent in Oak City Community. She leaves no immediate relatives.

Thirteen Speeders Booked For Trial In County's Court

Dog Round-Up In County Is About Completed; Cases Aired In Court

Thirteen speeders on the highways and streets in this area were cited to the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday. Most of them, holding their speed down around 65 miles per hour, were only required to pay the trial costs of \$22.05. A few were fined, and one, facing a dual charge, was fined \$65, plus costs.

Helman Eilan Allen, Raleigh ball player, charged with speeding and failing to stop for a red light, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

John Ben Hardison of Farmville, charged with speeding and violating the liquor laws, was fined \$65.

Speeding along at 70 miles per hour, Jacob Rosen of Norfolk was fined \$15 and required to pay the costs.

James Floyd Wilson, Jr., of Bethel was fined \$15, plus costs, for running 75 miles an hour.

The following were required to pay the trial costs when they appeared in court on charges of speeding, but not in excess of 65 miles an hour:

Jesse Worth Potter of Colonial Heights, Va., Donald Burton Briley of Route 2, Bethel, Joseph Timothy Baldree of Farmville, Sylvester McNeil, Jr., of Route 1, Oak City, Nicholas A. Shahood of Brooklyn, Gregory S. Morrisette of New York City, Lester R. Jones of Norfolk, Henry Gray Corey of Route 2, Williamston, Julius J. Williams of Williams-ton.

Local Guardsmen To Camp Aug. 6th

The local unit of the National Guard, the last unit organized in 150 AAA Gun Battalion, is to go to camp August 6 to 20, according to announcement by the commanding officer who also reports that there is a strong possibility that the enrollment in the unit will be increased substantially from its present 58 shortly after the first of July.

All persons interested in joining the guard are urged to contact the commanding officer, Capt. E. S. Peel, Jr., at his law office, or apply at the unit headquarters so that they can get their names on the list of candidates for enrollment and a lot of detail work will be behind them when the enlarged enrollment becomes possible.

An effort is also to be made to have an armory constructed here. The two units organized immediately prior to the one in Williamston are already making arrangements for armory construction. The building would be so arranged as to take care of public meetings and provide for various indoor sports, particularly basketball.

A new list of sergeants and corporals was announced this week also. Headed by Master Sergeant Leslie T. Fowden, they are: Ser-

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County Court Heard Forty Cases Monday

APPROVED

Meeting in special session here Tuesday afternoon, a committee of the Martin County Board of Education tentatively approved contracts for the construction of a second story to the Williamston High School Building. After slashing various items, including the elimination of composition floors and other items, the board committee explained that the over-all contract cost stood at \$59,662. The figure is about \$10,000 more than the cost of the first floor, but several thousand below the original contract bids.

School officials said this morning that the Building Fund Committee of the State Board of Education was approving very few projects, and in those cases only to relieve congestion in classrooms.

Patrol Reports May Activities

North Carolina highway patrolmen averaged approximately 128 miles per day per patrolman during the month of May, the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles reported today.

The Patrol traveled 1,671,363 miles during May as compared with 1,687,504 traveled during April.

Averaging approximately 10 hours on duty per patrolman, the Patrol spent 141,568 hours on duty during the month as compared with 141,928 in April. A total of 30,989 lights were corrected on the 103,479 vehicles inspected. Light tickets were issued in 800 cases and equipment tickets in 3,614.

Fifty-one persons were killed and 812 were injured in the 1,407 accidents investigated by the Patrol.

A total of 7,990 arrests were made with 7,400 defendants found guilty of violations and sentenced to 148 years, nine months and 11 days. Six hundred and thirty-six persons were found not guilty. Drunken driving accounted for 621 arrests.

Six hundred and ninety-four vehicles were weighed and 279 were found overloaded.

Sixty-three stolen cars and contents, valued at \$48,290.24, were recovered and returned to owners. A total of 15,325 courtesies were extended, with first aid rendered in 17 cases and fires extinguished in one case.

A total of 234 more complaints were investigated during May than in April, the number for May being 7,162, and for April, 6,928. Warning tickets were issued in 3,595 cases. Driver's licenses inspected numbered 113,463.

The Patrol brought in \$324,619.43 in May, including the value of stolen property returned to owners. Of the amount, \$175,390.03 was in fines turned over to county school funds and \$96,229.40 was in other funds.

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THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

Even though vacation travel has been comparatively heavy, only one serious accident was reported on the highways in this county during the past two weeks. A special warning is being issued to July 4 holiday travelers—drive safely and be alive on the fifth.

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.

| 24th Week | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|----|---|----------|
| Accidents In'd Killed Dam'ge | 1950 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| 1950 | 1 | 2 | 0 | \$ 400 |
| 1949 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1,050 |
| Comparisons To Date | | | | |
| 1950 | 70 | 37 | 0 | \$16,150 |
| 1949 | 53 | 25 | 2 | 13,255 |

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Justices Of Peace Heard Few Cases In Recent Days

One Defendant Fined \$65 In Combination Case Last Monday

Among the few cases heard in the local justice of peace courts during the past few days were several charging violation of the law requiring immunization of dogs against rabies. Reports state that while hundreds of citations were issued, comparatively few cases actually reached the courts. Most of the owners either disposed of their dogs or had them vaccinated.

Charged with not complying with the dog vaccination law, David Stancill, Herman Lilley, and Eddie Hardison were sentenced to jail by Justice Chas. R. Mobley for ten days. The jail terms were suspended upon the payment of the costs and on condition that they dispose of or have their dogs vaccinated. It was pointed out that Hardison had had his dog vaccinated, but not until a warrant was issued.

Lloyd Price, charged with violating the dog vaccination law, proved in court that he had complied with the Law, that he forgot to report to the inspector and the case against him was dismissed.

Although hundreds of citations were issued, directing owners to have their dogs vaccinated or killed, very few warrants have been served in the county.

Charged with simple assault, Carroll and Ed G. Price were said to have engaged in a dangerous practice when they threw young boys who could not swim into an old swimming hole near Jamesville. Warned against the practice, they were taxed with the costs by Justice Mobley.

Frank Simmons was taxed with the cost by Justice Mobley on a simple assault charge. In Justice R. T. Johnson's court, T. M. McDaniel, charged with failing to stop at a stop sign, was taxed with \$5.85 costs.

Charged with being drunk and disorderly, Dallas and Laverne Godard, Alexander Walker and Margaret Sauers were each fined \$10, plus \$6.85 costs by Justice Johnson.

County Native Dies In Bertie

Mrs. Ercel Raynor Roebuck, 42, died suddenly at her home near Roxobel Monday afternoon of a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted in the Primitive Baptist Church at Spring Green yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastors, Elder W. E. Grimes and Elder E. C. Stevenson. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Roebuck was born and spent her early life in this county, marrying Mr. Leamon Roebuck and moving to Bertie County twenty years or more ago.

Surviving besides her husband are nine children, Mrs. C. B. Ayers of Williamston, Mrs. Fred Joyner O'Neal, Janice, and Alice, Billy, Arthur, Steve, and John William, all of the home; one sister, Mrs. Henry Keel of Robersonville; four brothers, Dawson of New Bern, Alton of Plymouth, F. P. and Milton Raynor of Williamston and her mother, Mrs. Mamie Raynor of Williamston.

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Youth Loses Life In Municipal Pool Here

HOLIDAY

Patrons of local business firms are again reminded that there'll be a general holiday in the ole town next Tuesday, July 4, for the observance of Independence Day. The closing Tuesday will not alter the half-day holiday schedule in effect each Wednesday afternoon.

Since the Fourth falls on publication day, The Enterprise will not have an issue that day, and the office will be closed all day Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Making Progress On Road Project In Martin County

Brown Paving Company Is Pushing Paving In Oak City-Everetts Link

Contracting officials reported excellent progress yesterday in the construction of a new roadway from Everetts to Hamilton-Palmyra, a \$165,000 project which will give Martin county residents another paved link for travel, school bus use, and mail delivery.

About 25 men are now employed on the job, which was started in late April. Lowest of six bidders at \$165,142.70, the Brown Paving Company of Lexington, a member of the Carolinas branch, Associated General Contractors of America, holds the contract award.

Other bids received ranged upward to more than \$190,000. Under contract, the Brown company is bonded to complete the grading, asphalt surfacing, drainage within 170 working days.

The new stretch will cover 16.4 miles, utilizing sections of N. C. Highway 125 as connecting links. From Everetts the road will run to N. C. 125, and into Gold Point; thence northwest to Oak City; and, from a point on N. C. 125 just north of Oak City into Hamilton-Palmyra.

State Highway officials supervising the project are Resident Engineer R. J. Peele, Jr. and Inspector R. J. West, both of Williamston, and Division Engineer W. N. Spruill of Ahoskie.

Life Guard Carter was quoted as saying that he did not see the lad after he reported for duty. While there was a large crowd in the pool during the afternoon many of the children were quitting the pool between 4:30 and 5:00 o'clock for the day.

Coach Maynard of the local high school faculty said the lad's body was almost rigid when taken from the water, and that very little water was found in the lungs.

It was the first death at the pool since it was opened about ten years ago.

Known as Sammy to his many young friends here, the victim of the tragedy was born in Williamston on April 6, 1941, the son of Garland Douglas Jones and Margie Corey Jones. After living a few years on the farm and at Virginia Beach, he returned with his family to Williamston about eighteen months ago and was making his home on the corner of Beech and Harrell Streets. He

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To Sponsor Play On November 29

It is with great pleasure that the Williamston Junior Chamber of Commerce announces the forth coming "Barter Theatre" for entertainment to Williamston. The Barter Theatre presents the finest in musical, educational and cultural programs. In a signed Agreement with the Barter Theatre, the Jaycees will sponsor a play on November 29, 1950. The type will be announced at a later date.

The Barter of Virginia is the first and only state supported professional theatre in the U. S. It is now in its 19th year and is the oldest existing professional repertory company in the U. S. It has also been acclaimed by Life Magazine and several other leading magazines.