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

# THE ENTERPRISE

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## Bookmobile Ends Well-Known Farmer Man Charged With Tobacco Averaging \$55 To \$58 Ninth Successful Ninth Successful Succumbs To Attack Attempt To Break Into Local Home On The Border Markets Today Share In Special Tax Distribution

Lent 175,689 Books During Twelve Months Ending Last June 30

The B H M Regional Book ly by Beaufort, Hyde and Martin Counties' has just completed its ninth successful year of providing free rural library service to the people of this area. This Regional Library is the oldest organization of its kind in the records.

Each month the B H M Booktravels approximately mobile 1500 miles, making 235 regularly scheduled stops, including 25 schools and six public libraries. In addition, it maintains two book collections on the Island of Ocracoke, one at the school and one at the light plant.

Regardless of weather, the Bookmobile is on the road every week day, serving each county in turn. In its nine years service, it has never missed more than eight or nine days because of bad weather or impassable roads.

From July 1, 1949 through June 30, 1950, The Bookmobile lent a total of 175,689 books to the adults and school children of the three counties. These books were drawn from a well-balanced basic collection of 20,899 volumes owned by the Region. 279 new borrowers ofor this service during the past vear

On December 10th, 1949, the Region began a new service to children with a radio story hour over Washington Radio Station WRRF. This has become a regular weekly feature and under the title, "Books are magic" can be heard each Saturday morning at 9:30

Work with Home Demonstra-Clubs, both colored and white, has received special emphasis viding books for the club reading program and for assistance in other phases of club work.

The B H M Bookmobile is a

John A. Hardison **Fatally Hurt By** mobile, shared and operated joint- Mule On Monday

> **Kicked By Animal, Victim** Was Pronounced Dead **Upon Reaching Doctor**

John A. Hardison, well-known state. The length and quality of farmer of the Farm Life comits service are outstanding and munity of Griffins Township, was this year exceeded all previous fatally kicked by a mule there Monday morning. Struck once in the chest and a second time in ed.

the stomach, Mr. Hardison was pronounced dead upon arrival at a local doctor's office. Apparently Funeral Saturday the arteries around the heart were damaged, and it is thought he bled to death internally. The farmer was trying to pen

one of the animals started through the stable door, the two rear feet of the animal striking the man squarely. No one witnessed the attack, but Mr. Hardison fastened the stable door latch and walked a few feet to the end of the passageway and crouched

down, holding his hands to his chest and stomach. Mrs. Hardison saw him on the ground and she and a farm hand helped him to the house and laid him down tor, it was apparent that his condition was growing worse rapidly.

After explaining what had happened, he said it was no use for He was unconscious when Mrs. of age. Hardison and the hired hand hour after he was hurt.

her husband. Aulander.

Week-end Fights

At least two persons were in-

tigation Tomorrow

Walter Wilkins, 23, is being held in the county jail for investigation following a reported attempt to break into the D. M. Street here about 9:00 o'clock last Saturday night. No formal charge has been preferred in the case, reports stating that Solici-

He is the son of Mrs. John Perry of Windsor and is married and has one child. He an investigation. is the first maa from the reserve to leave this county for

active service, it was reportthat night.

At Siloam Church

### Mrs. Amanda Moore Modlin Died In Local Hospital Last Thursday

**ANSWERS CALL** 

Herman L. Perry, an offi-

cer in the Air Corps Reserve,

has been called for duty. The

local electrician left here yes-

terday to report at Fort Ma-

con, Ga., later in the week.

The young man has been em-

ployed here for some time by

the Ayers Electric Company.

Mrs. Amanda Moore Modlin, aged Jamesville Township resident, died in the local hospital on the porch. While preparations broken hip in a fall about eight were being made to get to a doc- years ago and had been a semiinvalid since that time. Her condition became serious the early

part of last week and she was removed to the hospital, death bethem to remove him to a doctor. ing attributable to the infirmities

The daughter of the late Har placed him in the car, and died vey and Annie Griffin Moore, she about 9:00 o'clock or within an was born in Williams Township 84 years ago and spent her early

A son of the late Seth and life there. In early womanhood Louisa Griffin Hardison, he was she was married to Loden Moore born 60 years ago on September who died a number of years ago. 15, 1889, in Griffins Township Following her marriage she made Library has cooperated by pro- on the farm where he lived all her home in Jamesville Townhis life. On April 6, 1933, he was ship, living with her brother most married to Miss Alma Howard of of the time after the death of

Mr. Hardison was a veteran of Mrs. Modlin was a faithful World War I, returning to the member of the Jamesville Chritold home farm in March, 1919, ian Church for many years, at-Although a small-scale farmer, he tending its services regularly as Three Resignations Receivtook pride in his work and pro- long as she was able and conduced year after year some of tributing to its support even in the best crops grown in the coun- her adversity.



Roberson home on West Main Big Celebration Will Be Held On the Pamlico at Washington, N. C.

The 160 birthday of the Coast tor George Fountain of Tarboro Guard will be celebrated on the will come here tomorrow to make historical waters of the Pamlico River at Washington on Friday

Questioned by officers, Wilkins of this week. There'll be boat neither admitted nor denied the races, training maneuvers, make crime, declaring that he knew believe ships afire, and man nothing about what happened other spectacular event.

The competition will be keen Removing all his clothing. in- among the different Coast Guard cluding his shoes, Wilkins made groups. The coveted prize of **By Farm Group** average between \$55 and \$58, that and bank deposits. The assesshis way into the back porch and course is the Josephus Daniels was trying to break through the trophy which will be awarded window when members of the by Jonathan Daniels to the winhis two mules and was kicked as For Aged Citizen family heard him. Mrs. Roberson ning crew in the boat races.

dialed the telephone for help, but, Washington will take on a fesaccording to some kind of tele- tive air for the occasion. The phone company ruling, the opera- streets will be bedecked, the wintor could not relay the call for dows decorated, the streets lined help. However, one of the opera- with people. Washington is going tors, completing her work for the all out on this occasion. Nothing night about the time the call was is being left to the imagination.

received, went to the Roberson Coast Guard officials have been home with her husband. They in Washington for several weeks drove their car into the parking, helping with the plans for the last Thursday afternoon at 2:30 lot at Brown's Hospital and shin- gala water carnival. Capt. A. L. munity made a tour of the tobaco'clock following a long period of ed the lights on the back of the Ford, Cheif of Operations Divi- co experiment station at Oxford declining health. She suffered a Roberson home, and saw the man sion, Fifth District, has expressed on Wednesday of last week. The run out and away. Reaching there himself as well pleased with a short time later, officers found the progress made to date. the clothes deserted by the owner. There will be many outstanding

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Seven persons were detained in the county jail last week for alleged infraction of various laws. One was held for investigation, two each for an assualt and violating the liquor laws and one for breaking and entering.

> Two of the seven were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 69 years.

**ROUND-UP** 

**Experiment Work** In Leaf Reviewed ket, Warehouseman Johnny Gur-

Members of Group Planning To Plant One of The Newer Varieties

> By V. B. Hairr (Jamesville Vocational Agriculture Teacher)

Several members of the Jamesville Young Farmers Club, Veteran Farmer Program and other main objective of the tour was

to observe some of the varieties of tobacco that are resistant to the dreaded black shank disease lose hundreds of dollars in Mar- leaf and possibly more in the

realizing now that they must this section. rely on a resistant variety of to-

During the tour the group ob-

The Wells-Oates Lumber Company, operators of the mill on A Philadelphia company, opthat are resistant to blackshank \$47.44. of the newer varieties of Dixie has announced increases ranging Bright 101 or 192 which are both from \$1.00 to \$6.00 per hundred. resistant to blackshank and Gran- Most of the gains are from \_\_\_\_\_0 sucker control was also observed. rates for flue-cured tobacco averseveral types of curing barns and is 90 per cent of the June 15 parcurers were observed. Dr. Brown, ity price. For united tobacco the who is in charge of the curing for loan rate for each grade is 4 cents the station, gave a very interest- below the rate for tied tobacco ing talk on curing, types of barns, of the same grade. The average loan rate for the 1949 flue-cured and ventilation. Farmers are realizing now more crop was 42.5 cents per pound. than ever before that it is neces- Loan rates this year for tied ofsary to keep abreast of the latest ferings range from \$10.00 for developments in the experimental best nondescript to \$70.00 for field in order to keep ahead of choice lemon wrappers. Receipts of the Stabilization the increasing diseases and in-Corporation conder, the Green sects. Members attending were Carl ment loan program last year for Griffin, Hosea Fagan, Georgia this particular type amounted to Martin, Seth Davis, Murry Davis, 26,728,936 pounds or 10.4 per Wilbert Gardner, James Perry, cent of set sales. Total flue-cured tion in the Rocky Mount schools. cotton covered by outstanding Marvin Jones, John Lilley, Vir- deliveries for all types were plac-

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**County and Towns** 

Political Subdivisions Expect To Receive Total Of \$12,742.11

Martin County and five of its towns are slated to received this week a total of \$12,742.11 as their share of the North Carolina State intagible tax, according to information released by J. C. Bethune, secretary of the State Board of assessment

The county is receiving \$9,049; new peaks on the Border mar- Williamston, \$2,641.05; Robersonkets early today, according to ville, \$861.27; Everetts, \$87.78; preliminary reports received Oak City, \$62.34; and Parmele, \$20.35. Jamesville, Hamilton and from private sources this morn-Hassell were not listed as sharing in the special distribution.

The taxes are assessed against notes, stocks, account receiveable kin said the sales there would ments are handled by the State prices ranged from a low of 11 Department of Revenue and are to 70 cents, and that the regular separate from the county's taxa companies were strong at 69 cents. tion system "Any medium quality tobacco is

Collections last year hit \$3,417,-Gurkin said, adding that, based 000 over the \$3,084,211.92 collected the previous year. this year are averaging from \$5

to \$8 above those of last season. crease could be attributed to a Bethune said much of the in-Reynolds and Liggett were heavy buyers, taking between 50 last December which carried up sharp rise in the stock market and 60 percent of the early offer- stock values at the time the tax was assessed on shares.

Quality was described as good. He said there was a gain of al-"There's no kick coming as to most \$200,000 in the tax on shares, prices," Mr.Gurkin declared, add- of stock, a \$74,000 gain in the ing that prospects were definitely tax on accounts receivable and a \$76,000 gain in the tax on evi-

Tobacco was not offered in dences of debt (notes). The only large volume in the belt today, decline of consequences was in Mr. Gurkin stating that the far- the tax on money on deposit. This that has caused many farmers to mers there have fully as much dropped \$21,000.

Intangible tax revenues tin County. Many farmers are field than the farmers have in shown a gain every year since 1938, except in 1948 and 1949. The

As of July 1, the U. S. Crop collections this year not only bacco if they make a successful Reporting Board estimated pro- made up for the drop-off in those duction for this type to be 238,- two years but hit a record peak

270,000 pounds. Last year 243,- Of the \$3,417,199.23 collected in served several systems of culti- 325,000 pounds were produced, the fiscal period which ended vation that were being run as ex- Production in all flue-cured types last June 30, the State retains 20 periment. Chemicals were being was placed at 1,150,410,000 pounds per cent, which amounts to \$683,used with no cultivation to con- as compared with 1,114,508,000 439.85. The remainder, being dis-

**Eighteen Markets** 

**Opened In Border** 

**Belt Early Today** 

**Prices Reported Higher for** 

**First Sales Compared** 

With Last Year's

Tobacco prices climbed to

Covering the Lumberton mar-

bringing 50 cents or more," Mr.

on early morning sales, prices

ings

encouraging.

trol weeds as well as deep and pounds in 1949. According to the tributed to the counties, cities shallow cultivation. Fertilizer ex- United States and North Carolina and towns, is allocated for some periments were observed as to Departments of Agriculture, pro- portions of he tax on the basis analysis, rate of application, meth- ducers' sales last season for South of population and for other ods of application and distance Carolina and Border North Caro- tions on the basis of actual re between plants on different rates lina flue-cured tobacco amounted turns from the respective coun of application. Variety tests seem- to 255,965,670 pounds averaging ties. In the counties, the tax is ed to get the most attention since \$49.45 per hundred. Total sales pro-rated between the country this was the main interest of the for all flue-cured were 1,105,104,- and municipalities on the basis group. A number of varieties 372 pounds for an average of of the ad valorem tevy on property. were observed growing under the Higher loan rates for most The smallest check of the 45 same soil, fertilizer and moisture grades are made available to far- being mailed out Tuesday will conditions. The Oxford and Vesta mers who are members of the be addressed to the town of Bosstrains looked very good but Flue-cured Tobacco Cooperative tic in Rutherford County. What several members of the group Stabilization Corporation. The Bostic can do with \$10.48 re returned determined to plant one Commodity Credit Corporation mains to be seen. (Continued on page eight) ville wilt. The use of chemicals in to \$4.00. The grade price loan **Nineteen Million** After the field tour was made age 45.0 cents per pound which **Living War Vets** American War Veterans.-In a report to the President a few days ago Carl R. Gray, Jr., Administartor of Veterans' Affairs, said that there are 19,014,000 living American war veterans, of whom about 14,000,000 are from World War II. Other figures included in the report are: Grand Army of Republic-15 THE PORTON AND Indian Wars-580 Spanish-American War-19,000. Total battle casualties for all American wars, Mr. Gray said, were 935,300 of the 25,030,000 who loans on October 1, 1950, will then gil Lilley, Bruce Peel, Jim Holli- ed at 103,505,215 pounds - 9.4 per took part in them, including the Miss Dora Bailey a member of be pooled on that date by CCC day, Leonard Holliday, Ben G. cent of net sales. As of June 1, Revolution. There are 2,308,700 Lilley, I. R. Davenport and V. B. consignments to the Corporation

familiar sight to the rural residents of these three counties. It operates through the cooperative efforts of the North Carolina Library Commission, the County Commissioners, a Board of Trustees, and a staff of 15, headed by a trained librarian. family.

The Bookmobile librarians who keep the schedule running smoothly and efficiently are: Beaufort County, Mrs. Ione Taylor and Mrs. Laura Kavanaugh: Hyde County, Mrs. R. W. Berry and Mrs. Macon Credle; Martin County, Mrs. Paul Peele and Mrs. Leslie Griffin.

The B H M Regional Library Board of Trustees is composed of the following: Martin County, The Rev. John L. Goff, Chairman, Mr. Tobacco Curing Charles R. Grav, Treasurer Dr. John Biggs; Beaufort County, Mrs. Jesse B. Ross, Secretary, Mr. W F. Veasey and Mrs. Ford Worthy; Hyde County, Mr. N. W. Shelton, Mrs. M. H. Swindell and Mrs. Clara Gibbs.

The B H M Regional Library has he aught free library service twelve so far. to hundreds of people in this area who had not previously enjoyed this privilege. It has improved the

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No one was hurt and very little damage resulted in two minor automobile accidents on highways in this county last week-end.

Driving a 1950 Pontiac, Connie Virgil Preast of 204 Lee Avenue, Portsmouth, crashed into a tobacco truck in the River Road about nine miles from Hamilton early last Friday evening. Murlen Wiggins, 9, drove the tobacco truck from a tobacco field into the highway, Patrolman R. P. Narron said. No one was hurt in Goose Nest Township last and damage was estimated at \$50. Thursday. Damage estimated at about \$200 resulted when a new Pontiac and a Chevrolet crashed on U.S.

Highway between here and the Beaufort County line Friday night.

morning.

ty. He was a good neighbor, and No children were born to the was devoted to his home and union, and the only members of her immediate family surviving

Surviving besides his widow are two brothers, William Lloyd are two sons, John A., Jr., and Moore of near Jamesville, and Bobby Hardison of Williamston, John Moore of Williams Town- many new members when the and Henry D. Hardison, attorney ship. She also leaves a number of 1950-51 session gets under way nieces and nephews.

of Tarboro. Funeral services will be conducted at the home this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Har- Church not so very far from her Three resignations were re-

(Continued on page eight) ment was in the churchyard principal explained. cemetery.

Barns Destroyed Two Injured In Six more tobacco curing barns were destroyed by fire in the

county during the past week-end, boosting the total count loss to

jured, both painfully but appar-Eimer reel and Herman Bowen ently not critically,"in as many lost a barn on the Mobley farm fights in the county last weeknear Williamston at noon last end.

Thursday. Williamston's fire de-Van R. Page received a 5-stitch partment was called there and gash put in the back of his head helped prevent the fire from by one of three Turner boys. The reaching a second barn connected bottle attack was an anti-climax with the first by a shelter. The to a free-for-all fight involving barn was equipped with oil burn- Ernest, Lawrence, and Linwood ers, and carried no insurance. Turner and Page at James Earl Paul Bailey lost a barn on his Mizelle's picolo joint not far from

farm not far from Williamston Cross Roads late last Friday last Friday. night. The climax came when

Clinton Rives lost a barn early Page, before having his wound Saturday afternoon on the Wilson treated, went to his home about farm owned by Geo. L. Madre six miles away and returned with near Everetts.

his shot gun. Firing from a field, Johnny Holliday lost a barn on he scattered small shot around the Robt. Everett farm in Pop- the joint, and the patrons and lar Point Township early Sunday proprietor cleared out in great morning. haste. The quartet was booked for

A barn, with oil curing equipan affray and assault by Deputy ment, was destroyed by fire on Raymond Rawls and Patrolman the Lee Hale farm near Palmyra B. W. Parker.

Lester Cotten was bricked in a fight on Oak City's Railroad Several of the barns were cov- Street last Saturday night, one

ered with insurance. report stating that he came; A barn, equipped with a stoker, through with a hole in his head. was destroyed by fire on the Mar- He and L. T. Tyson were booked tin farm near Jamesville Monday for an affray by Officer Garland



Yet To Be Filled Main Street here, last week sold a considerable acreage from its timber holdings along Roanoke

River, not far from Palmyra. ed By Local Committee In Past Few Days

young man who taught junior-

senior English the greater part

erators of a plant at Wilmington, purchased the timber, reported-With only a few changes in ly for approximately \$200,000. prospect at the close of the last The purchasers are likely to

operate a small mill on the Roaterm, the Williamston school facnoke and ship the rough lumber ulty is now certain of having to its finishing mill.

**Cotton Support** on or about September 4, accord-Funeral services were conduct- ing to information released this ed in the Siloam Methodist week by Principal B. G. Stewart. Loans Extended old home Saturday afternoon at ceived during the past few days, **To September 30** 3:30 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Har- leaving two positions to be filled rington, Baptist minister. Inter- in the Elementary school, the

> Cotton Can Be Sold Now Norwood Smith, Wilmington At Big Advantage To Producer

of two terms, tendered his resination, but the position was im-Martin County cotton producers mediately filled with the appointare advised this week that Comment of Miss Leona Sasser of modity Credit Corporation price-Selma. Miss Sasser a graduate support loans on 1949-crop cotof East Carolina Teachers College, ton, which bear a maturity date Greenville, class of 1945, taught of July 31, 1950, will be carried

three years in the Sanford High until September 30, 1950 School and two years in Benson. The announcement, which Miss Frances Jenkins, teacher comes from the county Producof the fourth grade for several tion and Marketing Administrayears, resigned to accept a posi- tion Committee, explains that all The position remains vacant. the local faculty for several years, for the producers accounts.

Chairman W. C. Griffin of the Hairr. s resigning to accept a position in the Concord schools, leaving county PMA committee explains the fifth grade without a teacher. that with extension of the maturi-Principal Stewart said that sev- ty date on CCC cotton from the eral applications had been re- loan and sell it in the open mar ceived for the positions, but that ket.

only teachers with "A" certificates "We believe that growers should give serious consideration would be considered. Asked about the possibility of to marketing the loan cotton beother resignations, the school fore it is placed in pools, " says man said that he did not expect Mr. Griffin. "At present market any, that no resignations would prices, they should be able to disbe in order after Friday of this pose of this cotton at prices which will give them substantial profits week.

Several positions, made vacant above the loan and charges aby resignations earlier in the sum- gainst the cotton."

mer have been filled, Stewart He points out that 1949-crop loan cotton which is not redeem-H. A. Austin of Roxobel, the ed prior to October 1, 1950 and is new teacher of agriculture, re- placed in pools, as provided in ported a short time ago for work. the loan agreements, will be sold

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said

been disposed of, leaving only **Local Man Heads** 56 million pounds on hand. The South Carolina and Border **Bar Association** North Carolina area consists of 18 markets. All are officially Clarence W. Griffin, local at-

designated by the Secretary of torney, was elected president of Agriculture to receive Governthe Second District Bar Associa- ment Inspection and Market News tion at a meeting of the organi- Service. Sales regulations will rezation held at the Tarboro Coun- main the same as last season. The try Club last Saturday. markets will operate on a 5 1/2

Judge W. A. Devin, of North hour sales day. Speed of sales Carolina State Supreme Court, will be 400 baskets per hour per

association will be held in Will- per basket. iamston in late July or August, Quite a few people from this

1951 The district is made up of Wash-

ington, Martin, Edgecombe, Nash part of the county are selling ber and examinations will be and Wilson Counties. small quantities of tobacco there. made each Wednesday.

disabled men, he said. had totaled 507 million pounds. The V. A. carried 384,000 vet-To date, 451 million pounds have erans' widows on its books as of May 31, plus 287,300 minor children "of which I am the legal guardian." Of the \$6,000,000,000 annual cost of the veterans program, he said only six percent was spent on administrative costs.

> **Close Cancer Detection Clinic At Rocky Mount**

The cancer detection diagnostic clinic conducted at Rocky Mount set of buyers with a maximum for the past several months will be discontinued during the month of August, it has been announced. Twenty-five persons were exsection are witnessing the sales amined at the last clinic. The cliand a few farmers in the upper nic will be reopened in Septem-

addressed the group. The next annual meeting of the weight allowance of 300 pounds