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Total Of \$5,516,922 County Men Go For 'Life Of Our Lord' Martin Farmers Supervisor Appoints Twenty Cases In **Spent For Liquors** Spent For Liquors Since July In 1935 Pre-Induction Exam By Chas. Dickens Seed Permanent Is A Moving Story Pastures In 1950 **Monday's Session** County List Takers Of County Court

Third Quarter Sales Smallest For That Period In Seven Years

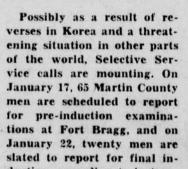
Legal liquor sales in Martin County, maintaining a fairly steady decline for several years, continued downward during the third quarter of this year, according to an audit just recently released by the Martin Alcoholic Beverages Control Board. The sales last July, August and September were the smallest for any third quarter in seven years.

The audit shows that the gross ncome for the third quarter this ear amounted to \$105,996.50, the sales dropping almost \$15,000 below those recorded for the third quarter in 1949, and just about \$75,000 below the record established in the months of July, August and September of 1946.

The total sales handled by the stores since they were opened in 1935 now stand at \$5,516,921.65, the audit listing the total declarprofits at \$1,284,650.95.

To finance its third quarter operations, the board paid \$81,718.58 to the liquor manufacturers and \$6,903.83 in operating expenses. The percentage of profits, 16.46, reached a new low, the auditors explaining that a quantity of rum-175 cases-was sold to another county at no mark-up in price, and in part to the fact that dministrative and general expenses underwent a marked increase

As of September 30, this year, the board had \$74,097.19 in as-



CALLS

duction, according to instructions received by the Martin County Draft Board this week.



sold.

The sale of state automobile

for instructions. During the corresponding per-

iod in 1949 only 989 tags had been for pre-induction sold. Managers Bill Carstarphen White: Robert Lee Williams of and Norman K. Harrison both said RFD 1, Hobgood, John Haywood himself, want their children to they believed the change in colors Rogers of RFD 2, Williamston, know something about the history

creased sales. ville, transferred to Maysville, A comparison of tag sales for Kansas; John Ed Crat of RFD 2, 1949 and 1950 through December Williamston, William Earl Hollis

tonight.

19 follows with the 1949 figures of RFD 1, Oak City, Joseph Rayfirst: autos, 715 and 1,318; private mond Williams of RFD 1, Wilincluding \$16,792.37 in cash, trucks, 149 and 271; farm trucks, liamston, Garland Gray Mobley of 18 and 28; car trailers, 106 and RFD 1, Oak City, transferred to 176; commercial trailers, 1 and 8. Alexandria, Va.; Robert Saund-The local bureau anticipates a ers Rawls of RFD 1, Robersonsale of approximately 7,000 tags ville, and U. S. N. S. Blue Jacket; for 1951 Elridge Harris Bryan of Parmele,

Lost To the World for 100 Nearly 1.600 Acres Devot-Fifty - Six Called Years, Masterpiece Was **Recently Published**

For Trip To Fort Last year, the heretofore un-Bragg Wednesday published Dickens' manuscript Program gave a big boost to ef- Arrange Schedule The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world.

Quite A Few Transferred to Written 100 years earlier for **Other Boards For The** the exclusive audience of the au-**Pre-Induction** Trip thor's own children, it is a child's

life of Christ-a simple, moving About forty Martin County narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that young men left here Wednesincomparable Dickens genius day morning for pre-induction exwhich insures its place by the side aminations at Fort Bragg. Most of of the famous 'Christmas Carol' them are expected to return late among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.

Fifty-six young men are in-Because he felt such deep vencluded in the group receiving in- eration for the life and lessons of structions to report. However, all our Saviour, he left instructions of them did ont report because that this particular manuscript some had asked for transfers to should not be commercialized. other boards, and at least one But when Sir Henry Fielding

was listed as being in the Mer- Dickens, the author's youngest license tags is off to a big start chant Marine and out of the child, died in 1933, it was finally in this county, the local bureau, country. The 56th man, Theodore brought forth and sold for the located in the Harrison and Car- Roosevelt Bonds of RFD 2, Wil- staggering amount of \$210,000 starphen Insurance offices, report- liamston, volunteered for induc- or, \$15 per word.

ing early Wednesday that 1,801 of tion, and he is being advised to Purchased by the London Daily the red and white plates had been report to the board in Baltimore Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magni-The names of the men called tude, destined to be read and

cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens had something to do with the in- Perlie Jasper Modlin of James- of Jesus Christ. For, according to

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RAINFALL

Group Will Meet ed To Pastures During This Year **December 28 And**

Actry Christmas 35

The Agriculture Conservation forts to provide more and better pastures on Martin County farms

during the 1950 calendar year. Some 600 Martin County farmers seeded 1579 acres of permanent pastures with 50 percent

of the "out-of-the-pocket" cost furnished through the ACP, Mr. ther Peel has named the list-takers for 1951, and the group will Griffin, Chairman of the Martin meet in the county commissioners, County Production and Marketing Administration Committee, room on Thursday, December 23, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. to arrange announced this week a schedule of values for personal

The PMA Chairman pointed out that this acreage represents an properties.

increase of 400 acres seeded to pastures by farmers under the ACP last year. Pasture seed, made available to sessed against land and buildings participating farmers through the last year are to remain the same program's purchase order system, in 1951 except in those cases included 3158 pounds of ladino; where improvements were made 10398 pounds of white dutch clo- or where there was destruction ver; 1217 pounds of orchard grass; and 6146 pounds of fescue.

seed under the program are al-

be recognized as household and Not only in Martin County, but throughout the State, farmers are kitchen furniture. Some counties songs and enjoyed the Christmas taking advantage of services of- have listed them separately, scenes, dances and pageants as the port, Thomas Little was adjudged fered through the Agriculture meaning they are not to be in- little folk celebrated the Yule sea- guilty of not supporting his child

establish more and better perma. Each property owner is allowed gram was under the sponsorship of nent pastures. Recent announce- a \$300 exemption on his house- Miss Mary Whitley, member of the hold and kitchen furniture. The

ESTABLISHED 1899

Tribunal Will Be Idle For **Two Weeks During The Holiday Season** Squeezing in a regular session between the superior tribunal and

ed docket will face Judge R. T.

Johnson and Solicitor Clarence

Griffin at the next session on Jan-

The court was in session Monday

Fines, imposed during the day,

In the case charging Murray

prosecuting witness, Annie Wal-

lace, was taxed with the costs.

uary 8.

Proceedings:

Next Monday and Tuesday will be observed as a general holiday in Williamston. The the holiday season, the Martin stores are remaining open County Recorder's Court Monday during the remainder of this handled twenty cases. While its week until 9:00 o'clock p. m. docket is just about up to date, The Enterprise is suspending activities with this issue the court has several jury cases scheduled for trial during Janand the next paper is scheduled to appear on Friday of uary, and since the court will not next week. sit Christmas day or on New Year's it is possible that a crowd-

HOLIDAY

The employment office will be closed next Monday and Tuesday, and those who ordinarily report on those days will be received on Wednesday, December 27.

until 4:30 o'clock, clearing the doc-**Primary Grades In** amounted to \$270. **A Yule Program** Wallace with an assault on a fe-With preliminaries and the busimale last October 30, the court

by fire or other elements. It is ness session cut to a minimum, a found that the prosecution was splendid short Christmas program frivolous, malicious and not rewas enjoyed by the Williamston guired by public interest, and the Parents-Teachers Association in defendant was dismissed and the There has been some discussion its December meeting at the Eleseed meeting high germination as to whether electrical applianc- mentary School Monday evening

es, such as mix-masters, vacuum as the pupils in the primary grades the payment of the costs in the Judgment was suspended upon case charging Beulah Cherry and A large audience heard the little Cora Roberson with an affray.

and drew six months on the roads. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and P.-T. A. program committee, with the guaranteed payment of \$4 a week for the child.

No revaluation of real proper ties will be made for the ne year, meaning that valuations as

quite likely that the schedule of "Farmers who obtain pasture values in effect this year will be maintained for the most part in

ways assured of high grade seed." the farm leader said, "as only and purity tests are made availcleaners and similar items are to took the stage.

Conservation Program to aid them cluded in the list of exemptions. son in a fitting manner. The pro-

Only One Change Made In The Listing Personnel For Next Year County Tax supervisor, M. Lu-

\$46,103.67 in inventories. Liabilihe were listed as follows: accounts payable, \$18,828.85; due county and towns, \$27,224.44; reserve for aw enforcement, \$16,043.90; and arplus, \$12,000.

The division of the \$17,439.76 net profits saw the county and towns take a sizable cut while the State of North Carolina came in for more than half the profits. Profits were set aside for distribution, as follows: State of North Carolina, \$9,009.43; Martin Coun-\$5,690.47; reserve for law enforceton, \$997.02; Town of Robersonville, \$354.23, Town of Oak City, tion, according to reports. \$130.40; Town of Jamesville, \$124.72; Town of Hamilton, \$111.-20; Town of Parmele, \$89.63; Town of Everetts, \$56.43; Town of Hassell, \$33.20.

A comparison of profits earned in each of the stores follows for at the colored high school on the third quarters in 1949 and 1950:

1949 1950 W'mston \$14,724.18 \$ 9,459.30 R'ville 6.941.30 5.271.86 Oak City 2.822.98 843.31 Street. 1.176.44 Jamesville

\$25,644.90 \$17,439.76 the Bona Finitimi Society is Total sales by the four stores for the quarters under comparison follow

1950

31,980.05

1949 W'mston _\$ 65,805.85 \$ 54,224.10 **R'ville** 32.950.80 Oak City 14.044.15 Jamesville 7.578.80

\$120,378.60 \$105,996.50 While three stores, Robersonville, Oak City and Jamesville, were reporting small to negligible decreases, the Williamston store reported a decrease in its sales of about \$11,500.

A review of liquor sales and profits, by quarters from the time (Continued on page eight)

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

The Harry Wiggins who was in the local courts a short time ago heard the program which was prefor allegedly claiming unemploy. sented under the direction of Mrs. ment compensation when he Magnolia R. Hopkins. Miss Fanwasn't entitled to it, is a colored nie Lou Davis accompanied the man, and not Harry Wiggins, group at the piano, and Rev. G. young white man, employed by D. Hardison pronounced the bena local furniture store. ediction.

The sale of town license tags Garland Saunders Holliday of also shows a gain over the sale RFD 3, Williamston, Furney Keith for the corresponding period. James of RFD 3, Williamston, Le-

Colored Citizens Aid The Needy

A marked effort is being made ment; \$843.03; Town of Williams- by various colored organizations to relieve the needy in this sec-Those sponsoring the general Christmas Cheer movement re-

Louis Leggett of RFD 3, Williamston and RFD 1, Robersonville, Minton Beach, Jr., of Oak City, port a cash subscription of \$65.50 and added that J. D. Everett has Williamston, George Edward promised \$50 worth of toys for

the Community Christmas Tree Earl Hardison of RFD 1, Williamston Christmas day at 11:00 a. m. Addi-

Colored: George Mack Spruill tional contributions are needed, of RFD 1, Robersonville, Alfonza and anyone who would help the Dugger of Robersonville, Sylvesmovement are asked to forward ter Wilson of Parmele, transferhis or her contribution to Chaired to Philadelphia; William Berk-1,865.29 man L. M. Jackson, 513 W. Church

land Marvin Barber of RFD 1

Jamesville, James Kelly Moore of

RFD 2. Williamston, Frank Sil-

verthorne of RFD 3, Williamston,

Herman Theodore Etheridge of

RFD 1, Oak City, James Albert

Manning of RFD 3, Williamston,

Duelon Van Heath of RFD 3,

ton, William Henry Stokes of ing point. In addition to the Tree Fund, Williamston, transferred to Newworking to get "soles for souls". Several needy school children in

the colored school have already received shoes and there is need for many more. Any one who can spare a pair of serviceable. 12,242.80 shoes or help finance the pur-7,549.55 chase of a pair, is asked to con-

tact Secretary Mary G. Horton. **Glee Club Sing** Well Received

The 50-voice vested glee club of the Jamesville High School was well received by a large and appreciative audience in a Christmas program in the auditorium

there last Sunday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Several hundred

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Last month was the driest November in nine years, the weather station on Roanoke River here recording only .96 of an inch of rain during the period. Only three other Novembers on record had less rain, the lowest being in 1933 when just about onethird of an inch of rain fell. Hardly more than four inches of rain have fallen here since September, making for one of the best harvest seasons in years.

ment by G. Tom Scott, State PMA Chairman, Raleigh, reveals that exemption will cover the fur-255,500 acres of permanent pas- nishings in many homes, no doubt. tures were seeded in the State with ACP assistance during the household goods will far exceed 1950 calendar year. This compares with 167,228 acres estab- discuss such matters, set values lished under the program last year, and 98,000 acres in 1948. personal items when they hold their meeting. Pasture seed made available through the purchase order plan to participating farmers through-

out the State included 1,549,591 pounds of orchard grass; 987,021

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Williamston, Robert Joseph Per-His Money Gone 'Preacher' ry of RFD 2, Williamston, Walter Invited To Hit Open Road

> His money all spent and his take on different appearances. The 'welcome" worn to a frazzle, Har- husband had found a job, and turn a Christmas scene in front of the ry Jones, 40-year-old Negro hold- about was fair play. But the selfing the status of an itinerant

preacher, was invited this week her husband that either she or to hit the open road-right here at the old man would have to leave. Christmas time and with the mer- An appeal to the law was made, ley Shepherd of RFD 2, Williams- cury hovering below the freez- and since he did not work and was

Rated as a vagrant, Jones, with- hold, he was referred to the courts. ark, N. J.; George Earl Biggs of out money and apparently with- The trial justice could offer only RFD 2, Williamston, Alvin Green out friends, had the choice of thir- thirty days on the roads, but his Whitehurst of Williamston and ty days on the roads or a minimum right of appeal to the higher Albany, N. Y., Willie Ralph Yan- stay of two years outside this courts was clearly pointed out. cey of Jamesville, Lance Wallace country when his case was call- Thanking the justice, Jones went of Everetts, transferred to Brook- ed in the courts here Monday. on up to the higher courts lyn, Clyde Biggs of RFD 2, Wil- Asked to be returned to jail for where an alternative to the liamston, Ernest Lee Bryant of another hour to meditate, he road term was arranged. Without RFD 1, Palmyra, Norman Wil-Ichose the open road. Jones quiet- hate or malice, he accepted the liams of RFD 1, Oak City, Mere- ly stole away and was soon lost open road as a way out after he

dith Cola Moore of RFD 1, James- in the evening shadows. ville, Roscoe Harrison Staton of Very little of his story was told, court. Parmele, Clarence Merrill Coop- and all the reports could not be

er of Williamston, Horace Bryant verified. Born in Atlanta, he mov- would come out of his room about Purvis of RFD 1, Robersonville, ed to New Jersey, marrying a sundown, stretch a blanket on

Jesse Parker of RFD 1, Roberson- in his travels. His wife died two it and pray and pray. He would ville, Jesse Barnes of Hamilton, years ago, and last October he then leave the house, walk one Columbus Marrow, Jr., of RFD 1, wandered into Williamston, pre-1 side of the street for a short dis-Hobgood, Joe Stewart Wallace of sumably to be with his wife's peo- tance before crossing to the other Everetts, Jesse Staton, Jr., of Oak ple or her friends. He was report- side and making his way back to City and RFD 3, Williamston, ed to have had a little money and the house. He acted a bit strangely, Booker T. Washington Woolard had a few of his earthly belong- and some of his habits were deof RFD 1, Williamston, Malvin ings sent down here from New clared to be beyond endurance. Hodge of Williamston and De- Jersey. Given a room in a home So, he started out anew on a cold troit, Willie Gray Moore of RFD here, he was said to have shared day, his money all gone, but he, Jamesville, transferred to his money with the family while perhaps, is a wiser man. It was Springfield, Mass., Roosevelt Wig- the husband was out of a job. claimed that his cash holdings

Christmas Scene

styled preacher rapidly developed into a nuisance, and the wife told without funds in a hostile house-

Apparently a fanatic, Jones Esel Winbush of Williamston, Martin County woman somewhere the porch floor, lay himself upon

Eventually, Jones's money was all were rather limited, but that he spent and the picture began to had many clothes.

the first grade teachers, Miss Lamina Baker, Miss Grace Talton, but in most cases the value of the Mrs. Frances L. Saunders and Mrs. Miriam Saunders in charge of the that amount. The list-takers will presentation. Miss Talton provided the piano accompaniment for on farm provisions and other

few of the numbers were done without music of any kind. The list-takers recently named Not only did the first graders by Supervisor M. L. Peel are: have the program but they also driving. Jamesville Township: O. W. made a change in the location of Hamilton; Williams Township,

At Jamesville

The Ruritan Club of Jamesville was also responsible for the briefannounced today that it is erecting

ness of the P.-T. A. meeting. showing during the holiday seas-on A recorded program will also Norman Worsley

tions, the manger scene, the three wise men and the shepherd scene. The recorded program will be presented through loudspeakers at 7 years ago, Norman Worsley was of the costs and \$4 a week for the

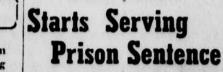
day, it was announced by Mr. V. booked for trial in superior court ninety days. B. Hairr of the Ruritan club.

which have been arranged as part FBI who brought him to Raleigh. loses his driver's license for a of the town's Christmas observ-Worsley, after allegedly attack- year. ance, Mr. Hairr said

ment of 33.

held, there being but few mem-

and fatally hurt Andrews.



Withdrawing his appeal to the higher courts, Van R. Page this week started serving a three-tofive-year sentence in North Car-

olina's state prison. Page, convicted of conspiracy in the recent term of the superior court, was delivered to the prison

in Raleigh Wednesday by Sheriff M. W. Holloman.

Page allegedly participated in the robbery of Jake Mobley's through Tuesday; December 23 store and filling station near Rob- for the Christmas holidays, it ersonville.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Riddick Bryant pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty of simple assault, the defendant was fined \$25, plus costs.

the songs and dances although a Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Solomon Wynn Baker pleaded guilty of hit-and-run-

The case charging Allen Rasco the attendance banner. Held by with assaulting a female was dis-Miss Privott's 12th grade for most missed.

of the year, it moved to Miss Tal-Travis Dail was found not guilton's room when 44 parents stood ty of hit-and-run driving. up to compare with her enroll-

Charged with an assault and be ing drunk and disorderly, Ulysses No band parents meeting was Brown pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, was fined \$10, plus bers present. The cold auditorium costs.

> Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Willie Langley was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon.

Back In County William Henry Higgs pleaded not guilty of bastardy. He was ad-William Henry Higgs pleaded judged guilty and drew six months

on the roads. The court suspended Wanted for the murder of Lawrence Andrews in Parmele two the road term upon the payment and 9 p. m. Saturday, at 9 p. m. returned to the county from New support of his child, plus a \$67 Sunday and at 7 and 9 p. m. Mon- York Wednesday. He will be doctor's bill to be settled within

in March. Worsley, young colored Pleading guilty of drunken driv-The public is invited to attend man, was arrested in New York ing, Alexander Dolberry was finthe program and view the scenes a few weeks ago by agents of the cd \$100, plus costs. The defendant

> ing Andrews' daughter, turned Roger Elton Taylor, charged with careless and reckless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10, plus costs.

> > Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging William Little with ssuing a worthless check.

Charged with larceny, John Thomas McCormick was adjudged not guilty.

Russell Griffin and Melvin Brown, both colored, pleaded not

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, LIBRARY HOLIDAY

The public library will be closed Saturday, December 20, was announced today.*

GREETINGS Nearly every business firm in Williamston is extending season's greetings to one and all through the columns of The Enterprise today. All are assured that they are sent with a warmth of feeling, and in the neighborly spirit existing between friends. The at-

tention of every reader is directed to each and every greeting in the hope that the messages will be received as personal wishes for an enjoy able Christmas season and a greater hope for peace in the world tomorrow.

high school gymnasium there for be presented at certain hours. The arrangement is in three sec-

had ably pleaded his case in open