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### Total Of \$5,516,922 Spent For Liquors Since July In 1935

#### 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 income for the third quarter this year amounted to \$1,059,950.50, 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 \$5,516,922.65, the audit listing the total declared profits 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 administrative and general expenses underwent a marked increase.

As of September 30, this year, the board had \$74,097.19 in assets, including \$16,792.37 in cash, \$46,103.67 in inventories. Liabilities were listed as follows: accounts payable, \$18,823.85; due county and towns, \$22,274.44; reserve for law enforcement, \$16,043.90; and surplus, \$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 County, \$5,690.47; reserve for law enforcement, \$843.03; Town of Williamston, \$897.02; Town of Robersonville, \$354.23; Town of Oak City, \$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 the third quarters in 1949 and 1950:

	1949	1950
W'mston	\$14,724.18	\$ 9,459.30
R'ville	6,841.30	5,271.86
Oak City	2,822.98	1,865.29
Jamesville	1,176.44	843.31

\$25,644.90 \$17,439.76

Total sales by the four stores for the quarters under comparison follow:

	1949	1950
W'mston	\$ 65,805.85	\$ 54,224.10
R'ville	32,950.80	31,980.05
Oak City	14,044.15	12,242.80
Jamesville	7,578.80	7,549.55

\$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

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#### MISTAKEN IDENTITY

The Harry Wiggins who was in the local courts a short time ago for allegedly claiming unemployment compensation when he wasn't entitled to it, is a colored man, and not Harry Wiggins, young white man, employed by a local furniture store.

### County Men Go For Pre-Induction Exam

#### CALLS

Possibly as a result of reverses in Korea and a threatening situation in other parts of the world, Selective Service calls are mounting. On January 17, 65 Martin County men are scheduled to report for pre-induction examinations at Fort Bragg, and on January 22, twenty men are slated to report for final induction, according to instructions received by the Martin County Draft Board this week.

### Big Increase In Auto Tag Sales

The sale of state automobile license tags is off to a big start in this county, the local bureau, located in the Harrison and Carstarphen Insurance offices, reporting early Wednesday that 1,801 of the red and white plates had been sold.

During the corresponding period in 1949 only 969 tags had been sold. Managers Bill Carstarphen and Norman K. Harrison both said they believed the change in colors had something to do with the increased sales.

A comparison of tag sales for 1949 and 1950 through December 19 follows with the 1949 figures first: autos, 715 and 1,318; private trucks, 149 and 271; farm trucks, 18 and 28; car trailers, 106 and 176; commercial trailers, 1 and 3.

The local bureau anticipates a sale of approximately 7,000 tags for 1951.

The sale of town license tags also shows a gain over the sale for the corresponding period.

### Colored Citizens Aid The Needy

A marked effort is being made by various colored organizations to relieve the needy in this section, according to reports.

Those sponsoring the general Christmas Cheer movement report a cash subscription of \$65.50 and added that J. D. Everett has promised \$50 worth of toys for the Community Christmas Tree at the colored high school on Christmas day at 11:00 a. m. Additional contributions are needed, and anyone who would help the movement are asked to forward his or her contribution to Chairman L. M. Jackson, 513 W. Church Street.

In addition to the Tree Fund, the Bona Finitimi Society is working 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 shoes or help finance the purchase of a pair, is asked to contact 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 heard the program which was presented under the direction of Mrs. Magnolia R. Hopkins. Miss Fannie Lou Davis accompanied the group at the piano, and Rev. G. D. Hardison pronounced the benediction.

### 'Life Of Our Lord' By Chas. Dickens Is A Moving Story

#### Lost To The World for 100 Years, Masterpiece Was Recently Published

Last year, the heretofore unpublished Dickens' manuscript "The Life of Our Lord" was presented to the world.

Written 100 years earlier for the exclusive audience of the author's own children, it is a child's life of Christ—a simple, moving narrative, understandable even to a child and yet touched by that incomparable Dickens genius which insures its place by the side of the famous "Christmas Carol" among the great masterpieces of Christmas literature.

Because he felt such deep veneration for the life and lessons of our Saviour, he left instructions that this particular manuscript should not be commercialized. But when Sir Henry Fielding Dickens, the author's youngest child, died in 1933, it was finally brought forth and sold for the staggering amount of \$210,000—or, \$15 per word.

Purchased by the London Daily Mail, the manuscript became a literary event of the first magnitude, destined to be read and cherished forever wherever thoughtful parents, like Dickens himself, want their children to know something about the history of Jesus Christ. For, according to

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#### RAINFALL

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 one-third 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.

### His Money Gone 'Preacher' Invited To Hit Open Road

His money all spent and his "welcome" worn to a frazzle, Harry Jones, 40-year-old Negro holding the status of an itinerant preacher, was invited this week to hit the open road—right here at Christmas time and with the mercury hovering below the freezing point.

Rated as a vagrant, Jones, without money and apparently without friends, had the choice of thirty days on the roads or a minimum stay of two years outside this country when his case was called in the courts here Monday. Asked to be returned to jail for another hour to meditate, he chose the open road. Jones quietly stole away and was soon lost in the evening shadows.

Very little of his story was told, and all the reports could not be verified. Born in Atlanta, he moved to New Jersey, marrying a Martin County woman somewhere in his travels. His wife died two years ago, and last October he wandered into Williamston, presumably to be with his wife's people or her friends. He was reported to have had a little money and had a few of his earthly belongings sent down here from New Jersey. Given a room in a home here, he was said to have shared his money with the family while the husband was out of a job. Eventually, Jones' money was all spent and the picture began to

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### Martin Farmers Seed Permanent Pastures In 1950

#### Nearly 1,600 Acres Devoted To Pastures During This Year

The Agriculture Conservation Program gave a big boost to efforts 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. Griffin, Chairman of the Martin County Production and Marketing Administration Committee, announced this week.

The PMA Chairman pointed out that this acreage represents an increase of 400 acres seeded to pastures by farmers under the ACP last year.

Pasture seed, made available to participating farmers through the program's purchase order system, included 3158 pounds of ladino; 10293 pounds of white dutch clover; 1217 pounds of orchard grass; and 6146 pounds of fescue.

"Farmers who obtain pasture seed under the program are always assured of high grade seed," the farm leader said, "as only seed meeting high germination and purity tests are made available."

Not only in Martin County, but throughout the State, farmers are taking advantage of services offered through the Agriculture Conservation Program to aid them establish more and better permanent pastures. Recent announcement by G. Tom Scott, State PMA Chairman, Raleigh, reveals that 255,500 acres of permanent pastures were seeded in the State with ACP assistance during the 1950 calendar year. This compares with 167,228 acres established under the program last year, and 98,000 acres in 1948.

Pasture seed made available through the purchase order plan to participating farmers throughout the State included 1,549,591 pounds of orchard grass; 987,021

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### Supervisor Appoints County List Takers

#### Group Will Meet December 28 And Arrange Schedule

#### Only One Change Made In The Listing Personnel For Next Year

County Tax supervisor, M. Luther Peel has named the list-takers for 1951, and the group will meet in the county commissioners' room on Thursday, December 28, at 10:00 o'clock a. m. to arrange a schedule of values for personal properties.

No revaluation of real properties will be made for the new year, meaning that valuations assessed against land and buildings last year are to remain the same in 1951 except in those cases where improvements were made or where there was destruction by fire or other elements. It is quite likely that the schedule of values in effect this year will be maintained for the most part in 1951.

There has been some discussion as to whether electrical appliances, such as mix-masters, vacuum cleaners and similar items are to be recognized as household and kitchen furniture. Some counties have listed them separately, meaning they are not to be included in the list of exemptions. Each property owner is allowed a \$300 exemption on his household and kitchen furniture. The exemption will cover the furnishings in many homes, no doubt, but in most cases the value of the household goods will far exceed that amount. The list-takers will discuss such matters, set values on farm provisions and other personal items when they hold their meeting.

The list-takers recently named by Supervisor M. L. Peel are: Jamesville Township; O. W. Hamilton; Williams Township.

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### Christmas Scene At Jamesville

The Ruritan Club of Jamesville announced today that it is erecting a Christmas scene in front of the high school gymnasium there for showing during the holiday season. A recorded program will also be presented at certain hours.

The arrangement is in three sections, the manger scene, the three wise men and the shepherd scene. The recorded program will be presented through loudspeakers at 7 and 9 p. m. Saturday, at 9 p. m. Sunday and at 7 and 9 p. m. Monday, it was announced by Mr. V. B. Hairr of the Ruritan club.

The public is invited to attend the program and view the scenes which have been arranged as part of the town's Christmas observance, Mr. Hairr said.

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

### Twenty Cases In Monday's Session Of County Court

#### Tribunal Will Be Idle For Two Weeks During The Holiday Season

Squeezing in a regular session between the superior tribunal and the holiday season, the Martin County Recorder's Court Monday handled twenty cases. While its docket is just about up to date, the court has several jury cases scheduled for trial during January, and since the court will not sit Christmas day or on New Year's it is possible that a crowded docket will face Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin at the next session on January 8.

The court was in session Monday until 4:30 o'clock, clearing the docket.

Fines, imposed during the day, amounted to \$270.

Proceedings:

In the case charging Murray Wallace with an assault on a female last October 30, the court found that the prosecution was frivolous, malicious and not required by public interest, and the defendant was dismissed and the prosecuting witness, Annie Wallace, was taxed with the costs.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case charging Beulah Cherry and Cora Roberson with an affray.

Pleading not guilty of non-support, Thomas Little was adjudged guilty of not supporting his child and drew six months on the roads. The road sentence was suspended upon the payment of the costs and the guaranteed payment of \$4 a week for the child.

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.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the costs in the case in which Solomon Wynn Baker pleaded guilty of hit-and-run driving.

The case charging Allen Rasco with assaulting a female was dismissed.

Travis Dail was found not guilty of hit-and-run driving.

Charged with an assault and being drunk and disorderly, Ulysses Brown pleaded not guilty. Adjudged guilty, was fined \$10, plus 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.

William Henry Higgs pleaded not guilty of bastardy. He was adjudged guilty and drew six months on the roads. The court suspended the road term upon the payment of the costs and \$4 a week for the support of his child, plus a \$67 doctor's bill to be settled within ninety days.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Alexander Dolberry was fined \$100, plus costs. The defendant loses his driver's license for a year.

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 issuing a worthless check.

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

Russell Griffin and Melvin Brown, both colored, pleaded not guilty.

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#### LIBRARY HOLIDAY

The public library will be closed Saturday, December 23, through Tuesday, December 26, for the Christmas holidays, it was announced today.