

Increase Reported In County Liquor Sales

\$6,361,691 Spent For Liquor Since The Stores Opened

Last Quarter Sales \$4,000 Larger Than Those In Second Quarter '51.

After maintaining a downward trend for several years, liquor sales continue upward in this county. The second quarter sales this year were about \$4,000 larger than in the corresponding period in 1951. The low point was reached in the second quarter of 1950 when the gross income amounted to \$81,448.30. The \$279,578.90 sales in the last quarter of 1946 still hold the record.

According to the second quarter audit just recently released, the four legal liquor stores in this county have accounted for \$6,361,691.90 in sales the so-called profits adding up to \$1,461,316.98.

The store in Williamston continues to show a slight gain in sales over the other stores, and for the first time since the stores have been operating Jamesville's sales exceeded those in Oak City. For the three-month period ending last June 30, the sales added up to \$95,198.30 as compared with \$91,023.90 in the corresponding period in 1951. Profits last quarter amounted to \$18,164.16 as compared with \$18,363.13 in the corresponding period last year.

The audit shows that the County ABC Board paid \$70,977.13 for liquor, leaving a gross profit of \$24,221.17. Operating expenses amounted to \$6,007.35. The assets of the board at the end of last June were figured at \$60,088.46, including \$16,767.21 in cash, \$40,940.53 in inventories and about \$2,000 in fixed and other assets.

The board liabilities were placed at \$13,665.98 accounts payable, \$21,703.65 due county and towns, \$12,000 surplus, and \$12,718.83 for law enforcement.

Profits for the second quarter are compared with those of the corresponding quarter in 1951 as follows, by stores:

	1952	1951
Williamston	\$10,857.93	\$10,745.04
Robersonville	4,442.58	4,434.04
Oak City	1,345.94	1,826.73
Jamesville	1,517.71	1,357.31

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The profits were apportioned, as follows:

Martin County, \$6,818.21; State of North Carolina, \$8,063.11; reserve for law enforcement, \$1,010.10; Town of Williamston, \$1,320.78; Town of Robersonville, \$375.03; Town of Oak City, \$136.62; Town of Jamesville, \$141.20; Town of Hamilton, \$116.03; Town of Parmele, \$92.47; Town of Everetts, \$55.68; Town of Hassell, \$31.03.

The stores during the twelve months ending last June reported a profit of \$100,342.06. The State of North Carolina got the lion's share, \$42,393.47. Martin County received \$39,115.28, and \$5,794.85

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Position Open In Post Office Here

The United States Civil Service announces an open competitive examination for the position of Substitute Clerk and Carrier for filling vacancies in the Post Office at Williamston, North Carolina. The usual entrance salary for this position is \$1.61 1-2 per hour.

Applications for this position will be accepted by the Director, Fourth U. S. Civil Service Region, Temporary Building "R", 3rd and Jefferson Drive, S. W., Washington 25, D. C.

Competitors will be required to report for written examination, which will be held as soon as practicable after the date set for the close of receipt of applications. Full information and application blank may be obtained from Mr. J. Julian Jackson, Secretary of U. S. Civil Service Examiners, at the Williamston, Post Office.

BUMPER CROP

While some farmers may fall short in peanut production there's a young farmer down in Jamesville who is certain of a bumper crop. According to a report related by Farmer Carl Griffin, a neighbor measured three quarts of peanuts from a single bunch. Farmer Ben Manning says they have the best crop they have had out in Griffins in years. Farmer Clarence Stallings says his is only fair, down in Jamesville. Farmer Opheus Price is digging a splendid crop on the Martin farm. As a whole, the peanut production picture looks bright in this county.

Gutenberg Bible Stamps To Go On Sale On Tuesday

Marks 500th Anniversary Printing Of Bible From Movable Type

The 3-cent stamp to commemorate the 500th anniversary of the printing of the first book, The Holy Bible, from movable type, by Johann Gutenberg, will be first placed on sale at Washington, D. C., on September 30, 1952. This date was selected to coincide with the national observance of Bible Week. On the evening of September 30 several million Americans in more than 3,000 communities will gather to honor the Holy Bible, and on this date the new and revised Standard Version of both the Old and New Testaments will be released to the public. Protestants, Catholics and Jews will cooperate in the various cities to focus attention on the vital contribution the Bible has made to our Christian heritage and our national life.

The stamp will be 0.84 by 1.44 inches in dimensions, arranged horizontally, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated and issued in sheets of 50. The color of the stamp will be announced later. An initial printing order of 110,000,000 Gutenberg stamps has been authorized.

An unfurled paper scroll forms the background for the overall design of the stamp. A vignette of "Gutenberg Showing a Proof of the Elector of Mainz" appears on the left half of the stamp. The right half of the stamp is composed of the following lettering, reading from top to bottom: "1492-52" in white face Gothic; "500th anniversary of the printing of the first book, The Holy Bible, from movable type, by Johann Gutenberg" in dark old English; "U. S. Postage" in white.

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Study Social Security Plan

Every worker or self-employed man or woman should make a special effort to understand what social security means to him and his family. There are two times when such action is very important, according to Marshall Barney, manager of the Rocky Mount office of the Social Security Administration.

Because every individual's case is likely to be different from any other, he should obtain information from his nearest social security office when he arrives at age 65.

The other important time for action is when a worker or self-employed person dies. Someone in his family should contact the social security office immediately so there may be no loss of benefits to his surviving family.

"Remember these two times for action," Barney summarized, "by the worker or self-employed person when he arrives at age 65, and by some member of his family when he dies. This individual action will avoid any possible loss of benefits."

\$15,000 Judgment Awarded Tuesday In Superior Court

Few Other Cases Are Cleared From Civil Docket This Week

A \$15,000 judgment was awarded in the Martin County Superior Court Tuesday, but there is serious doubt if the judgment is worth the paper it is written on.

On the night of January 25, 1951, B. B. Wynne, riding with Cecil Keel, an the Pactolus-Stokes road was fatally injured when their vehicle was struck by another driven by Floyd Lee Clemmons. Mrs. Wynne, administratrix, instituted the suit for \$15,000 damages. The defendant never answered the complaint and was not in court Tuesday when the case was called. The widow, without funds, talked with Attorney E. S. Peel, Jr., and he worked up the case but could not get it called before he was shipped out to Korea. The elder member of the law firm carried the case through the court this week. The judgment is one of the largest ever recorded in court records in this county. As far as it could be learned here, no criminal action was brought in Pitt County against Clemmons who was held in the court in this county to have been negligent and whose negligence resulted in the Wynne man's death.

Few other cases have been cleared from the superior court docket, but Judge W. I. Halstead, presiding, has held night sessions, hearing special pleadings in several cases.

In the case of B. S. Courtney and Son against Isaiah Hill and others, the court granted the plaintiffs a judgment in the sum of \$525.

In the case of Romulus Peele against Bennie E. Lilley, a judgment was granted in the sum of \$329, damage alleged to have resulted in an automobile accident. A judgment entered by default in the case of Coast Auto Sales Corporation against A. B. Hopkins, Jr., of Tyrrell County, was set aside, and the defendant allowed thirty days to file answer.

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Furniture Store Opens Saturday

Its new building just completed at the corner of Washington and Elm Streets, the Williamston Furniture Company will formally open for business Saturday morning of this week, it was announced by the operators, Messrs. Johnny Rawls and Cecil Leggett. The store is specializing in all new and modern furniture, it was announced.

Mr. Rawls has been connected with the furniture business for a number of years, and formed a partnership just a short time ago to enter into business as co-owner and operator of the new store from the street from the New Carolina Warehouse. Mr. Leggett was associated with the Roger's Supply Company in Bear Grass for a number of years and was on the tobacco market during the past two years. Both young men are well known in this section.

Hamilton Having A Circus Friday

Sponsored by the Hamilton Parent-Teacher Association the Beers-Barnes circus will appear in two performances at Hamilton on Friday, September 26th. The afternoon show will begin promptly at 2 o'clock and the evening performance at 8 o'clock.

The Hamilton Parent - Teacher Association will get half the proceeds from all tickets sales made by noon on the day of the show. Tickets are now on sale at Johnson Mercantile Company and Slade, Rhodes-Company, in Hamilton. The money realized from the sale of tickets will be used for school improvements and Martin County citizens are asked to be as liberal as possible in purchasing tickets.

Extensive Drainage Project For County

THE RECORD SPEAKS . . .

For several years, the 38th week has been a bad one for traffic on Martin County highways. A year ago, thirteen persons were injured when a school bus crashed into a concrete support at the death trap on Williamston's West Main Street. There was a heavy accident toll in the corresponding period the year before and the year before that. Now, in the corresponding week in 1952, members of the highway patrol reported ten accidents in this county, resulting in injuries, more or less serious, to four persons and a property damage conservatively estimated at \$5,410.

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.

38th Week						
Accidents Inj'd Killed	Damage	1952	10	4	0	\$ 5,410
1951	2	13	0	400		
Comparisons To Date						
1952	202	95	1	\$66,090		
1951	177	89	5	39,395		

Mrs. Bettie Keel Dies At Coneloe

Mrs. Bettie Brown Keel, 80, mother of Mrs. George Harris, Jr., of Williamston, died at her home near Coneloe Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock. She had been declining health for many years, and an invalid during the past five years, most of which time she spent in bed.

In early womanhood she was married to John Keel of Martin County but had spent most of her life in Edgecombe.

Surviving besides her daughter here are two sons, Arthur Keel of Rocky Mount, Johnny Keel of Smithfield, and three daughters, Mrs. Mattie Riner of Rocky Mount, Mrs. Russell James and Mrs. Fernando James of Bethel; ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held in the Bethel Methodist Church Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and interment will be in the Bethel Cemetery.

Appeal Dismissed In Drainage Case

Claiming that it had not been properly notified of the developments, the North Carolina Puly Company this week went into the Martin County Superior Court and asked that its assessments levied by Martin County Drainage District No. 2 be ruled out.

Judge W. I. Halstead, presiding over the current term, listened to the arguments from about 5:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon until almost 8:00 o'clock that evening, and later dismissed the appeal, ruling that the company had no meritorious defense to support its claim.

The action involved an amount estimated at several hundred dollars.

Price Averages Gradually Climbing on Local Market

While there has been no material change in recent days, the daily price averages on the local tobacco market have been reflecting an upward trend. The sale of 281,136 pounds yesterday sold for an average right at \$51 per hundred pounds, the records showing it to be the second highest of the season to date.

Certain types of tobacco are still in the doldrums as far as price is concerned, but it is believed that the poundage of better quality tobacco is gradually increasing to influence the price with the possibility that prices

Propose To Drain 25,000 - Acre Area In Robersonville

First Hearing Will Be Held In County Courthouse On October 6

Plans are well advanced for launching a third and the largest drainage project ever proposed in this county, according to Attorney Robt. L. Coburn, representing 100 or more petitioners in Robersonville Township. A first hearing in the matter is to be held in the county courthouse before the clerk on Monday, October 6, it was announced this week. No cost estimates have been released, but it was learned that \$5,000 had already been posted to finance the preliminary costs, including surveys.

Known as Martin County Drainage District No. 3, the project includes approximately 25,000 acres of land, mostly if not all in Robersonville Township. The lower part of the proposed project is located at a point near Burr Bridge on the Robersonville-Stokes Highway. From this point the main drainage canal will run an arbitrary course in Flat Swamp about ten miles to Parmele, crossing Highway 64 just west of the Town of Robersonville. The project is considerably larger than the other two, including the one completed in the Bear Grass section and a second now nearing completion in Robersonville Township.

It was reported that work on the main canal in the No. 2 Drainage District has been pushed to a point above Gold Point, and that except for two laterals it should be finished within a comparatively short time. Work has been progressing rapidly on the project for several months.

According to reports reaching here, little opposition has been voiced against the newly proposed drainage project. It is estimated that 100 or more petitioners, including officials of the Town of Robersonville, are supporting the project, that the petitioners hold 95 per cent or more of the land in the 25,000-acre area tentatively designated as the drainage project.

If no unforeseen obstacles present themselves, the petitioners will push for an early contract.

Injured In Auto Street Accident

Margaret Gorham, eight-year-old colored girl, suffered painful but believed not serious head injuries, when she was struck by an automobile last Tuesday afternoon at the intersection of Liberty and Houghton Streets, not far from Martin General Hospital.

Leaving the hospital where she had visited her father, Floyd Gorham, who was injured in an automobile accident the day before, the girl, accompanied by several other children, was said to have dashed into Houghton Street and into the path of a car driven by Mrs. Garland Wynne who was driving toward Main Street on Houghton.

The victim was removed to the hospital for treatment where she is responding to treatment.

Calling Five Men For Induction Into The Armed Forces

Final and Pre-Induction Calls Announced For Month of October

Five Martin County men, three white and two colored, are being called to report for final induction into the armed forces tomorrow. They are to leave by regular bus for Raleigh where they'll draw camp assignments for their basic training.

Those called to report include: White—Rufus Sylvester Wynne of RFD 3, Williamston, Cecil O'Neal Bowen of RFD 3, Williamston, and Gilbert David Whitaker, Jr., of RFD 2, Williamston. Colored—James Dalton Fagan of RFD 1, Robersonville, and Eddie Preston Hyman of Oak City.

Both the final and pre-induction calls for October have been materially stepped up, it was learned this week. On Friday, October 17, fifteen Martin County men are to report for final induction. On Wednesday, October 22, thirty-seven men are scheduled to report for their pre-induction examinations. Both groups are to go to Raleigh, the first group by regular bus and the second by special bus.

Two men, James Norman Davis and John David Coffield, both colored, did not report for pre-induction on September 17 and they have been declared delinquent, meaning they are subject to arrest. Davis gave his address as RFD 1, Oak City, and Coffield, formerly of RFD 3, Williamston, gave his last address as 1810 N. 13th Street, Philadelphia. The men are being classified in I-A and are now subject to final induction.

The draft board announced that it is trying to get in contact with one Clarence Earl Stevenson who gave his address as 302 Sycamore

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Bible Observance Service Program

The program for the Bible observance service to be held on a county-wide basis in the Williamston High School auditorium next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock follows:

Prelude; Opening Hymn, "O Word of God Incarnate"; Declaration and Invocation. The Rev. R. E. Ferguson, Robersonville, President of the Martin County Ministerial Association; Act Of Praise, Psalm 119:33-41. The Rev. J. W. Berry, Williamston; Old Testament Reading, Psalm 23. The Rev. T. L. Hastings; New Testament Reading, 1 Corinthians 13. The Rev. W. C. Medlin, Williamston; Thanksgiving Prayer. The Rev. R. E. Walton; Welcome. The Rev. J. L. Goff, President of the Williamston Ministerial Association; Hymn, "Wonderful Words of Life"; Address, "The Word of Life in Living Language"; The Rev. Wilbur Wallace, Robersonville; Offertory Anthem, "Festival Song"; Mendelssohn, Williamston High School Glee Club; Presentation of Five Bibles, 1. Williamston Library, Mrs. J. C. Cooke; 2. Robersonville Library, Mrs. W. T. Swindell; 3. Civic Life, Mayor Robert Cowan; 4. P. T. A., Fletcher Thomas, president; 5. Bible Class Teacher, J. W. Sneed, Methodist Church; Act of Thanksgiving. The Rev. J. D. Skinner; Dedicatory Prayer and Lord's Prayer. The Rev. W. B. Harrington; The Benediction, The Rev. E. G. Conklin. The Closing Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation, Ye Saints of the Lord"; Postlude.

Copies of the Revised Standard Version of the Bible will be for sale before and after the Service; there are three editions: \$5, \$6, and \$10.

Continues Quite Ill In A Hospital Here

Stricken at his home in Bear Grass Township early last Monday morning, Mr. John W. Green, prominent county farmer, continues quite ill in a local hospital. However, his condition was reported somewhat improved this morning.

Plans Well Advanced For Harvest Festival

PEANUT HARVEST

Started on a small scale a few days ago, the peanut harvest, delayed briefly by an all-day rain on Monday of this week, is now rapidly gaining momentum with the expectation that it will go into high gear next week in this county.

Reports maintain that the crop is "spotty". A few farmers are reporting poor yield prospects, while a majority of those having already dug the goober declare yields are above average.

Farm Bureau In Hamilton Meeting Tuesday Evening

President Reviews History Of Organization; Peanut Marketing Outlined

Holding its first sectional meeting in Hamilton last Tuesday evening, the Martin County Farm Bureau reviewed the history of the organization in the nation and outlined its accomplishments and its program. Approximately 50 representatives from the farms in that area, including several farm women, attended the meeting and enjoyed a Dutch barbecue supper. New members were added to the list, boosting the total to almost 700 in the current membership drive.

Addressing the group, President Chas. L. Daniel recalled the accomplishments credited to the organization, and declared that it had been of tremendous value to the nation's agriculture. He explained that the organization is now working to equalize freight rates for farm commodities in all sections of the country, and to retain the ninety percent parity feature in the marketing of farm products.

The group discussed the proposed increase in telephone rates and agreed that a further rate advance would necessitate the removal of many telephones especially in the rural areas of this county.

County Agent T. B. Brandon outlined the plans for marketing the current peanut crop to obtain the best price.

It is understood that the Peanut Growers Cooperative is planning the construction of a number of warehouses for storage in several states, that possibly storage arrangements will be made in Williamston and Robersonville for the current crop.

School Works To Get High Rating

Although the local elementary school has been on the accredited list, it involved much work and cooperative effort to gain for it the State Board of Education's 1 rating, Principal B. G. Stewart explained this week. The high rating was announced only this week for the school, one of about ten in this section of the State to gain it.

Reviewing the work required to gain the rank, Principal Stewart pointed out that more than 75 percent of the teachers had to hold Class A certificates, the employment of a teacher with local funds to reduce the number of pupils per teacher, professional study programs, an active parent-teacher association with at least fifty percent of the homes represented in its membership, an approved lunchroom, adequate library space and books, audio-visual programs, an average daily attendance of 94 percent or more, adequate equipment.

Series Of Events Scheduled During October 20 Week

Street Dances, Parade, A Beauty Pageant and Address On Program

For the fifth consecutive year, Williamston will play host to the area when its annual harvest festival is held here during the week of October 20. Already, plans are in the making to assure this year's festival of being the most successful of all which have been staged. As in previous years, the festival will be sponsored by the Williamston Boosters, Inc., and a representative of that organization today stated that the general outline of the festival has been set, and the many and varied details being filled in each day.

The festival will begin on Monday night, October 20, with a street dance for the colored citizens of the section; with the white residents having their square and round street dancing on Tuesday night. Wednesday afternoon, October 22, the fifth annual harvest festival parade will be staged at 3:00 o'clock and on Wednesday evening of the same date, the Harvest Ball will be held in the Planters Warehouse.

Due to the Democratic Rally being held in Robersonville on Thursday, October 23, Festival activity will be necessarily limited during the day, but negotiations are underway for an attraction for the evening of that date.

On Friday, October 24, the curtain will ring down on the Festival with the festival football game between Williamston and Plymouth being played in the Williamston High School ball park. This promises to be one of the many highlights of the festival.

Again this year, "Princesses" from towns, cities and communities of the area are being invited to participate in the festival, with one of their number to be selected "Queen of the Harvest—1952". These communities include: Ahoskie, Bear Grass, Bethel, Edenton, Enfield, Greenville, Hertford (Perquimans), Jamesville, Oak City, Plymouth, Rich Square, Robersonville, Rocky Mount, Scotland Neck, Tarboro, Washington, West Edgecombe (near Rocky Mount), Williamston and Windsor. Elizabeth City was also invited, but due to pressing activities they will not be able to participate. Over half of the communities named above have accepted the invitation and it is expected that more acceptances will be received this week.

School bands invited to participate in the Festival Parade include: Ahoskie, Elizabeth City, Edenton, Enfield, Greenville, Plymouth, Rocky Mount, J. J. Clem-

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Funeral Held For Daney C. Cowan

Daney C. Cowan, Martin County farmer, died at his home just off the old Greenville road in Williamston Township last Monday night at 8:45 o'clock. During the day he had worked more than 100 sticks of tobacco, ate a hearty supper and retired apparently in his usual health. He talked with members of the family after retiring, suffered an attack and died a few minutes later.

A son of the late John A. and Cashie Mizelle Cowan, he was born in Bear Grass seventy years ago, farming there and in Cross Roads Township most of his life. He was married to Miss Zella Whitehurst in 1908.

Surviving besides his widow are three sons, Garland Cowan of near Williamston, Linwood Cowan of near Robersonville, and Jimmy Cowan of Norfolk; two daughters, Mrs. C. Forbes of Gold Point, and Mrs. Alex Rawls of near Robersonville.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elder A. B. Ayers. Interment was in the Robersonville Cemetery.