THE ENTERPRISE IS READ L OVER 3,000 MARTIN COUNT FAMILIES TWICE EACH WEE

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the plan.

Club Discussion

club project in this immediate

in the project is mounting, quite a

few parties, convinced of the

value a club offers a community,

having volunteered their support.

Vote December 15

The referendum to be held

ing area December 15 will deter-

mine whether peanut growers

want to continue the marketing

quota program which has been in

Reuben S. Everett, chairman of

the Martin County Production and

mittee, explains that the program

to be voted on is essentially the

same as the one that has been in

operation in 1951, 1952, and 1953.

The difference is that under pre-

sent law price support loans,

available when marketing quotas

are in effect, starting with the

1955 crop, will be available at not

less than a percent of parity be-

loans will continue to be avail-

able if marketing quotas are ap-

If marketing quotas are not ap-

more than one acre of peanuts

Miss Joan Coltrain is leaving

this week-end for Chicago where

she will represent Martin County

J. C. Cooke, local officer of the

Mathieson Chemical Company,

will also attend the congress in

the windy city. 'He leaves Friday

by plane from Norfolk. Mr.

program. Special awards will be

in the company-sponsored nation-

ni of the 4-H Clubs in the nation. \$408.

He urges all peanut growers to program, there is no doubt but

All farmers who share in 1953 by the hunting and fishing rules

crop peanuts on a farm on which and regulations. "Buy, you know,

as State winner of the Westing-bouse-sponsored electric contest. Divide Beer And

Cooke's company is sponsoring a North Carolina State Department

National 4-II Alumini Recognition of Revenue this week divided the

made next week to eight winners towns in the state.

operation since 1949

ESTABLISHED 1899

Tribunal Suspended Trials Wednesday For The Two-Day Holiday

Following a two-day holiday for Thanksgiving, the Martin County Superior Court will begin the second of a two-week term next Monday when it resumes the trial of civil cases. No criminal cases are being considered. A lone divorce case, Mitchell against Mitchell, is on the calendar for trial the first thing next Monday.

Other cases on the calendar for trial during the second week of the term include the following:

In his case against Roberson Slaughter House, Dr. W. F. Coppage is asking \$602.70 for professional services.

J. F. Thigpen and others, the plaintiff is asking to be declared the owner of certain land in the town of Williamston, maintaining that an error was made in drawing the deed.

Standard Fertilizer Company is suing J. R. Whealton to recover 221.78 on account.

Critcher Brothers are suing Atlas Plywood for \$1,390.84 alleged due on a contracta.

As a result of an automobile accident on Highway 64 in West End on August 16, 1952, Peter rell Williams to recover \$300 dam-

Standard Fertilizer Company is suing L. L. Hodges to recover \$640.68 alleged due on a note.

Henry T. Thomas is suing Coastal Plain Life Insurance Company to recover \$500 insurance carried on his late wife, Mary G. Thomas. the plaintiff is seeking to recover

\$200 alleged due on account. Three cases are pending against Julius Whorton and Robert Lee Sawyer, the plaintiffs asking for combined damages in the sum of

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Responsibility Law Explained

Vehicles will move swiftly begin- was reached. The widow Purvis ing end, officers were also check- gery. ning Tuesday night toward firm is receiving \$1,300 and the minor enforcement of North Carolina's son gets a like amount to be placnew Motor Vehicle Safety Re- ed in trust with the clerk of the sponsibility Law, which becomes court. The three plaintiffs' attoreffective on January 1.

nounced as follows:

ginning Tuesday morning.

the new law will operate.

3. Throughout the month of county. December, through the coopera- After disposing of one lone dition of the press and radio of vorce case, the court called the Maryland car which, in turn, North Carolina, the Department case of Critcher Lumber Company struck Cpl. Byrum's car. All the of Motor Vehicles will keep the against Richmond Cedar Works vehicles were moving west. public, and particularly the mo- and worked on it until 5:30 before torists, advised about various turning it over to the jury. After phases of the law up to the hour arguing the three issues for two where a bulldozer was in operaenforcement begins.

will-exiginate through the facility from mother plaintiffeld she serve ties of Station WPTF in Raleigh, of \$409.35. Alleging the defendant and will be heard over other sta- had breached a contract, the plaintions throughout the state. It will tiff asked for \$818.69. be enitled "Safety and Security on Our Highways." In view of earlier commitments, all stations may not be able to broadcast it simultaneously and it was suggested that those desiring to hear it consult the daily radio programs in their local newspapers on Tuesday

morning and afternoon. The new law, which was enacted by the last session of the leg- day midnight and carried away on Oak City's main street last islature, requires the automatic about \$25 in change. The cash Tuesday afternoon at 4:20 o'clock. suspension of a driver's license if register drawer was left partly No one was injured and the prohe is involved in a traffic accident open by the proprietor, John Hat- perty loss was limited to about and fails to furnish satisfactory ton Gurganus, and the robber took \$125. proof of his ability to meet dam- only the money that was visible, age claims up to \$11,000. Com- leaving ten or fifteen dollars in City was driving down the street missioner Scheidt will explain the the back part of the drawer. conditions and circumstances under which this can happen and else was missed from the place. | pulled from the curb and into the also information as to how it can

enacted the same type of law.

Court To Resume Heavy Blow Dealt To Civil Case Trials Here Next Monday Her

OBSERVANCE

Thanksgiving Day was observed in this community without incident, according to reports coming from various sources. The day was a general holiday, but large crowds attended special religious services, including the union Thanksgiving worship in the Presbyterian church where the Rev. John L. Goff preach-

Hunters turned to the fields and woods in numbers and reported generally good luck.

There were no accidents and law enforcement officers reported no arrests.

In the case of the adminstrator of the J. B. Cherry estate aginst Superior Court In Recess Until **Monday Morning**

\$6,000 Compensation Suit **Settled Late Tuesday** By Agreement

Christopher is suing Delmus Dar- Thanksgiving holiday but will re- wrecked the following day. sume its work next Monday morn-

> Judge Malcolm Paul, Washington man who was recently appointed to the bench as a special jurist, is presiding over the cur-

rent term. After granting Delzora Hardi-In the case of Harrison Oil son of Virginia Tuesday, the court and a fourth man who made his Township. Company against E. W. Briley, called the \$6,000 compensation escape, were operating crudely and her minor son against Earl jury was selected, the court spent missioner Buck Taylor in Washunexpected turn when the plaintiffs rested after offering records, federal court at Washington durtiffs rested after offering records, tending to show that the defenting to show the show the show that the defenting to show the show that the defenting the show that the defenting the show the show the show the show the show that the show that the show the show the show the show the show that the show the show the show the show the show that the show that the show the dants had transferred their pro- there. perty in an effort to block coldefense was denied a motion for eleven plants during the week. non-suit, and about 3:30 o'clock The State Department of Motor Tusday afternoon, an agreement

neys were allowed \$1,250, making The initial steps looking toward a total of \$3,850. complete enforcement on the The case dates back to August statutory effective date were an- 9, 1950, when Willie Purvis, husband and father of the plaintiffs, 1. The department has prepar- was accidentally killed in a logged a small leaflet explaining es- ing accident while employed by sential details about the law which the defendants. The Industrial motorists may pick up at any Commission awarded the widow gasoline station, without cost, be- and minor son \$18 a week for 350 2 On Tuesday evening Motor 000. The defendant took excep-Vehicles Commissioner Edward tions to the award and went into

weeks, the total not to exceed \$6,-Scheidt will address the people the superior court. Receiving an of North Carolina by radio in the adverse decision there, the defirst official explanation of how fense went to the State Supreme Court and it was sent back to the

hours, the jury announced its ver- tion, and struck the car before Commissioner Scheidt's address dict at 7:30 o'clock that evening, he saw it.

New Oyster Bar Minor Wreck On

Breaking a glass, robbers entered the newly opened oyster bar near the highway patrol radio station some time after Wednes-

until Mr. Gurganus reopened for about \$100 damage to the Sills car

Eleven Plants In County Destroyed

Crude Plant Near Hassell Last Sunday

A telling blow was dealt the ilduring the past week when ABC recovery. Enforcement Officers Cecil Buldeputies from the sheriff's office ry, he was born in Williams Townplants, arrested three men at a and lived and farmed in the comthe county.

The drive reached a satuartion life's finer and nobler ideals. point in Bear Grass Township during the week, Chief Cecil Bul- ember 27, 1901, to Mary Lucy Anlock stating that eight plants were drews. wrecked in that district during the period. Early in the week, the four sons, William Martin, Fred officers destroyed a plant in Cross | Gilbert and Percy Cherry of Wil-Roads and then moved over into Bear Grass. Tuesday, submarine Plymouth; five daughters, Mrs. type plant was wrecked there. After clearing only a few cases Three plants, all equipped with and Mrs. Frank Hopkins of Wilfrom the calendar, the Martin crude oil drums, were torn asund-County Superior Court, sitting in er the following day. A submarine a special two-week term, recessed type still was destroyed on Thurs-Wednesday afternoon for the day and a similar type plant was

Resting for the most part on Saturday, Officers Bullock and Craft, assisted by Deputies Garland Bunting of Oak City and Alton McLawhorn of Hassell, raided son a divorce from James Hardi- Purvis and Lester Brown, Jr., family cemetery in Williams suit brought by Laura Mae Purvis equipped plants. Bullock, Purvis Whitaker and others. After the nary hearing before U. S. Comconsiderable time drawing the is- ington that afternoon, and they sues in the case. The trial took an were released in \$300 bond each. Their cases are to be called in the

While a concerted attack was

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Near Williamston

No one was injured but considerable property damage resulted in a three-car accident at the drive-in theater near here on Highway 64 Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

A line of traffic, including cars driven by Cpl. M. C. Byrum of the N. C. Highway Patrol, and one driven by Henry J. Nibles of the Maryland Highway Patrol, had stopped for a school bus. The traffic was just beginning to move when Kenneth Johnson, driving a 1952 Cadillac, bumped into the

Johnson explained that he

and \$50 to Cpl. Byrum's car. Mr. Nibles was in the county

visiting relatives and hunting.

Oak City Street

A minor accident was reported

Roland Rommy Sills of Oak when Chas. Edfar Bunn, a travel-As far as could be learned noth- ing salesman from Franklin, Va., The robbery was not discovered side of Sills' new Ford, doing Forty-three other states have business early Thanksgiving even- and about \$25 damage to his 1953

Funeral Service Conducted In Holly Springs Church For Nymphus S. Cherry

Nymphus Staton Cherry, proninent Martin County farmer, During Past Week died in a hospital here shortly before 6:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, the victim of a heart attack. Three Men Arrested At He had been in declining health meeting to be held in the court- Caskey Road. for some months, suffering with house here next Monday at 8:00 morning he suffered a severe attack and was removed to the hos-A telling blow was deart the li-licit liquor traffic in this county but little hope was held for his

The son of the late William Anlock and Wiley Craft, assisted by drew and Louise Gurganus Cherdestroyed eleven manufacturing ship 73 years ago on April 12, 1880, crude plant near Hassell and munity all his life. He was a mem- inspected several potential sites, checked numerous retail outlets ber of the Holly Springs Methodist in Williamston and other parts of Church for many years, ably sup- findings at the meeting next Monporting it and taking a stand for day.

Mr. Cherry was married Nov-

Surviving besides his widow are liamston and Warren Cherry of Peanut Growers John R. Jones, Mrs. W. D. Jones liamston, Mrs. Henry Hopkins of Oak City, and Mrs. Edward Hollis of Norfolk, one sister, Mrs. throughout the U. S. peanut grow-Annie Roberson, of Williamston; twenty-two grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was conducted in the Holly Springs church Thursday atternoon at 3:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. R. two plants in the Hassell area of E. Walston, assisted by the Rev. Marketing Administration Com-Hamilton Township Sunday morn- W. B. Harrington, Baptist minising. William Bullock, Walter Lee ter. Interment was in the Andrews

equipped plants. Bullock, Purvis and Brown were given a prelimi-**Critically Stabbed**

Claimed to have acted in self- tween 75 and 90 percent which defense, Raleigh Rascoe, Jr., 15- depends on the supply of peanuts noon and interestingly reviewed parties: year-old colored boy, critically available at the beginning of the th hunting and fishing industry lection. The defense was denied in they poured out approximately 5,- afternoon. Rascoe was said to have an effort to block collection. The 000 gallons of beer or mash at the driven a several-inch paring knife blade into the victim's abdomen. Lilley was removed to a local being directed to the manufactur- hospital where he underwent sur-

> Arrested and placed in the county jail by Deputy Dennis Ro- percent of parity for the 1954 He went on to explain that the berson shortly after the attack, crop. In case of disapproval, average sportsman spends about Rascoe said that he had had trouble with Lilley some weeks ago, that they entered into another argument in the cafe, and that Lil- the program in operation. ley and three other colored youths started on him with a dag- derstanding, Chairman Everett dog or two are considered, the cost ger. According to Rascoe's story explains the referendum will not is not so great after all. ing on him.

> Rascoe, employed by a cleaning effect or not. establishment in Jamesville, left the scene of the attack and re- study the problem and the pro- what North Carolina can gain turned to his work where he was gram carefully and to express that position." arrested. He is being held in jail their wishes in the December 15 without privilge of bond pending referendum. the outcome of Lilley's condition.

Returns Home From Hospital Wednesday was harvested for nuts are eligible

Critically wounded in a shot glanced to the side of the road gun accident about three weeks ago, Carroll Roberson, young Represent County county man, returned to his home near Williamsky Jale Wednesday It was estimated that \$600 dam- following an operation and treatage was done to the Cadillac and ment in a Durham hospital. He is \$600 to the Maryland Chevrolet able to be up, but is not getting out much.

SURVEY

Starting this week, Leigh Wilson of the North Carolina League of Municipilities, is making progress on a survey for the recently appointed

town zoning commission. He plans to complete the project early next month and place the survey before the zoning commission which is made up of the following, W. T. Martin, W. B. Gaylord, G. P. Hall, John H. Gurganus and Mrs. R. W. Bondurant.

After a study of the survey by the commission, recommendations will be made to the town officials for final action, it was learned.

Williamston Packing Firm Holiday Schedule To Hear Country

ing an expansion and moderniza- program. tion program at its plant just west | The company, less than two area will be discussed at a public of the town limits on the Mc- years old, is experiencing a steady

a heart condition. Last Saturday o'clock, it was announced today, and concrete chutes have been persons and has openings for sev-All citizens interested in the pro- built, and just now the owners, eral others, including experienced ject are invited to attend the Messrs. Russell Griffin and meat cutters. meeting and participate in the George Peele are rebuliding the During the first several days of discussion. A recognized authority south wing of the plant in its en- this week, the company was will have inspected possible sites tirety. The owners are to add to handling more than 200 hogs daiand he will give an appraisal of their equipment there, enlarging ly, not to mention the purchase of The committee, appointed at a ing. The wing will also house a is being maintained for livestock me eting of an interested group of lard room, two smoke rooms and a raisers throughout this section, citizens a short time ago, have processing room.

Fireproof walls are being com- customers from day to day. and the group will present its During the meantime, interest

TOY COLLECTION

Preparing for their annual

Christmas party for quite a

number of local youngsters,

Jaycees will canvass the town

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'-

clock for toys. Last year the

Jaycees entertained about 50

children, and the organiza-

tion is calling upon local peo-

ple to help provide an ample

supply of toys and other use-

ful articles for the party this

Householders ars asked to

place their toys on the porch-

es for the collectors. No date

has been fixed for the party.

Armstrong Speaks

To Rotary Club

He pointed out the necessity of

playing the game fair, of abiding

Collecting approximately \$5,-

Martin County received \$19,-

000,000 in beer and wine taxes, the

March of last year, the Williams- and make other improvements in ton Packing Company is continu- their long-range modernization

and substantial growth. Just now Concrete floors for the pens the plant is employing seventeen

its facilities for custom meat cur- other animals. A livestock market and the company is adding more

pleted this week and the wing will | Its products are now being sold be completed without interrupting in twelve eastern North Carolina operations, Mr. Griffin explained counties, and the demand is in-The owners plan, intime, to re- creasing rapidly, it was learned.

Williamston Boy Author of Book, "Search Party

Pageant Press, New York, To Release First Edition On December 11

year old Julian Mason, has writ- pected to model its gayest dress ten an exciting new book of in years. The light and decorations poetry that succeeds in being are to be installed across the both sophisticated and sincere, streets, offset by stars. There'll Its sophistication lies in the be no green leaves to fade, but ideas that are presented, and there'll be bright tinfoil. language to express his thoughts.

"Somehow I have

Not been a part

Rod Armstrong of the North Ca-Of one of these rolina State Wildlife Commission Search parties, yet.' addressed the weekly meeting of the local Rotary Club Tuesday return. Then, he says, the search voted to keep the stores open on

"Will go out, Following star trails, To find man. list of industries in the State. Who has disappeared hunting and fishing in North Ca-And left no trail behind." rolina is a \$100 million dollar busi-The poet also writes well of na- days. ness, Mr. Armstrong said. The ture, using symbols which are

proved, the loans available to economic value of the two sports growers who plant within their is placed at about seven billion pares the stars to: acreage allotment will drop to 50 dollars annually in the nation. "Bright, sputtering sparks, Sprinkled carelessly on The plus velvet of night.' there will be another referendum \$200 a year on his hunting and

a year from now. A two-thirds fishing. It's rather costly, but the rolina, Julian Mason attended high o'clock closing during Christmas favorable vote is required to keep speaker pointed out that when school in Williamston and was week. wear and tear on car, gasoline, graduated from the University of During the meantime, Williams. To clear up a common misun- equipment, license fees, and a North Carolina in 1953. He is a ton business houses are rapidly member of Phi Beta Kappa, the adding to the Christmas stocks, Order of the Golden Fleece and introducing new innovations and as told to Deputy Roberson, Ras- determine whether there will be The speaker briefly reviewed Phi Mu Alpha, national music merchandise for effective shoppcoe owed Lilley some money, that acreage allotments in 1954. The the work of the commission, ex- fraternity. The poet now holds a ing. when Rascoe explained he could Secretary of Agriculture is re- plaining that it was striving to Carnegie Fellowship at the Geo. By special invitation Santa not pay the debt at that time, quired by law to establish peanut make North Carolina one of the Peabody College for Teachers in Claus has virtually agreed to be Lilley and the others started mov- acreage allotments each year main hunting and fishing states Nashville, Tennessee, for work on hand each evening from about whether marketing quotas are in in the nation. "And if the people on a Master's Degree in education. 5:00 o'clock until closing time durget together and promote a sound

Christmas Club

Checks, averaging well over there are those who would not \$100, are being placed in the mails cheat anywhere else, but would for the 400 Guaranty Bank Christshoot a bird of out season," he mas Club members, Cashier D. V. Clayton announced. The syste-Mr. Armstrong said that while matic saving plan works wonders some types of game are a bit for the club members at Christscarce, it is fairly certain that deer mas time, and the \$47,000.00 savand quail are more numerous now ed will make itself felt in the 4-H Congress and quall are more numerous now ed will make itself felt in the Walter Raleigh. "We have a good next few weeks.

supply of game in eastern North Cashier Clayton explained that Carolina. Let's preserve it," he the club is expanding each year, that the prospects are good for the coming season. The new 1954 club is now open for memberships in four denominations. Savings Wine Tax Income can be effected at the rate of 50 cents, \$1, \$2 or \$5 weekly, growing into \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250 checks a year from now.

Minor Fire At Basket Factory Here Wednesday

income with various counties and Very little damage, if any, recompany's program is dedicated addition to that amount the fol- Roanoke River here at 11:30 o'- vision engineer in charge of conto building more productive soil, lowing towns received shares: clock Wednesday morning.

growing more profitable crops, Williamston, \$5,002; Robersonand encouraging better farming. ville, \$1,421; Jamesville, \$531; the fire was brought under con-County at the nation congress. I of those sharing in the special tax. ers had the fire under control. portant coastal highway.

Rebuilding Its Plant Here For Stores During Purchasing the property in build the north wing of the plant Christmas Season

Business Houses to Remain Open Until 9:00 P. M. Christmas Week

Santa Claus is coming to town on Friday afternoon, December 4, at 4:00 o'clock, Ed Grady, executive secretary of the Williamston Boosters., Inc., announced today. The visit of the merry ole gentleman is certain to be confirmed over the week-end. Mr. Grady explained. Extensive arrangements are already being made to greet Santa, and a section-wide invitation is being extended to all the childrenadults, too-from miles around to come to Williamston that day and all during the Christmas sea-

Details for greeting Santa and welcoming thousands of visitors will be announced early next week. It can be said that thousands of little favors will be given the children.

Now that Thanksgiving is spent, the town and its merchants and other business operators are making ready for a great Christmas season. Street decorations are to be placed next week, and the lights are to be turned on next Friday evening, December 4. Expensive decorations have been A Williamston boy, twenty-two purchased, and the town is ex-

its sincerity, in the refreshing | Special prizes are being offered manner with which the poet uses for the best individual decorations in doorways and around the The little poem, dealing with homes, and cash recognition will man's search for God, says of the go to those handling public decorations. Fairly sizable sums are to be offered in cash prizes, a list of which is to be announced soon.

Polling the business houses this week, the Boosters announced And he doesn't think he will yesterday that a large majority December 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 and 24 until 9:00 o'clock p. m.

The vote was almost unanimous for observing Friday and Saturday, December 25 and 26, and January 1, New Year's, as holi-

A few store operators favored highly effective. One poem com- remaining opening on Friday, December 4 and 11, and several favored remaining open only until 7:00 or 8:00 o'clock during Christmas week. The majority Born in Washington, North Ca- vote, however, favored the 9:00

Finishing Touches Checks Mailed On Windsor Road

Highway Chairman A. H. Graham and Commissioner Emmett Winslow of the First Division retouches were being put on the widening and reconstruction of US 17 between Williamston and

long. Work was started in October, 1952. The Bertie County job runs from the end of the 22 foot concrete payement on US 17 about four miles northeast of Williamston northeast to a point in Windsor. The pavement is 24 feet wide.

Dickerson, Inc., of Monroe did the grading and paving at a contract estimate of \$367,086. Pyramid Construction Company of Wilmington built the structures at a total cost of \$54,805.

Highway department personnel who supervised the work includsulted when trash caught fire in ed W. N. Spruill, division engial contest, it was announced. The 046 as its part of the tax pie. In a dry kiln at the basket factory on neer; J. D. Miller, assistant distruction; and R. J. Peel of Wil-Discovered in its early stage, liamston, resident engineer.

Graham and Winslow said wid-There are seventeen million alum- Hamilton, \$506, and Parmele, trol by plant employees who used ening and reconstruction US 17, an emergency hose. Firemen an- a heavily travelled tourist road, Miss Coltrain is the first 4-H | The towns of Hassell and Oak swered the call and reachd the is part of a long-range plan to club member to represent Martin City were not included in the list scene about the time plant work- rebuild and modernize this im-