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## Child Killed In Auto Judge Carr Warns Minor Damage Caused By Clear Few Cases Prices At New Peak Crash Last Saturday In Charge To Jury No great damage resulted but on North Haughten Street and on Railroad Street burned in two

### Mother Of Child Is Critically Hurt In The Accident

First Fatal Wreck Reported At Intersection of 64 **And New Bypass** 

A ten-month-old child was killed and the mother was critically injured at the intersection of Highway 64 and the new truck route near the National Guard armory last Saturday morning at 10:05 o'clock. The child, William Ambrose Maye, suffered a skull fracture, chest and internal in- Local Business juries, and died in a local hospital within an hour. The mother, Ethel Lucille Maye, 21, suffered a ruptured kidney and heart and other internal injuries. Following first

Mercury, and both machines veer- \$22,308.37 for June of 1954. ed to Williams' left and stopped Retail sales over a year's time In his thirty minute charge to tween \$4,000 and \$5,000 to re-

place even before the route was ing year before. officially opened. The accident was the fourth fatal one reported on the highways in the county so Firemen Called far this year. It is likely that a toroner's inquest will be held in the case, but no date for the hearing has been set.

were reported on the highways place during a few minutes about and streets in this county during 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. resulted in any of them. .

intersection crash, Seth Wesley Chief Roebuck smelled smoke. Cratt of RFD 2, Williamston, lost He followed the scent and found extensive bookkeeping job dur- 1,224 pounds of pork and bacon, with the State of North Carolina J. E. and W. B. Lanier, \$25.30; control of his 1951 Ford in the smoke coming out of the east ing the Civil War, serving as a new pair of shoes for each of include the following: his car was estimated at \$150, ac- ment. Firemen found a short cir-

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### Health Offices To Close Three Days

The offices of the Martin County Health Department will be a two and one-half pound rock closed Thursday, Friday and Sat- fish from the Roanoke here. urday, September 23, 24 and 25th. annual meeting of the North Ca- pulled the rock from the stream. while the personnel attends the rolina Health Department in Ra- It is the first time on record that

The following will attend the inceting D. Sam Grahamer's. Ruth Wheeler, Mr. W. B. Gaylord, Jr., Miss Mary L. Taylor, Mrs. Leona DeCato, Mrs. Laura Chorley and Mrs. Ethel Moore.

### **Optometrists** To Meet Here Tomorrow Evening

The Northeastern District of the N. C. State Optometric Society will met here tomorrow evening in the offices of Dr. L. S. Christian, the society president. Dr. Pohn D. Costable of Wilson, secretary of the State Society and a member of the board of examin-

ers, will be the guest speaker. Members from throughout the district are expected here for the meeting.

### POLIO CASE

Martin County's second polio case of the year was reported today by Dr. Sam Graham of of the Martin County Health Department.

The victim, Leon Hines, 4year-old colored son of Peggy Hines of Robersonville, is in a Greenville hospital, reports describing his case as moderately severe with some par-

A first case of polio was reported in the Robersonville area only a few days ago.

## **Shows Increase**

How is business in Williamston? aid treatment in a local hospital, By some standards, business is not Explaining "presentments" she was removed by ambulance good, but a look at the facts and Judge Carr said he did not know to Duke Hospital for an operation. figures shows that business in definitely that such conditions A report received here this morn- Williamston has been steadily in- existed of an assault that climaxing said her condition was im- creasing in volume through the ed a night of chance in this sec-The father, William years according to information re- tion only recently. "Where there's Thomas Maye of 60 Grove Street, leased by the local Bosters' office. smoke, there must be fire," he Portsmouth, was cut about the A quick glance at postal receipts, said, instructing the jurors to arm and knee, but his injuries for instance, reveals that in the make investigations, and follow twenty years from 1933 through with presentments to the court. Rose Louise Maye, two years 1953 the Williamston Post Office "You may know about such cases, old, and David Green, owner and has more than quadrupled its an- or you'll hear about them, and it a passenger in the car, were not nual take, climbing from \$12,- is your duty to do something injured, investigating officers 488.13 to \$55,096.22. Even in the about them," the judge told the said. James LeRoy Williams of period from 1943-53 receipts from jurymen. Jamesville and driver of the sec- the Post Office operating here aland car involved in the accident, most doubled, rising from a 1943 ed law enforcement until 35 to figure of \$28,849.56 to the afore- 50 percent of the cases in the cri-

Maye, accompanied by his fami- mentioned 1953 figures. iy and Green, were en route from In the retail business, about the motor vehicle," Judge Carr said, Virginia to Cravan County to see only means of determing volume adding that conditions make it his wife's mother. He did not fol- of sales is by comparing figures impossible for officers to learn low U. S. 17 as he came off the on sales tax collections in the about all violations of the law. He bridge, but drove on the incom- county. In 1954, for instance, there charged the jury with the duty plete truck route. It was said be has been only one month in which of ferreting out any and all law man, early Sunday morning. Orimoved into the intersection of collections were below the figure violations. "If there are law vio-Highway 64 near the armory for the same month last year. In lations or places of business where without stopping. Williams, driv- July of 1953 collections in Martin laws are violated, and people ing from his home in Jamesville, County totaled \$19,054.03, and in wonder why something isn't done ered by insurance, Mr. Johnson struck the left rear part of July 1954 the total was \$22,133.36, about it, you should make pre-Green's 1949 Ford with his 1953 a few dollars below the figure sentment to the court," the jurist ance was carried on the large

It was the first fatal accident on \$15,373,294.00, an increase from work of the jury may be lightenthe new truck route and took \$13,799,590.00 in the correspond- ed, giving the jurors more time Storm Struck Hamilton

## · To Grocery Here bill of indictment.

The corner of Washington and Two or three other accidents Sycamore Streets was a busy

plete reports show little damage to investigate a minor auto accident in the intersection. While Thirty minutes after the bad making a routine investigation, sand on the Bailey Road and side of the Red Front Grocery. He treasurer of the volunteer fund, the 94 men, a \$20 bounty, \$24.25 Joseph Webb for hauling meal John Hyman, \$35.14. For Comditched the machine. Damage to radioed a call for the fire depart- and keeping records of accounts worth of belts, and a hat for S. E. flour, 20 cents; J. H. Burnett for pany C: E. J. Rawls, \$20; John Damage was limited to the motor, it was reported.

### Catches Rock In The

Clyde Silverthorne made history a few days ago when he took

Specializing in carp fishing, the fisherman was surprised when h a rock fish has been taken from the Roanoke at this time of the

### DENIED

Going into Federal court before Judge Donnell Gilliam last Friday, the New Deal Warehouse, in its case against the operators of the other four warehouses, was denied an increase in selling time, according to information reaching here following the preliminary hearing held in the judge's office at Tarboro.

No final hearing has been set in the case, as far as it could be learned, but it is likely it will hit the courts in

Recommends Jury Take Action Where Law Violations Are Flourishing

Judge Leo Carr, addressing the Martin County Grand Jury in vanced in the name of the chari- on other farms were twisted. ties. The jurist, declaring there is with the promise to the purchasers of a valuable prize.

Judge Carr pointed out that the indifference to the gambling laws leads to a breakdown in law enforcement in general, creating a dangerous situation for decent

"The automobile has aggravat- Loses Thirty-One

minal courts are traceable to the

to make investigations. He explained that the law will make it possible for a defendant with counsel may be tried on information and belief rather than on a

The jurist stressed a ringing

oath, followed by a pronounced (Continued on Page Eight)

## Against Gambling Storm In County Monday

trees were upset and limbs and Railroad Street burned in two, some corn were blown down in and sections of the town were addition to power failures in parts without service. A large oak fell of the county during a wind and Gardner's Creek, interrupting serelectrical storm yesterday after- vice in that area. Power was also

Damage to the corn crop was Griffins Township. quarterly session on Monday, spotted. One farmer reported warned against gambling, and about two acres of his crop level- of Baker Oil Company on East jury, the Martin County Superior struck out against lotteries ad- ed with the ground, while crops Main Street, Mr. Baker stating Court, opening a two-week term

a growing tendency on the part of spotted in this section of the councelebration. respectable citizens to wink at ty. Williamston's main business gambling, did not mention the district was without lights and ported in the Raleigh and Wilson Tales jurymen, including L. D. church bingo or the church raf- power for slightly more than an areas. In Wilson, a school build- Windom, L. P. Lindsley, Jr., J. fle, but he did refer to one case hour, beginning at 3:15 o'clock in ing was damaged and several W. Andrews, T. F. Davenport, R. where teachers handed out lottery the afternoon. Wires, whipped students were injured, it was re- C. Brown and Daniel M. Jones, tickets to be sold by the children together by trees in two places ported.

SUCCESSFUL

Canvassers reported the

most successful drive in his-

tory last Wednesday when

they signed up 1,535 Farm

Bureau members in Martin

County. The drive, Just about

500 short of its goal, is still

A completed task is in sight

when the canvassers hold an-

other meeting on Thursday

evening, October 1, in the

courthouse. Clayton Bailey,

canvassing for the first time,

signed up ninety-four mem-

Barns Of Tobacco

from the 24 acres were burned

panied by much electricity, struck

Hamilton late Sunday afternoon.

Quite a few limbs were blown

from large trees and power and

light service was interrupted the

greater part of four hours.

in progress.

## North Carolina **Farmers Taking**

across a 7,200 volt line near

Decrease Thirty-One Million Reported In Farmers' Income Last Year

A Price Beating

Tar Heel farmers received a twelve months. total of \$903,950,000 from the sale 5.3 percent less than 1951.

house and thirty-one barns of tobacco on the Grimesland farm of of all commodities.

indicate an increase in volume the jury, Judge Carr explained place. The tobacco carried an inabout forty or fifty feet away.

Damage to the Mercury was estimated at \$1,200 and that to June 30, 1954, in Martin Country of the June 30, 1954, in Martin Country of the June 30, 1954, in Martin Country of \$600 per acre of \$600 per acre of the June 30, 1954, in Martin Country of the June 30, 1954, in Martin Country or fifty feet away.

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Surance rider of \$600 per acre of the cash receipts from the June 30, 1954, in Martin Country or fifty feet away. ty, total retail sales amounted to system, that by legislative act, the cottonseed combined was the sec-spilled the liquor on him. The ond most important crop in terms fantastic story struck home and of cash receipts, accounting for the jury found him not guilty. Last Sunday Afternoon \$92,947,000 or 10.3 percent of the Judge Carr affirmed a judg-A strong wind storm, accom-

from tobacco in 1953 was almost to serve six months on the roads. Curlee clothes. five times the income from cotton In the second case, the defendant

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# From The Docket

Pleading, Based On Arrest, Without A Warrant, Is Ruled Out

Spending much of the morning perfecting its organization, in-Lightning struck near the plant cluding an address to the grand that a pick-up truck sparkled as it Monday with Judge Leo Carr on Power interruptions were also were a part of a Fourth of July the bench, cleared comparatively few cases from the docket during Considerable damage was re- the day.

> had to be drawn after several others were excused. Irving Griffin explaining that he had been called repeatedly for jury duty, was excused along with A. J. Saunders and John W. Corey, who were dismissed on account of illness. Two of those drawn for jury duty were also excused.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of drunken driving, Charles Linwood Bland was fined \$100 and taxed with the costs. He surrendered his op-

from sales of livestock and live- process of law, that he was cat- ing a second trip and loaded with week's marketings. stock products in 1953 and also ried into court by the strong arm materials and equipment, the Sales during the week ending Henry A. Johnson, Williamston 1952. The State ranked twelfth in of an individual and not by the three men were picked up as easy September 17 amounted to 58, Receipts from sales of crops ac- pearing for the State, Patrolman fiscated. accounting for \$456,942,000 or 50.6 and add that the defendant was numerous containers.

total cash farm income in 1953. ment handed down in the lower

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# In Superior Court On The Market Here

### **PEANUTS**

The peanut harvest was launched on a limited scale in this county last week, but most farmers questioned about the harvest, said the crop was not quite ready for the diggers.

Several acres were dug on the Mizelle farm near Williamston on Highway 125, and a few farmers dug their crops in the Robersonville area last week.

Reports on the crop point to fair quality but limited quantity. The harvest is hardly expected to get under way on an appreciable scale before the next two weeks in this county.

### Three Arrested At Liquor Still

Three men, Sam Daniels, 45,

Considerable time was spent liquor still near Tar Landing in morning the market had sold 6,of fall crops, livestock, and live- hearing special pleadings in and Jamesville Township late last 840,344 pounds for \$3,702,320, or stock products in 1953. This is 31 the trial of the drunken driving Saturday night. They were re- an over-all average of \$54.12 for million dollars or 3.3 percent less case against Robert Ernest Linton. leased in \$100 bond each and are the season to date. than 1952 and 50 million dollars or His case pending trial following booked for trial in the county Following is a belt-wise report his arrest in April of last year, court the first Monday in October. for the past week: According to the North Carolina | Linton pleaded not guilty when Officers Cecil Bullock, Roy | Most grades fo Eastern North Crop Reporting Service, North his case was called and he was Peel, Wiley Craft and Garland Carolina flue-cured tobacco sold Carolina ranked fourth among the adjudged guilty in the recorder's Bunting started a watch near the for steady to slightly lower av-States of the Nation in cash re- court. He appealed, and his at- stand that afternoon. When no one erage prices last week. Volume of cepits from sales of all field crops torney, basing his argument on visited the still, the officers start-sales was heavy reports the Fedin both 1953 and 1952. The Tar the Supreme Court decision in ed to leave about 9:00 o'clock. The eral-State Market News Service.

1953 and thirteenth in 1952 in strong arm of the law. Judge Carr as if they had been sitting ducks. 432,030 pounds and averaged total cash receipts from the sale frowned on the pleading, and the The 50-gallon copper kettle was \$53.21 per hundred. The average stage was set for the trial. Ap- wrecked and materials were con- gained 10 cents over that of the

counted for \$683,885,000 or 75.7 J. O. Arthur said he saw Linton Later that night, the officers of the season. For the twentypercent of the total cash receipts driving from one side to the other raided the Estelle Brooks home four marketing days so far 185, in 1953. As usual, tobacco led all on a Williamston street, that he in Cross Roads and found a small 435,363 pounds have averaged crops in value of sales in 1953, stopped him, smelt liquor on him, quantity of illicit liquor and \$52.98. Last year 253,381,814

## **Suits From Store**

a team, invaded Darden's Depart-The relative importance of to- court when Robert Clifton Roger- ment store here last Friday durbacco to the State's economy is son appealed assault cases to the ing the lunch hour, and walked grades of nondescript and primshown by the fact that income higher tribunal. The defendant is away with four men's suits of

Mr. Darden and his clerks were busy at the time, and the women casually inspected the suits on the rack, When Clerk W. H. Harrison appeared and offered to wait on Conoho Club In the group, one of the women called for a pair of socks and moved the clerk to a point near the rear of the store. Fifty minutes later four empty

coat hangers were found on the Gun Club, Inc., was held at Robrack. The women had removed ersonville on Thursday, Septemthe clothes from the hangers and ber 16th, to make arrangements stuffed them into shopping bags for the coming hunting season, and walked away.

them if they appear again.

### Clasroom Teachers Are

room Teachers Association at the Creek to Poplar Point on the

### ROUNDAY

There was comparatively little activity on the crime front in this immediate section during the past weekend, according to a report coming from the sheriff's office. Only five persons were arrested and jailed, two for public drunkenness, and one each for an assault with a deadly weapon, breaking and entering and drunken driving-speeding.

Four of the group were colored. The breaking and entering case could have the earmarks of first degree burglarly, according to one report.

### Sales Going Over The Seven Million Mark Here Today

One Of Largest Sales Of Season Yesterday Averaged \$57.18

Prices reached a new high peak of the season on the Williamston tobacco market vesterday when 410,096 pounds were sold for \$234,594.41, an average of \$57.18 per hundred pounds. The sale was one of the largest held here this season, and the average was several cents above the previous high reported for any one day.

Prices ranged right on up into the seventies. The quality of the two combining to push the general average to the peak of the season to date.

Sales today are going over the erator's license to the court for Raleigh Jones, 34, and Jasper seven million-pound mark with Smith, 45, were arrested near a much to spare. Up until this

Heel State ranked twenty-second the Mobley case, maintained that three men moved in and the of- The quality of tobacco showed in dollar volume of cash receipts his client was in court not by due ficers extended their wait. Mak- a little improvement over last

pounds averaged \$56.15 during the same number of days

Around three-fourths of the grade averages were steady to and \$2,00 a hundred pounds in most instances. Decreases were more frequent for lugs, smoking leaf and lower quality leaf offerings. Gains occurred for several

A small increase was noted in the percentage of better quality (Continued on Page Eight)

## **Annual Meeting**

The annual meeting of Conoho They were strangers, but the opening hunt and a barbecue dinclerks think they can identify ner for members will be held at Quitsna Landing on Saturday October 16th. Mr. Joe Johnson and Mr. Nathan Bullock were named Meeting This Afternoon as wardens for the club grounds and they will regularly patrol There will be a call meeting of the leased area which lies on the

### **VEPCO** Personnel Changes Are Made

Two changes in the Virginia Electric and Power Company personnel in its local offices were announced this week by Manager A. L. Jameson.

Parker Peele has been promoted from the plant accounting department to the sales department as dealer representative. He is being succeeded in the plant accounting division by Mitchell F. Willard who comes here from South Boston, Va. Mr. Willard is a native of South Boston and has been in the company offices there. He plans to move his wife and two children here just as soon as living quarters are available.

### the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. No one was reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end. The past week-end were reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end were reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end were reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end were reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end were reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end were reported injured and the incommerce of the past week-end were reported and the incommerce of the past week-end were reported and the injured and the August, 1861: John Watts, 88 Installment 12 on May 20, 1861, they were pro- iel and Staton Mill. (Mr. Bagley, it appears, had an vided with 4,000 corned herring, Other items found the account cents; Wm. A. Weathersbee, \$8.50;

dit another, and while every the State. confusing. A .few of the select the diary, as follows:

Moore's order, for 3,000 corned lumber, \$3.00.

paid \$1.20 for spool cotton.

Cherry for tobacco.

Paid Lieutenant Knight for ex- the list of accounts was a wealthy rendered, \$23.44. penses paid Wyatt to go after merchant and mill man. He lived Between early May and early (In the next installment, No cloth, etc., and freight on goods on the corner of Church and August, Treasurer Bagley had 13, Mr. Bagley completes his book-

with the State, the tax fund, the Moore, all the provisions and peas and fish, \$25; Roanoke Ho- Watts, \$5.85; William A. Weathcuit in a refrigerator unit motor. barter commissary and numerous clothing and shoes adding up to tel for taking care of soldiers, ersbee, \$22.41; and J. R. and W. B. other accounts. As the war prog- \$3,247.18. Half of the \$1,880 boun- \$94.00; John R. Lanier for cloth, Lanier, \$79.20. ressed, the treasurer would charge ty was paid by the Volunteer \$276.13; Capt. Hatton for trans- On page III of the diary, Treasone fund with something and cre- Fund and was not charged against porting Capt. Rives and command urer Bagley credits the State of to Plymouth, \$35; Paid to Volun- North Carolina account with sur-Roanoke Few Days Ago transaction is entered in detail. Other items charged against the teer Fund \$2.40 for three bushels dries and provisions left on hand, the system is recognized as a bit State are picked at random from of meal to soldiers while in camp; and a few other items, as follows: Bounty of Company C of 81 men Peas, \$1.20; part of a sack of the Martin County Unit of Classitems in the State of North Caro- Mrs. Whitaker's account, \$14; at \$20, \$1,620, less \$405 given by salt silt, \$1.20; seventy pounds of lina account as entered in the di- Mrs. Cherry for making clothe, Volunteer Fund; One pair of shoes sugar, at 8 3-4 cents, \$6 12; small Williamston High School on Tues- south side of Roanoke River and ary by Mr. Bagley are reviewed \$1.25; C. B. Hassell for goods, etc., each for 81 soldiers at \$1.50; lot of flour and meal mix, \$1.50; day afternoon, September 21st at arrest and prosecute all trespasin this, the twelfth installment). furnished, \$266.13; J. R. and W. \$121.50; Capt. Rives for camp 300 corned herring (smoker), 4:00 p. m. It is important that all It is not yet certain that the B. Lanier for goods, etc., \$60.38; stools, chests, tables, medicine, \$4.50; lumber left at camp site, classroom teachers be present. tirely in Martin County. volunteer fund was ever repaid, Captain Taylor, on Captain etc., \$85; J. H. Thrower, for work \$8; sieves, \$1.60; cloth, \$12.86; Matters of business for the year but the treasurer in May, 1861, Lamb's order for transporting and attention to the soldier, \$2.50; silk, wading, silk lining, \$8.60; will be discussed

started charging items against the troops to Hatteras, \$93.96; Cap- J. H. Burnett, fish, \$14.63; W. H. trimmings, \$16.00. tain Melson for transporting Carstarphen, accounts rendered, The following deductions from One of the first charge items is troops to Hatterss, \$66;" Alfred \$310.07; C. B. Hassell, accounts the designated accounts were also listed, "P. G. Foster's expenses Jordan for cutting cloths, \$62,30; rendered, \$71.28; Alfred Jordan credited to the State account: to Petersburg after funds. Cap- W. A. Groves, Foster's commis- for making clothes for Company Lanier's bill for shoes, Acc't tain John C. Lamb was paid \$2,- sary order, \$1.50; W. J. Harrison A, \$253 and \$8.40 for making No. 16, \$9; Capt. Lamb's account 000 for the purchase of goods, for barrels, \$2.25; Miss H. Lloyd clothes for Co. C; Arthur Ander- No. 2, \$3; J. W. Watts, \$23.00; W. equipment, etc., the amount being for making cloths, \$3.25; John son, canteen straps for Co. A, H. Carstarphen, \$51.06; C. B. Hascharged to the State. Ninety dol- Watts for account rendered, \$40; Wm. H. Robason, bounty, \$20, sell, \$13.45; Wm. A. Weathersbee, lars were paid, per Captain \$89.33; Mr. Lipscomb for hauling paid by Captain's order, less \$5 \$1.75; John Hyman, \$13.85; and a paid from Volunteer Fund, and credit of 44 yards of blue jeans herring and two barrels of pork The soldiers had their tobacco a parir of shoes, \$1.50; Mizelle and left on hand, \$5.50.

for hands (Volunteer Negroes) on in those days, the account with Waters, account rendered, \$17.40; The following notation is found Beacton Island, Joseph Waldo was the State, listing \$15 paid to J. A. H. S. Cooper, account rendered, under the December listings: "By \$17.40; H. S. Cooper, account ren- this sum allowed by Board of Another charge entry reads: The P. G. Foster mentioned in dered, \$2.90; P. G. Foster, account Claims in award, Companies A.

unteers sailed from Williamston Foster's mill, later known as Dan-rendered for Company A in early prosecution of the war).

Mrs. D. B. Whitaker, \$8.43, and

and C's proportion is \$3,872.62.

for regiment and Captain Lamb's Smithwick Streets in Williamston made 55 entries against the State, keeping for a while, and turns where the Memorial Baptist amounting to \$6,904.44. The fol- his attention to the activities of When the Martin County vol- Church now stands, and operated lowing entries were for accounts Martin County soldiers and the