

Merry Christmas

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November ABC Store Sales up \$9,494.65 Over November '59

Supervisor Ray Harrison of the Jones County Alcoholic Beverages in the 4-store system during No-Control board reported gross sales member of this year of \$31,793.75.

This represents an increase of \$9,494.65 over sales during November '59.

Store No. 2 at Hargett Crossroads still holds the top spot in legal whisky sales in the county with November gross business of \$10,206.35. Sales at this store were \$8,071.15 in November '59.

The county's newest legal liquor store located between Maysville and Pollocksville on Highway US 17 ranked second in November sales with a gross of \$8,637.25. It was not open in November of '59.

Store No. 3 at Wyse Fork on Highway US 70 ranked in 3rd place in gross sales at \$6,570.30, compared to \$7,000.50 in November '59.

Store No. 1 at Trenton also had a sharp drop with sales this year in November of \$6,379.85, compared to \$7,227.45 a year ago.

County Workers Have Christmas Party

The annual County Employee Christmas party was held Tuesday afternoon at the agriculture building. Nelson Banks was master of ceremonies and Millis Wright gave the devotional. After group singing led by Mrs. Rogers Pollock and Mrs. Leslie Parker, John Larkin gave a talk on the "Fourth Wiseman".

Gifts were exchanged at the Christmas tree and refreshments were served from a table set with silver candelabra and silver tea services and greenery. Approximately 40 people were there.

Comfort PTA Sees 4-H Club Program

A program on the Jones County 4-H program, especially 4-H Camp, was the request of the Comfort School Parent-Teachers Association for its December meeting. The agents in charge of 4-H were glad to provide such a program.

Slides of camp, which had been collected by the office staff over a period of several years, made up a major portion of the program. Clubs and the 4-H Development. An explanation of community 4-H Fund completed the program. (The Comfort 4-H'ers and leaders hope to organize a community club early in January.)

Land Transfers

Real estate transfers recorded during the past week in the office of Jones County Register of Deeds Bill Parker included the following: Herbert and Mary Coombs to Riegel Paper Company 46 acres in Chiquapin Township.

George and Marvin Hardy to Iris K. and Ralph Mallard 1.63 acres in Trenton Township.

Sylvanus Mallard to Donald P. Brock one lot in Trenton.

Archie Eubanks to Ray Eubanks 24.5 acres in Cypress Creek Township.

Girls Win, Boys Lose In Cage Battle With Teams of 'Old Folks'

The Jones Central Girls beat the Town Tigers Tuesday night in a slap happy game, with Lilly Faye Banks high scorer for the girls and Mrs. Eula Mercer high for the ladies.

During the boys game, the Jones Central Rockets were confident of winning, but were probably over confident, because the Faculty Men from the county won the game by about 25 points. Amos Taylor was high scorer for the men and Gary Melville for the boys.

The score board jumped around so that no one could remember the exact score of either game, or else wanted to save face among the ladies and high school boys, but everyone had a good time.

Two Suits Filed in Jones Superior Court

During the past week two civil actions have been filed with Superior Court Clerk Murray Whitaker.

Otha Wilson filed suit for absolute divorce from Ida Mae Wilson on grounds of two years separation.

Coastal Tractor & Truck Company filed a claim and delivery action against Fay Roy Meadows.

Three Arrests Made

The office of Sheriff Brown Yates reports three arrests during the past week, all on charges of public drunkenness. Those accused included Abner Perry of 708 Pollock Street in Kinston, Tommie Lee Collins of Maysville and Quincy Moore of Trenton.

Mrs. Etta Florence Stillely

Funeral services were held last Sunday for Mrs. Etta Florence Stillely, 55, wife of Joseph Stillely of Trenton route 2, who died last Friday afternoon.

Public Generosity Brightens La Grange Negro's Christmas

"To the best of my recollection it was either three hundred and fifty six or fifty seven dollars." That's how Lloyd Coleman last week told the Lenoir County Superior Court about the theft of his life savings.

The aged La Grange negro had taken the witness stand in the trial of George May and Willie Chamberlain, young La Grange negroes, who were sent to prison for terms of from 5 to 8 years for this robbery and for other thievery from the office of the Dixie Fertilizer Company.

A few minutes later in the rear of the court room a spontaneous notion began a collection with one dollar from Highway Patrolman Billy Baker and everyone else in the room that grew by Saturday to \$155.50.

Newsman Jack Rider first asked La Grange Police Chief P. O. James if Coleman were a reputable citizen. James assured Rider that the old colored man had a good

Maysville PTA Sees Program on Mexico

A program "Mexican Christmas", was the highlight of the Monday night meeting of the P.T.A. The program was presented by Mrs. Allen's third grade. They have been studying Mexico as presented this program as their version of a Mexican Christmas as a climax to their studies.

The program was done in three parts. The first part was titled La Flor de la Santa Noche of "Flower of the Holy Night" and was presented by Susan Morgan, Robert Carroll, William Pruitt, Michael Thompson, Bobbie Brailey and Lynn Thompson.

Sixth graders dressed as Mexican costumes served as marchers, Libby King was the Madonna and Michael Meadows and Jon Wetherington were announcers.

The second part was "Mexican Fiesta" and included Mike Thompson performing as a matador and Mexican folk dances performed by third graders.

The third part was "The Pinata" which introduced the Mexican children's custom at Christmas. Instead of stockings used by American children they use gaily decorated clay jars to hold goodies and toys.

During the final part, "The Pinata" was played. Singing carols ended the program.

After a business session Mesdames Mildred Bailey, Fannie Pruitt, Sue Meadows, Jesse Bynum, Nina Bracey, Bea McPeake, Joan Thompson, Dorothy Carroll and Marguerite Morgan alternated at presiding over the punch bowl and serving assorted sandwiches and cookies. The refreshments were covered in a red linen cloth and held a center arrangement of Mexican fruit in a hand-woven Mexican bowl flanked with red candles in wooden sticks.

Room count was won by the third grade with 48 standing. Special thanks to Mrs. Harold Matlocks, Cliff Holden, the Norman Kings and Libby King who furnished talent and costumes and to Mrs.

record as a hard worker, who bothered no one.

Rider told the story over Radio Station WFTC and money began to pour in. Checks and dollars came in from as far as Wilmington, New Bern with the majority naturally coming from the Kinston area. Rich people, poor people; old people and young people; black people and white people sent or brought their money.

Some had known Coleman for years; others knew nothing about him except that at the Christmas season the old man's life savings had been stolen.

By Saturday Rider had received \$145.50—including 50 cents from Josh Dawson, who operates the blind man's shop on court house square. In La Grange another \$8 had been given to Chief James.

When Rider drove into the yard of the Coleman home—just north of Frink High School campus—the old man was busy at the wood pile,

Maysville Firemen Save 9 Pollocksville Homes Last Saturday Morning

By Mrs. Nolan Jones

Last Saturday morning the Maysville Fire Department was called to a Pollocksville home and although it arrived just seven minutes after the call the firemen found the house covered with flames and beyond saving.

But nine other houses located in the row were saved by fine work of the Maysville smokeeaters. Some suffered burns about the face and one of the Maysville fire trucks had paint blistered off one side because of the intensity of the blaze.

In its nine years the Maysville department has saved more homes and farm buildings outside the Maysville area than in it, and all members agree that last Saturday's fire if they had arrived a few minutes later would have been the worst in the eastern end of Jones County since the 1952 fire in Maysville in which an oil tanker and car collided, resulting in one death, destruction of one building, damage to several others and loss of both vehicles.

During hurricanes the Maysville firemen also maintain constant patrols in an effort to keep damage to a minimum and to be of help to any residents who might be in distress.

Congressman-Elect Speaks to Trenton Rotarians Tuesday

David Henderson, Congressman-elect from the Third District, was guest speaker at the Trenton Rotary Club Tuesday night. Fred

Lifesaving Rules Listed For Holiday Period Driving

It makes no difference where you spend New Year's Eve, State Highway Patrolman B. W. Oakley told citizens of Jones County today. Whether you spend it at church in solemn watch night services or at a gay party, make it "watch night" on the streets and

Betty Williams for her assistance to Mrs. Allen in presenting the program. Mrs. Williams teaches Spanish in the third grade.

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trimming out an axe handle. He explained his working on Saturday afternoon by saying, "I'll try to keep busy. I sell a few axe handles around town, and every little bit helps."

Coleman said he had farmed until he got too old to carry a crop and then he had moved to town with his old mule and a wagon and plow. He plows vegetable gardens, hauls wood from the saw mill to people who have no way of getting the wood home, and makes the rest of his living by helping people keep their yards neat around La Grange.

Tuesday Rider received a letter from Coleman, asking that each of the people who had helped him be thanked and the note closed with these four lines:

"Listen—for a Christmas filled with gladness,
"And for the year about to start,
"I thank each and everyone,
"From the bottom of my heart."

Students Service

The Trenton Baptist Church will hold its students' night Christmas Service, Sunday at 5:30. Students at home for the holidays will share their college spiritual experiences in a special Sunday service. Short talks will be given by David Yates, Lloyd Huggins, Joyce, Lois and Doris Jones. The high school students of the church will also take part in the program.

Nolan Jones Home is Winner of First Place For Yule Decorations

The Seasonal Lighting contest, sponsored by the Greenleaf Garden Club, was judged Sunday, December 18 by out of town judges. Judging was done according to originality, beauty and effort put forth.

Prizes go to Nolan Jones, first prize, George H. Yancey, second prize, Leonard Thompson, third prize and Joe Thompson and Sam Pruitt for their door ways.

Pippin, president, presided over the meeting and the minutes were read by secretary Walton Bass.

John M. Hargett introduced Henderson, who spoke on "Participation of Federal Government in the Lives of Citizens".

Following his talk, a question and answer period was held with the main topic being on federal aid to schools.

highways for sure.

The Patrolman listed these lifesaving rules:

1. Watch carefully for walkers as you drive to and from your evening's destination. Some pedestrians are likely to be under the influence of intoxicants.

2. Watch yourself. Don't drive after drinking. Don't speed. Keep a safe distance from other vehicles, so that when you want to stop you won't skid into the car ahead.

3. Watch the highway warning signs, stop signs, traffic lights and pavement markings—and heed them. They are your signs of life.

4. Watch out for the fellow who may not be watching out for you. You may have the safest car on the road. You may have the foresight to put on tire chains if the going's rough, but the other fellow may not have been that wise.

5. When you watch the clock tick off the final hour of 1960—whether you are looking at the clock on a church wall, or the timepiece on your auto dashboard, the clock on your mantle at home—say a short prayer of thanks for having remained alive through this year, and pledge to yourself that in 1961 you will strive to be the best among many good drivers on the highways of North Carolina.

Careful drivers have a moral responsibility to set good examples in motoring safety under all type of road, weather and traffic conditions. Good examples might shame the careless drivers into driving more carefully, the Patrolman said.