

Irish Potato Goals Are Mailed To Columbus County Farmers

Columbus County farmers who shall, subsequent to the date of are planting Irish potatoes for market this year will be eligible for price support under a Government purchase program, if such a program is in effect, provided they have planted within their established acreage goal.

The 1948 goals have been mailed to those farmers whose potatoes to history indicated they were eligible for a goal of three or more acres, according to D. H. Jordan, vice-chairman of the Columbus County A. C. A. Any farm for which a goal of 3.0 or more acres was not established is eligible for a non-commercial goal not to exceed 2.9 acres.

The planting of potatoes in excess of the 1948 goal for a farm

Greer's Boxers Outslug Tigers

Hallsboro Boys Prove No Match For Wolfpack Powerhouse, Losing By Wide Margin

BY JIGGS POWERS
HALLSBORO, Feb. 9.—Completely outclassing their opposition, Lee Greer's Whiteville leather-slingers defeated the Tiger boxing team of Hallsboro High in the local gym last Thursday night by a score of six and one-half to two and one-half.

With several of the heavier boys of the Wolfpack unmatched, it was feared at the beginning that the Tigers might upset the unbeaten Whiteville pugilists. However, several of the untried boys, along with some of the vets who were matched, soon expelled all thoughts of victory from the mind of the Bogue followers. Among the more powerful of the Whiteville boys whom the local outfit did not match were Eldred Williamson, Rone Anderson, Robert Simmons, and several others.

Leading the 'Pack to their third consecutive triumph were the same old combination of the Williamson boys, Furman Holcomb, Bobby Harwood, and the Pridgen's. In the first combine, Eldred was missing but Carl and Crowell carried on with the help of the baby of the famous family, Robert. The latter gained a draw in his first public appearance in the ring. It came in the 65 pound class, the first fight of the evening, and his opponents was David Corbett.

Tracy Rhodes, Whiteville's plucky little 70 pound southpaw, gave Lewis Sellars of Hallsboro never a dull moment as he slugged out a clean-cut decision over him, and gained the visitors first whole point. Haywood Corbett, 82 pounds of Hallsboro gained an unpopular decision over Matt Nelson, of Whiteville.

Greer's ever dependable Furman Holcomb gained a technical knockout over Phil Ray, of Hallsboro, when the latter failed to

answer the gong for the opening of the 2nd round. This was in the 90 pound class.

Carl Williamson, visiting 100 pounder, won a very popular decision over Van Dyke Baker, in spite of the local boys rough and ready tactics. He was just no match for the ring skill of the Whiteville slugger.

Bobby Harwood, Whiteville's 107 fighter met his toughest opponent of the season thus far when he scored a close win over Jimmy Baldwin. The Hallsboro pug showed more class than more of the most experienced boys on the local team of Coach Homer Thomas. Davis Pridgen, 112, of Whiteville took his match by scoring the second Whiteville TKO. He banged Elbert Smith around so readily that the local boy was unable to answer for the 3rd lap.

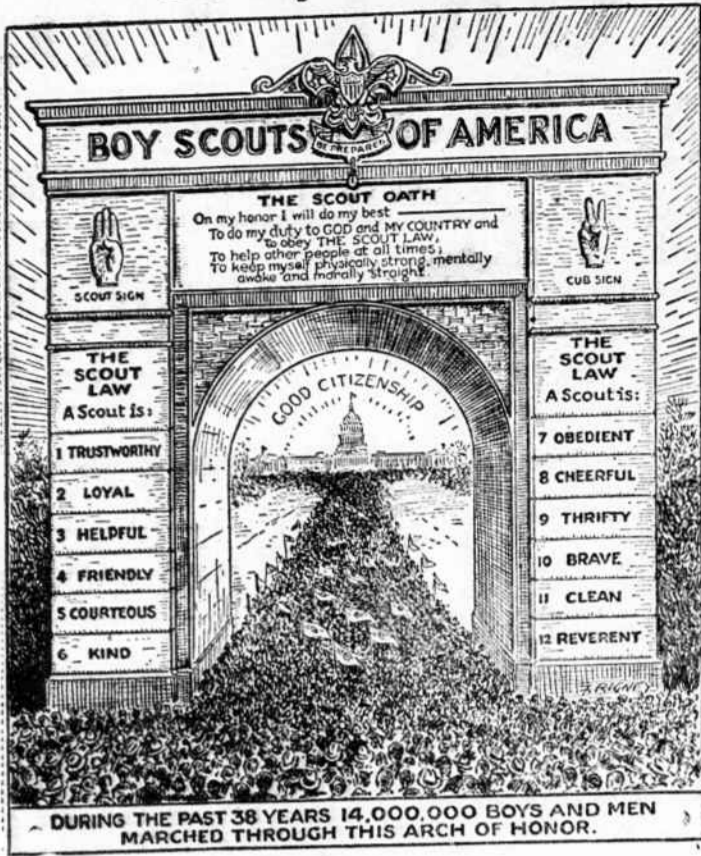
Crowell Williamson, Whiteville's classiest boxer at 122 pounds, gave Hallsboro's pride, Skin Meares, a lesson in the manly art as he scored a clean-cut margin over the Bogue boy in the three-round go. The Fayetteville Gloden Gloves winner was never in trouble, leading all the way. In the final battle of the card, Douglas Pridgen, 134 pounds of Whiteville, learned how Joey Walcott felt when that worthy fought Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis not long ago, as the visiting leather-thrower apparently banged Bruce Clark of the local school all around the ring, but dropped a close and very unpopular decision.

Coach Homer Thomas Tigers decided willing but their inexperience was their downfall. They fought all the way and, with more training and fights under their belts, promise to give trouble in days to come.

The results of Thursday's night's matches are as follows:

- 65 lbs. Robert Williamson (W) drew with David Corbett (H)
- 70 lbs. Tracy Rhodes (W) decided Lewis Sellars (H)
- 82 lbs. Haywood Corbett (H) decided Matt Nelson (W)
- 90 lbs. Furman Holcomb (W) won 2nd round tko over Phil Ray (H)
- 100 lbs. Carl Williamson (W) decided Van Dyke Baker (H)
- 107 lbs. Bobby Harwood (W) decided Jimmy Baldwin (H)

The Boy Scout Goal



Farm Forester's Notes

By Walter W. Barnes, Farm Forester

There are a lot of things we can do to make our woodlands more productive. One is culling out weak, deformed and low quality trees. These can be utilized for pulpwood, fuelwood for the home or tobacco barn. Uncontrolled woods fires annually take a big pile of wood up in smoke and flame which could be better used in the heater or cook stove. Thousands of acres of woodland burn over every year; 99 per cent of these are caused by man, chiefly through carelessness. Our forests can be protected if we take the same interest in them that we do with other crops. You wouldn't let fire burn your barn or home if you could help it. If you saw your neighbor's barn burning, you would help fight the fire. Why not cooperate in a like manner in helping to control forest fires?

Harvest your timber crop every year as you do your tobacco. You don't pick your tobacco until it is matured and ready to pick. Apply the same principle to your timber crop. Harvest it when it is ready to harvest. You may only get a few loads of pulpwood or a few logs during the winter. The value of the material cut out may not be so great but quality and value will be added to those trees remaining since you are improving their growing conditions even as you apply fertilizer to tobacco to improve its growing conditions.

The real opportunity for adding dollars to your bank account through good forest management is knocking at the door of every farmer who owns timber.

What will you do with your opportunity?

This district, including Columbus, Brunswick, Robeson and Bladen, has a Farm Forester who can and will be glad to help you with your forestry problems.

- 112 lbs. Davis Pridgen (W) scored tko over Elbert Smith (H) in 3rd round.
- 120 lbs. Crowell Williamson (W) decided "Skin" Meares (H)
- 134 lbs. Bruce Clark (H) decided Douglas Pridgen (W)

It is important that peanuts be grown on soil that can be kept loose because the plant flowers above ground and then that part of the plant goes underground to develop the pod or shell.

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he left home at 2:30 a. m., but that she didn't know where he was going.

Later it was developed that Williams, a part-time preacher and farmer, went to Chadbourne where he was found walking along the highway and was placed under arrest by Patrolman Whitten who got Chadbourne Night Policeman L. W. Haggins to accompany him to Columbus County Hospital.

At the local hospital, Williams was examined by a nurse, Mrs. Robert Heath, and later by Dr. J. T. Wyche. From the hospital, Williams was carried to the county jail where he remained until bonded out a few hours later. Williams was again taken to the hospital, remaining there about two hours before being carried home by relatives.

After Williams was taken home, Patrolman Whitten requested a nol pros in the case in which the officer had charged the man with walking on the wrong side of the highway and resisting arrest. Thus the case against Williams was never heard in Recorder's Court.

Three days after the alleged assault and arrest, a warrant against Whitten and Haggins was sworn out by George Williams, a brother of the preacher, charging them with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, assault with a deadly weapon and simple assault.

Mrs. Williams testified that her husband had bruises on his forehead and a cut on the back of the head when he was returned home. She denied that he was not normal mentally, but admitted on cross examination that he had preached to his children for an hour before going to bed on the night of his trip to Chadbourne and admitted writing a letter in which she said that for several years he had complained of a hurting in the head which would sometimes "almost lift his top off."

Star witnesses for the State included Henry Stephens and Vardell Todd, who were sitting up at the hospital when Williams was brought in by Whitten and Haggins. They quoted Whitten as saying that he had hit Williams with his gun after the pistol had failed to fire when he pulled the trigger. He said the patrolman looked at the inert figure of Williams on the emergency table at the hospital and said, "If this gun hadn't failed to fire, you'd be a slot man tonight."

Patrolman Whitten was his own best witness. He said he first saw Williams walking along the highway on the wrong side of the road in violation of the pedestrian traffic law and that the man acted in a furtive manner, pulling his hat down to conceal his face and drawing his coat close to him. He said he noted that the man had some object under his arm. When he attempted to question Williams, Whitten said the man ran off into the field and that as he did so, he (the officer) snapped his gun twice in an attempt to get the fleeing man to halt. He said he had the gun pointed up in the air. The gun failed to discharge. Later Williams, whom he did not know, came back onto the highway and turned the door-knob of two filling stations, Whit-

Acquit Whitten In Assault Case

Returns Verdict Of Not Guilty After Deliberating Case For Thirty-Eight Minutes

TRIAL OF PATROLMAN CONSUMES TWO DAYS

State Hospital Psychiatrist Says Braswell Man Is Suffering From Dementia Praecox

State Highway Patrolman R. E. Whitten was acquitted late Friday in Columbus County Superior Court for an alleged assault upon Rev. Ed Williams of the Braswell section near Chadbourne.

After sitting through the two-day trial, the jury required only 38 minutes to return a verdict of not guilty.

The case was placed in the hands of the jury at 6:06 p. m. after Judge Q. K. Nimocks, of Fayetteville had spent two hours in making his charge.

Because of the lateness of the hour, less than 125 people were in the court room when the jury returned at 6:44 o'clock. Spectators sat quietly as a not guilty verdict was announced on the count of assault with a deadly weapon and there was only an occasional murmur when a similar verdict was given on the lesser count of simple assault.

There was no demonstration. However, numerous spectators later gathered around the patrolman to congratulate him upon his exoneration.

Testimony in the case was completed before the noon adjournment. Returning to the court room, arguments of counsel began. Whitten was defended by J. K. Powell of Whiteville and Raymond Mallard of Tabor City, while the prosecution was in charge of Solicitor Clifton L. Moore and Recorder's Court Solicitor Joe Brown.

The trial began Thursday morning and only about an hour was required to select a jury.

Mrs. Ed Williams, wife of the alleged victim of the assault, was the first witness. She testified that on the night of November 29, her husband retired about 8 o'clock, got up to treat an asthmatic condition shortly before midnight and then got up again about 2 a. m. Sunday. She said

ten testified.

The officer said he then identified himself and told Williams he was under arrest. He said Williams broke away and struck him on the shoulder. Whitten testified that he then hit Williams on the shoulder with the palm of his hand and Williams sagged to his knees. After he had taken hold of the man again, Whitten said Williams again broke loose and grazed his shoulder with another blow. Whitten said he then hit Williams with his hand and Williams fell next to a gas tank on the concrete surface.

The officer denied categorically that he had struck Williams with any object other than his open hand and said he had used no excessive force in making the arrest.

Two of the best witnesses for the defense were Dr. Wyche, who made the examination at the local hospital, and Dr. R. G. Blackwelder, superintendent of State Hospital where Williams was carried 10 days after the alleged assault. Dr. Blackwelder, himself a psychiatrist, said bluntly that in his opinion Williams was suffering from dementia praecox—a mental disease—and that "most certainly his condition could not have been caused by any blow."

Dr. Wyche said he saw only a three-quarter inch laceration on the back of Williams' head and that his immediate diagnosis was that the patient was suffering from dementia praecox or some other mental disorder, and that he had so informed the officers. He said he had advised them that he would have no opportunity to harm himself.

Earlier, the State had put several witnesses on the stand to quote Whitten as saying he had had to "work a man over."

At the conclusion of State's evidence, Judge Nimocks overruled a defense motion to nonsuit the case. The jurist, however, did non-suit the felonious charge of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, but allowed the jury to pass upon the indictment of assault with a deadly weapon and simple assault.

Character witnesses included four Roxboro and Person County officials. Whitten resided in Person before being assigned to patrol duties in the Whiteville area. The witnesses from his home county were Sheriff Clarence Holeman, Roxboro Police Chief George Robinson, Clerk of Court Alex Bass and County Commissioner R. D. Bumpass.

A child 12 years old requires about twice as many calories in his diet as a child three years old.

Tiger Pugilists Face Florence

Lads Coached By Homer Thomas Will Be Hosts To South Carolina Boxers At Hallsboro Thursday Night

BY JIGGS POWERS
HALLSBORO, Feb. 9.—Coach Homer Thomas, of the Hallsboro Tigers boxing team, today announced that his charges would meet the powerful Florence, S. C. Industrial School leather-pushers in the local gymnasium next Thursday night at 8 o'clock.

This will be the second home meet for the local boys and another large crowd is anticipated for the event. Although beaten by Conway, S. C., and Whiteville's pugs in their first two starts, the Tigers have shown much promise for a team in its first year at the 'beak-bustin' sport and have several boys that give notice of becoming real competitors ere the season is complete. "Skin" Meares, who holds a record of one win and one loss thus far, is probably Thomas' best fighter. His loss came last Thursday evening when he met Whiteville's classy Crowell Williamson. This was no black mark against his record, as the shifty Whiteville 125 pounder is one of the best in the South in his class. Another boy who is expected to carry his share of the local burden is Jimmy Baldwin, who showed up as one of the better counter-punchers on the Tiger fistic aggregation. Although he lost a decision to Whiteville's Bobby Harwood, Baldwin gave him quite a battle before succumbing. Others on the squad who may see action include David and Haywood Corbett, Lewis Sellars, Phil Ray, Van

Dyke Baker, Elbert Smith, and Bruce Clark. Several other members who have not yet fought may be matched by members of the Florence team.

The invaders have always had ready fought the Whiteville 'Pack' this season. Their leader, Bill Cooper, has always had his pugilists among the top teams of South Carolina and the Border Belt. His outfit of 1948 is no exception, as Hallsboro followers will see come Thursday night.

Private Watts Now Stationed In Japan

WITH THE EIGHTH ARMY IN TOKYO, JAPAN Private Joseph M. Watts, son of Mrs. Ruby Cartrette, of Whiteville, North Carolina, is now serving with the famed fighting Cavalry Division, which is on occupational duty in the ten prefectures of the Tokyo-Yokohama area of central Honshu Island, Japan.

Private Watts entered the army in May 1947, and received his basic training at Fort Ord, California. Overseas since September 1947, Private Watts is now serving with "D" Troop, 1st Squadron, 5th Cavalry Regiment, as a Machine Gunner. Private Watts, a distinguished student of Whiteville High School, plans to enter Ohio State University when he leaves the army.

About 4,000 stage shows with casts representing every level of talent from amateur veterans to leading stage stars, and radio stars—were given to patients in Veterans Administration Audiences during the period totaled 380,000.

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