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Superior Court In **Final Session For** 1938 On Wednesday

Tom Williams Draws 5-7 Years For Killing Eli Evans

Completing the trial of criminal cases late Tuesday, the Martin toys and other articles, finds an in-County Superior court was adjournthree or four civil cases. The session, presided over by Judge Walter trated this Christmas time. J. Bone, of Nashville, was the last for the current year. The next session of the "big" court will be held

Charged with the fatal stabbing of Eli Evans, colored, in a beer garden on Washington Street here last month, Tommie Williams, young colored man, was found guilty of manslaughter late Tuesday. In sentencing Williams to State's prison for not less than five years and not more than seven, Judge Bone said Wednesday morning that the fatal blow while apparently not without provocation was without complete jusother people that night, and held an open knife in his pocket when Williams dealt the fatal blow. Evans, af ter he was fatally wounded, was also alleged to have followed Williams out of the beer garden, falling dead in the street. The good character of the defendant's aged father was frequently mentioned by the defense who also pointed out that Williams had never been in any trouble before.

Oney Hopkins, young colored man, who went on a breaking and entering and larceny rampage in Robersonville a little over a week ago was sentenced to prison for eighteen months in one case and twelve months in another, the second sentence to begin at the expiration of the first. In a third case, the court nolprossed the action. Walter Jones, an alleged accomplice of Hopkins' in one of the cases was sentenced to prison for eighteen months recommendation of the jury, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck and Chief William Increase In Grapes brightening a spot on a porch or in Gray, the sentence to twelve months. Gray, the sentence to twelve months.

No true bill was found in the case charging Willie Williams, colored, with breaking and entering.

The cases charging Gus Forrest and William Baker with taking fish under a certain size from the streams of this county were continued. While Forrest faced the court for alleged The separation, based on two years,

Willard Scott, Fate Lucas and Andrew Scott were sentenced to the were sentenced to the roads for thirty days, the sentence to run concurrently with the first.

The case charging Lucy Mae Dickens with breaking and entering, was remanded to the juvenile court,

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First Auction Held In Stockyards Here

The Williamston Stockyard, recently organized by Messrs. Mobley and Johnson, held its first auction sales on Washington Street last Wednesday morning, the event attracting approximately 500 people from over a wide territory.

The market handled a number of mules, cows, caives, hogs and a goat or two, several people selling soil and growing conditions. through auction some old clothes and antiques.

There were several buyers from out-of-state markets, and Mr. Mob- can in competition with pincapple with their towering bell last year, day for shipment to Iowa, the comley explained that others will par- juice: ticipate in the activities just as soon as the yards are well established.

will holds its second auction next rest, of Mt. Airy, and Robert W. at Elon College, will arrive tomor-Wednesday morning at 10:30 and on Garrett, of New York, both of the each succeeding Wednesday.

Christmas Cheer Movement Officers Deal Blow Eight Widows Of Here Faces Enormous Task

Literally swamped with appeals be bitter disappointment in the for help—pitiful appeals, too—sponhearts of almost two hundred little sors of the Christmas Cheer movement here are sending out an S. O. morning. S. call in an effort to answer the appeals from the needy. Today, a repairing and painting a fairly sizeshort week from the time set for able number of toys. Plans for handlthe distribution of food, repaired ing the task are near complete. adequate fund for carrying forward ed for the term at five o'clock Wed- the work. Unless a thoughtful peo- nesday when it donated a number of the illicit manufacturers for their sion checks this week, the payments nesday afternoon after disposing of ple respond quickly and liberally, the destitute front will not be pene-

> A case typical of the list to be closed this week as follows: The father had spent his last cent for medwith tuberculosis. The disease has following donations have been realready attacked two of the children ceived by the sponsors: N. K. Harin the family. These and others in rison, \$5; A Friend, and a good one

The Kiwanians face the task of

The senior Woman's club came to white gift packages for distribution under the Kiwanis set-up.

With only \$67.14 contributed in like circumstances turn to a thought-ful people, but unless a greater sup-port is pledged immediately there'll E. Old, \$1.

Prizes Offered for Best tification. The defense maintained that Evans had had trouble with Christmas Decorations

CALLING CARDS

The office of the Martin County farm agent is calling for all tobacco marketing cards, the agent explaining that the cards will be of value in checking tax warrants and determining the amount of payments due tobacco growers under the soil conservation program.

Many of the cards used in marketing the 1938 tobacco crop have already been turned in, and the agent's office is anxious to receive everyone issued in

Wine Manufacturer the court later reducing upon the Is Interested In An

Makes Visit to Eastern Carolina This Week

violation of the fish and game laws, York to contact his agents, Messrs. his wife was after him for a divorce. K. P. Lindsley and Lawrence Linds-

> Mr. Garrett said he needed the output from 10,000 acres of Scupper-numbers of vari-colored lights. "The Garrett, the Garrett Wine Company will sign a 25-year contract with the Senior and Junior Woman's Clubs, ing them \$1.00 per bushel or \$33.00 per ton. Each acre should produce a low average of 125 bushels to the

"The scuppernong grape would least \$600,000 and our company tests. could use more than 20,000 tons of

them, there never will be sufficient ifications. Prizes of \$5 and \$2.50 will scuppernongs to supply such a de- be offered for the best and second the machine was said to have workmand, Mr. Garrett pointed out. He best show windows, and the same ed successfully in the Alabama crop, contended that the scuppernong, In- amount will be paid for the best and but the vines were too thick for its dians named it after the Scupper- second best store interiors. nong River in North Carolina, is a native of the State and is confined decorations will equal those if not

were described by the operators as wine grapes, most of which are for-

can build up a market that will be the Hawaii Scuppernong Company, join in this business of spreading mental work we will have a good of great value to farmers as well as in an effort to buy grape vines to light and good cheer along the route machine to offer the farmers of eastto the town," Mr. Mobley said yes- take to Hawaii. The Hawaii com- of the traveler. pany is interested in growing grapes to make scuppernong grape juice to attracting considerable attention

Mr. Garrett said Martin County the lights there tonight or tomorrow. was especially adapted to growing and it is quite apparent that an at-The exchange of stock was ef- scuppernong and Mish grapes and mosphere of good will and great vines with peanuts attached were fected in a number of cases, one he hoped that the farmers of this cheer will cover this community farmer bringing in several cattle for section would grasp the opportunduring the holiday season.

According to schedule the yards Also in the party were W. R. For-Garrett organization.

Municipal Building Hassell section of Hamilton Town-Now Gaily Attired For Holiday Season

Added Interest Is Reported 300 gallons of beer. As Civic Clubs Sponsor Prize Contest

Starting a bit late this year, local people are expected to rush their Christmas decoration work to completion in short order now that the several civic clubs are sponsoring a gallon kegs. citizens immediately gave the home es an added tree here and there beer in Bear Grass.

city hall and that gang down around the courthouse during the past two years is again in the offing, but it is ficer, Constable Holliday in James-admitted that the old town hall ville wrecked three plants and ar-Paul Garrett, noted wine maker group has the jump on the county rested five men in the Free Union and originator of Virginia Dare aggregation. Officer Allsbrooks, section recently. The five defended braving cold winds and daring dants are slated for trial heights, has done a splendid job in county court next Monday. spreading cheer from the high clock steeple. Three stars shine above the

the decoration contests will center maximum yield of 300 bushels to the and store interiors. The decorations on municipal and other public buildings and structures will come under produce an annual revenue of at will not be included in the con-

Unless Tar Heel farmers grow for each second best in the two class-market.

It is believed that the number of almost entirely to North Carolina exceed those of a year ago. This

The municipal water plant boys, George Duke said today. are making preparations to turn on

Miss Evelyn Lilley, drum major Christmas holidays.

To Illicit Liquor | The Confederacy Trade In County

Eleven Manufacturing Units
Are Wrecked in Past
People United in Wishing
Them a Very Merry Few Days

With a reported decrease in sales at the county liquor stores, quite a zens-widows of the Confederacythe rescue of the movement Wed- few people are said to be turning to are receiving their semi-annual penever, indicates that the illicit sup- ies in paying. And as the pensions cash to date, it is conservatively es. ply will be short this season, Offi- go out at this holiday season, the helped by the cheer drive was dis- timated that at least \$100 or \$150 cer J. H. Roebuck stating yesterday people are united in wishing these more will be needed to advance the that eleven plants had been wreckcheer program. In addition to the ed during the past few days and icine for a wife and mother dying \$26.14 previously acknowledged, the that more than 8,000 gallons of beer. pleted by death in this county severvalued at approximately \$2,000, had al years ago, and time is fading rapbeen poured out.

> "The manufacturers cannot continue operations under such adverse economic obstacles," the enforcement officer pointed out. He added, however, that there would be some vas planned a few weeks ago.

Beginning last week, the officers happed an extensive drive in half of the county's ten townships. On Wednesday of last week, the officers wrecked three plants, two in the Hassell section of Hamilton Townor. More than 2,000 gallons of beer were poured out at the three plants.

On the following day a third plant wrecked in Hamilton Township, Raids in Bear Grass during two days netted three stills and 4,-

Last Friday, the officer, assisted by Roy Peel and William Roebuck, wrecked two stills in Bear Grass, one a 100-gallon capacity copper kettle. In addition to 2,300 gallons of the officers destroyed eleven ten-

Last Saturday, the officers raided the town's municipal building, local of beer. That afternoon they tore down a 50-gallon capacity copper tasks consideration, and each night still and poured out 400 gallons of

Held at home with a cold during The keen rivalry shown by the Mayor Hassell's family around the week and and during next week week-end and during next week.

In addition to the work carried

dome which is covered with large John Deere Works drew Scott were sentenced to the roads for four months in the case charging them with stealing chick-ens. Lucas and Andrew Scott, charged with breaking jail in Oak City, and with breaking jail in Oak City, Garrett, the Garrett Wine Company

Model Is Shipped Back to Factory in Iowa For Changes

Completing a second experimental est period here yesterday, the John Deere Company is not ready to place special observation of the judges, but its new type of peanut picker on the market, it was unofficially learned today. More changes in the machines Prizes of \$5 will be awarded each and a third series of experimental grapes annually," Mr. Garrett statfor best yard decorations, porch or tests will possibly be made before Elizabeth Wynne in her case against doorway arrangements, and \$2.50 the new machine is placed on the

Shipped here several weeks ago, Gaston James. successful operation in the crop in this section.

Last year the company sent a small model to this section for ex week-end will see individual decora- perimental purposes. It was return-The head of the famous wine in- tions going up in numbers, and the ed to the factory in Iowa and endustry, which had its beginning in tasks will be completed some time larged, the manufacturers making third life-time interest of Mrs. An-Auctioneer George, who is also a home-made plant in Halifax Coun-during next week when the judges several changes. Tests conducted just employed by the Benthal yards near ty in 1855, related that he depends will review the decorations and an about the right size and that the operate the farm in 1939 "at a rea-With the extension of electric lines principle when fully developed very successful for an opening. "We were very well pleased with the first day operations, and believe we Hume Ford, who was sent here by certain that many rural homes will and believe that with more experiern North Carolina." Experimenter

The machine was loaded yesterpany purchasing ten tons of peanuts on the vines to carry on its experimental work at the factory. The purchased from Farmer Charles Godwin, Sr., for two and one-half cents per pound, it was learned.

'According to unofficial reports the er southern states this season.

Receive Pensions

Christmas

Eight aged Martin County citiholiday liquors. A review of the representing a debt of gratitude evcounty's enforcement record, how- ery warm-blooded Southerner gloraged a very merry Christmas

The ranks of veterans were deidly for the mates of those who suffered for a lost cause nearly 80 years ago. Just four years ago this Christmas there were twenty-seven widows of the Confederacy receiving pensions from a thoughtful governillicit business carried on during the ment. Now the number has dwindloliday season, but not as much as led to eight, death claiming, on an average, about four each year. Six months ago there were ten.

This week for the first time all the widows of the Confederacy are receiving Class A pensions or \$150 each from the State treasury.

The names and addresses of those receiving pensions, the names and service connections of their husbands in the Southern Army are as

Mrs. Winnie Benjamin, of Rober onville, widow of J. S. C. Benja min, member of the 2nd Regiment North Carolina-Tennessee Calvary.

Mrs. Katherine Dixon, of Everetts, widow of Edward S. Dixon, member of Company I, 67th Regiment regular North Carolina troops. Mrs. Martha J. Peel, of Williamson, widow of Jesse B. Peel, membeer and twenty gallons of liquor, ber of Company A, 17th Regiment of N. C. Troops

Mrs. Mary G. Perry, of Bear Grass, widow of Simon S. Perry, member \$30 in prizes. Observing the artistic along Conoho Creek in Poplar Point of Company A, 31st Regiment N. C. work of Officer J. H. Allsbrook atop and wrecked a plant and 250 gallons troops.

Mrs. Virginia Perry, of Williamston, widow of W. McKagiah Berry, member of Company H, 61st N. C. Regiment Mrs. Martha E. Philpot, of Wil-

part of this week, the raiding chief liamston, widow of John L. Philpot, confined his activities to mapping member of Company K, 1st North Carolina Junior Reserves. Mrs. Allie Riddick, of Williams

Cownship, widow of John E. Ridon by the Special Enforcement of dick, member of Company K, 70th N. C. Regiment.

Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Robersonville, widow of Thomas P. The five defen- Thompson, member of Company B, 5th North Carolina Regiment.

Most all those receiving pensions they are enjoying fairly good health.

on the civil calendar, the Martin County Superior Court handled five cases before adjourning for the term ly Christmas numbers, accompan-

late Wednesday afternoon. In the case of W. T. Raleigh piano. against Willie J. Cohoon, an agreement was reached, the defendant paying \$160 to the plaintiff.

The court ordered the remainder of the Henry Wynne farm sold and Berry B. Wynne. A sale price of \$1,-500 was approved by the court to

In the case of Martha Piland and others against Mrs. Annie Belflower and others, the court appointed B. A. Critcher referee, and C. U. Rogers, Claude Green and Allen Os- her talk, a resolution was passed born commissioners to effect a division of certain lands in question among the several tenants in comoperate the farm in 1939 "at a reasonable" rent.

A judgment in the sum of \$220 was granted with interest from February, 1921, to B. R. Barnhill in his case against Mrs. Danford E. Taylor, the defendant also to pay the costs of the action. In the case of W. T. Grimes and

others against Sammy Ann Close, the court vacated and ordered set aside a former judgment and sale under mortgage.

Mr. J. W. Adams Dies

Langley, of Williamston.

Martin Farmers Look To Benefit Payments

COMING TO COUNTY Expect \$100,000 In



Dr. Frederick H. Koch. claimed dramatist and widely proclaimed for his readings, will give a reading of that immortal story, Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", in the Robersonville High School next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Woman's Club Has Interesting Meet Here Wednesday

Christmas Spirit Occupies Prominent Place On Program

President On Wednesday of this week the regular monthly meeting with twenty-five members and two guests case in 1937 and the soil conserva present. The president, Mrs. Ray H. tion payments should be slightly

By MRS. R. H. GOODMON

Goodmon, presided. This was the Christmas meeting most enjoyable meetings of the

Each member had either brought or sent a white gift and these were placed on a long white covered table on which Christmas decorations and red candles were used very effectively with a manger scene as the central decoration.

The business of the club was man, Mrs. P. B. Cone, who present conservation program in 1939 even though the control feature has been ever effective manner, gave a very inspiring devotional part of the Spending a complete day working program, with his theme "If God spring are expected to have some in-Should Visit in Our Community."

Mrs. J. H. Smith sang two loveied by Mrs. W. C. Manning at the

Little did the club think that when they planned the year book they would have the privilege of hearing a real missionary on their Christmas program.

Mrs. J. C. Leonard brought us the

spirit of China and gave a most insince leaving Siberia on November 12, and touching in a very appealing manner on every country she crossed on her way to North Carolina. The club members were held spellbound and at the conclusion of donating \$25.00 to be used for China missionary and war sufferers'

The white gifts were then turned over to Rev. Goff to be used in the Christmas baskets for the poor and needy.

The social committee served hot tea, candies and sandwiches

Presided, over by B. R. Manning

December Grand Jury

December filed a brief report be- committee heads for reports on the fore quitting for the term Tuesday, work coming under their depart-"All justice of the peace reports ments. except two-those of J. T.sWildman An investiture service was held of Parmele, and J. S. Ayers, Cross near the close of the meeting with Roads-have been received," the the following local Scouts partici-Today Of Pneumonia jury stated in its report.

Mr. J. W. Adams, of Shelbyville, cording to instructions, and we Ward, J. D. Woolard, Jimmie Tay-Tenn., died at his home this morning have examined the county home, lor, Jim Critcher, Jimmie Manning, machine was used in picking nearly at seven o'clock of pneumonia. Mr. jail and offices, and found them in Carlyle Langley, James Carrow, 100 tons of peanuts here and in oth- Adams is the father of Mrs. Carlyle good condition," the report conclud- John Goff and Buddy Wier. Dal

Soil Conservation Payments For 1938

Applications For Checks To Be Received in Near Future

Although its plans were thwarted in the recent tobacco referendum. the United States Department of helping hand to the farmer and within the near future-possibly soon after the holidays or early January-it will start receiving applications from Martin County farmers for soil conservation payments due under the terms of the 1938 farm program. Unofficial reports received here from Raleigh and Washingion state that efforts will be made to get the checks into the hands of the farmers some time in late February or early March.

A peek into the Martin County records casts uncertainty over the amount to be expected in soil conervation payments for 1938. Roughty complied with the program this year and will be entitled to sizeable benefits, possibly as much as \$100,000 or more. It has been estinated that had every farmer in this county complied with the terms and regulations of the soil program approximately \$200,000 would be made vailable in conservation payments.

It is understood that cotton farmrs complied with the program with w exceptions. Tobacco farmers in its, and the penalties provided in the program will virtually wipe out the bearfit payments. The program for 1988 imposed considerably heavier penalties for over-plantings than it did last year, but more farmers Williamston Woman's Club held its complied with the terms of the program to some extent than was the

greater Slight excess plantings of peanuts for the club and was one of the and a few other crops will affect the size of the payments slightly, but cess plantings of tobacco and cotton. Exceeding their allotments at planting time, many cotton farmers in this county plowed up portions of their crop to bring their plantings in line after they saw that the pro-

Some agricultural leaders are of quickly dispensed and the meeting turned over to the program chair will want to cooperate with the soil lost as a supporting factor to the plan. The payments early next fluence in the final draft of plans for farming in this county during the

District Scout Council In Meet

Addressing the annual district meeting of the Eastern Carolina teresting talk, giving her itinerary the Legion Hut here last Tuesday Council of Boy Scouts of America in evening, Mr. Ben Eagles reviewed the splendid work that has been accomplished in this area, and offered some good advice that was well received by the Boy Scouts. Mr. Eagles is national committeeman in the Scout ranks and is the proud possessor of the Silver Beaver, the highest honor attainable in the organization. He has spent many years in liberally supporting the scout movement and his talk was greatly enjoyed by the grown-ups as well as the Scouts.

Mr. Eagles was accompanied here by Scout Executive Sigwald and his assistant, George Tomlison, both of

Filed Brief Report Paul Roberson, master of ceremonies, coming here for the meeting with Chief William Gray, of the Martin County grand jury for Robersonville, called on the various

pating: Jimmie Leggett, Collins "We have passed on all bills ac- Peel, Conrad Getsinger, Jimmie Clayton was invested into the troop.