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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 County Superior court was adjourned for the term at five o'clock Wednesday afternoon after disposing of three or four civil cases.

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.

Ony 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 cases charging Gus Forrest and William Baker with taking fish under a certain size from the streams of this county were continued.

Willard Scott, Fate Lucas and Andrew Scott were sentenced to the roads for four months in the case charging them with stealing chickens.

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

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 market handled a number of mules, cows, calves, hogs and a goat or two.

Auctioneer George, who is also employed by the Benthal yards near Rich Square, handled the sales which were described by the operators as very successful for an opening.

There were several buyers from out-of-state markets, and Mr. Mobley explained that others will participate in the activities just as soon as the yards are well established.

The exchange of stock was effected in a number of cases, one farmer bringing in several cattle for sale in exchange for hogs.

According to schedule the yards will hold its second auction next Wednesday morning at 10:30 and on each succeeding Wednesday.

Christmas Cheer Movement Here Faces Enormous Task

Literally swamped with appeals for help—pitiful appeals, too—sponsors of the Christmas Cheer movement here are sending out an S. O. S. call in an effort to answer the appeals from the needy.

A case typical of the list to be helped by the cheer drive was disclosed this week as follows: The father had spent his last cent for medicine for a wife and mother dying with tuberculosis.

Prizes Offered for Best 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 the county.

Wine Manufacturer Is Interested In An Increase In Grapes

Makes Visit to Eastern Carolina This Week

Paul Garrett, noted wine maker and originator of Virginia Dare wines was here this week from New York to contact his agents, Messrs. K. P. Lindsay and Lawrence Lindsay.

Mr. Garrett said he needed the output from 10,000 acres of Scuppernon and Mish grapes, and that if farmers in Eastern Carolina would plant them they could be assured of \$100 per acre net.

"The scuppernon grape would produce an annual revenue of at least \$600,000 and our company could use more than 20,000 tons of grapes annually," Mr. Garrett stated.

Unless Tar Heel farmers grow them, there never will be sufficient scuppernons to supply such a demand, Mr. Garrett pointed out. He contended that the scuppernon, Indians named it after the Scuppernon River in North Carolina, is a native of the State and is confined almost entirely to North Carolina soil and growing conditions.

The head of the famous wine industry, which had its beginning in 1855, related that he depends almost entirely upon California for wine grapes, most of which are foreign stock.

With Mr. Garrett was Alexander Hume Ford, who was sent here by the Hawaii Scuppernon Company, in an effort to buy grape vines to take to Hawaii.

Mr. Garrett said Martin County was especially adapted to growing scuppernon and Mish grapes and he hoped that the farmers of this section would grasp the opportunity.

Also in the party were W. R. Forrest, of Mt. Airy, and Robert W. Garrett, of New York, both of the Garrett organization.

Officers Deal Blow To Illicit Liquor Trade In County

Eleven Manufacturing Units Are Wrecked In Past Few Days

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"The manufacturers cannot continue operations under such adverse economic obstacles," the enforcement officer pointed out. He added, however, that there would be some illicit business carried on during the holiday season, but not as much as was planned a few weeks ago.

Municipal Building Now Gaily Attired For Holiday Season

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The keen rivalry shown by the Mayor Hassell's family around the city hall and that gang down around the courthouse during the past two years is again in the offing, but it is admitted that the old town hall group has the jump on the county aggregation.

Completed a second experimental test period here yesterday, the John Deere Company is not ready to place its new type of peanut picker on the market, it was unofficially learned today.

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Model Is Shipped Back to Factory in Iowa For Changes

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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 Osborn commissioners to effect a division of certain lands in question among the several tenants in common.

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 Today Of Pneumonia

Mr. J. W. Adams, of Shelbyville, Tenn., died at his home this morning at seven o'clock of pneumonia.

Eight Widows Of The Confederacy Receive Pensions

People United in Wishing Them a Very Merry Christmas

Eight aged Martin County citizens—widows of the Confederacy—are receiving their semi-annual pension checks this week, the payments representing a debt of gratitude every warm-blooded Southerner glories in paying.

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

Mrs. Winnie Benjamin, of Robersonville, widow of J. S. C. Benjamin, member of the 2nd Regiment, North Carolina-Tennessee Cavalry.

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 Williamston, widow of Jesse B. Peel, member of Company A, 17th Regiment of N. C. Troops.

Mrs. Mary G. Perry, of Bear Grass, widow of Simon S. Perry, member of Company A, 31st Regiment N. C. troops.

Mrs. Virginia Perry, of Williamston, widow of W. McKagiah Berry, member of Company H, 61st N. C. Regiment.

Mrs. Martha E. Philpot, of Williamston, widow of John L. Philpot, member of Company K, 1st North Carolina Junior Reserves.

Mrs. Allie Riddick, of Williams Township, widow of John E. Riddick, member of Company K, 70th N. C. Regiment.

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

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Martin Farmers Look To Benefit Payments

COMING TO COUNTY



Dr. Frederick H. Koch, acclaimed dramatist and widely proclaimed for his readings, will give a reading of "The 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

By MRS. R. H. GOODMON President

On Wednesday of this week the Williamston Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting with twenty-five members and two guests present. The president, Mrs. Ray H. Goodmon, presided.

This was the Christmas meeting for the club and was one of the most enjoyable meetings of the year.

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 quickly dispensed and the meeting turned over to the program chairman, Mrs. P. B. Cone, who presented Rev. J. L. Goff, Mr. Goff in his ever effective manner, gave a very inspiring devotional part of the program, with his theme "If God Should Visit in Our Community."

Mrs. J. H. Smith sang two lovely Christmas numbers, accompanied by Mrs. W. C. Manning at the piano.

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 up the spirit of China and gave a most interesting talk, giving her itinerary since leaving Siberia on November 12, and touching in a very appealing manner on every country she crossed on her way to North Carolina.

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

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Expect \$100,000 In 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 Agriculture continues to extend a 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.

A peek into the Martin County records casts uncertainty over the amount to be expected in soil conservation payments for 1938. Roughly speaking, approximately fifty per cent of the farmers in this county complied with the program this year and will be entitled to sizeable benefits, possibly as much as \$100,000 or more.

It is understood that cotton farmers complied with the program with few exceptions. Tobacco farmers in numerous cases went over the limits, and the penalties provided in the program will virtually wipe out the benefit payments. The program for 1938 imposed considerably heavier penalties for over-plantings than it did last year, but more farmers complied with the terms of the program to some extent than was the case in 1937 and the soil conservation payments should be slightly greater.

Slight excess plantings of peanuts and a few other crops will affect the size of the payments slightly, but the main penalty centers around excess 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 production would be far below normal.

Some agricultural leaders are of the opinion that farmers generally will want to cooperate with the soil conservation program in 1939 even though the control feature has been lost as a supporting factor to the plan. The payments early next spring are expected to have some influence in the final draft of plans for farming in this county during the coming season.

District Scout Council In Meet

Addressing the annual district meeting of the Eastern Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America in the Legion Hut here last Tuesday 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 Tomlinson, both of Wilson.

Paul Roberson, master of ceremonies, coming here for the meeting with Chief William Gray, of Robersonville, called on the various committee heads for reports on the work coming under their departments.

An investiture service was held near the close of the meeting with the following local Scouts participating: Jimmie Leggett, Collins Peel, Conrad Getsinger, Jimmie Ward, J. D. Woolard, Jimmie Taylor, Jim Critcher, Jimmie Manning, Carlyle Langley, James Carrow, John Goff and Buddy Wier. Dal Clayton was invested into the troop.