

Chased By Officer, Man Enters Swamp To Escape Arrest

Jasper Williams Wanted For Alleged Attack On His Estranged Wife

Armed with a warrant charging Jasper Williams with assaulting Mrs. Williams, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, assisted by Joseph Godard III, brought up the rear in a merry chase that centered on local streets, alleyways, backlots, yards of homes on Marshall Avenue and finally to the spur railroad track to the river and across Farmer Marshall D. Wilson's broad acres to the lowlands and swamps.

Mrs. Williams left her husband a year or more ago and was making her home with Mrs. Wynne, an aged Hamilton resident. Two young men, whose names could not be learned, called at the Wynne home early last Tuesday night. Williams was said to have followed them there after cutting the wires and damaging the car belonging to one of the men.

Williams is believed to have written threatening messages to Mrs. Wynne, directing her to run his estranged wife away. During the chase here yesterday morning, Williams deposited a small paper sack in a filling station. In the sack was a cardboard sign on which was painted in big poorly-painted red letters the warning: "Move out or we will burn you out."

Several Injured In Two Wrecks Here

Several persons were hurt but none serious in two automobile accidents here this week. Charles Perkins, Jr., of Hamilton, and a Miss Hardison, of Williams Township, were slightly hurt when their car was in a crash with one driven by Frank Cherry, of Bear Grass, at the corner of Main and Sycamore Streets here last Wednesday night about 9:30 o'clock.

Fred Brown, three and one-half years old, barely escaped with his life when he darted into Washington Street in front of Daniels' filling station and was knocked down by a car driven by Mrs. N. T. Tice, of Griffins Township early yesterday afternoon.

Oak City Is Considering Water And Sewer Project

In a meeting last Tuesday afternoon the Oak City town council formulated preliminary plans for a water works system there, reports from the county town stating that the authorities ordered a survey made by Engineer Rivers. State and County health authorities met with the mayor, N. W. Johnson, and council members, Messrs. Ben Worsley, J. H. Ayers, J. T. Daniel, J. R. Rawls and T. C. Allbrooks, and much interest was shown in the proposed project.

Preliminary Survey Made for Enlarging the Local Cemetery

In accordance with plans advanced at a meeting of the town commissioners last Monday evening, a preliminary survey was made this week preparatory to improving and enlarging the local cemetery. Complete findings of the survey have not been released, but Engineer Henry Rivers points out that the project can be handled after the same lines proposed by a special committee from the Woman's Club.

POLITICS

Politics took on a local flavor today when John R. Peel, local man, formally announced his candidacy for treasurer of Martin County. In announcing for the office, Mr. Peel explained that he did so subject to the action of the county commissioners at a special meeting of the board on Monday, March 18, and also subject to the Democratic primary on May 25.

Mrs. Nancy Wynne Dies At The Home Of Daughter Here

Funeral for Aged Resident Is Being Held on Haughton Street Today

Mrs. Nancy Adelaide Wynne, one of Williamston's oldest residents, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Robert D. Gurganus, on North Haughton Street here at 10 o'clock yesterday morning following a long illness. She had been in declining health for a long number of years, the last three of which she spent in bed. Suffering with heart trouble, she became critically ill a little over a week ago with influenza. Pneumonia resulted, causing her death.

As a little girl of seven years of age she saw the disastrous effects of Foster's march through the county, remembering in her old age the terrifying reports of gunfire at Rawls' Mill in Bear Grass Township.

Local Stores Have Large Crowds For Dollar Day Event

Advancing a dollar day trade festival here this week-end, local stores are reporting sizable crowds in attendance for the big array of special bargains. A marked increase in sales was reported yesterday as the special trade event got underway. Increased crowds are here today, and a climax is expected tomorrow.

While it would be easier to annex the property on the northwest side territory, it is possible and practicable to add that on the southeast in accordance with the proposal made at the last Monday meeting. Engineer Rivers said.

Jurymen Drawn For Special Court Term In County In April

Judge A. Hall Johnson Will Preside Over Term of Two Weeks

Jurymen were drawn by the board of commissioners in their regular March session for service during the two weeks of Martin County Superior court convening on April 15. Eighteen men were drawn to serve during the first week and a like number to serve during the second week. The court will handle civil cases only, the county bar association awaiting the completion of the March court which begins week after next before preparing a calendar for the special term.

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Society For Control Of Cancer Sponsors Meeting Here Today

Mrs. Marjorie Hlig Addresses Representatives From Fifteen Counties

Sixty or more representatives from fifteen or more counties in this section of the State heard Mrs. Marjorie B. Hlig, national commander of the Field Army of the American Society for the Control of Cancer, in an appealing address at the Baptist church here today in which she urged her listeners to deal with cancer in its beginning.

She gave first the historical background of the fight against this dreaded disease, which began with Hippocrates, the Greek philosopher, who recognized even in his time the need to work in its earliest stages. The army which was organized in 1936 has listed in its 160,000 membership the most noted physicians, surgeons and scientists in the country.

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Receive Additional Soil Conservation Checks for Farmers

Just now when income is at a low point, soil conservation checks are being received in the county to brighten the financial picture and help farmers start another crop. The office of the county agent reported today that an additional \$8,524.08 had been received for farmers participating in the soil conservation program, that hardly more than half the checks had been received in the county.

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Farmers Cooperate In Forest Control, Fire Warden Says

Added Forest Fire Dangers At This Season Pointed Out By Warden

Pointing out the increased danger and urging a continued cooperation for control of forest fires during the current season, County Forest Fire Warden Marvin Leggett stated this week that farmers and others were showing an increased interest in forest protection, that everyone was cooperating splendidly in the all-important task.

Reviewing the work during the past month, the warden said that 76 permits had been issued to farmers who wanted to burn hedge-rows and small wooded areas, that farmers could assist the program by continuing to get permits. "The town-eman can see most of the fires when they start, and if a permit is before them it is unnecessary to call out the community wardens," Leggett explained. Permits may be had from any of the following wardens: W. M. Hardison, H. R. Smith, A. D. Ward, W. L. Aushorn, Arthur Revels, W. E. Purvis, W. C. Ange, R. S. Price, E. T. Smith, H. G. Roberson, W. M. Lilley, H. L. Hopkins, J. Elmer Griffin, Grady Godard, G. H. Hopkins, T. E. Goodrich, A. T. Roberson and Marvin Jones.

Commenting on the forest protection service, Warden Leggett said: "It is a well recognized fact that the greatest enemy of the forest of North Carolina is fire. It lowers the value of our completely kills, standing timber, destroys reproduction, affects the fertility, and moisture content of the soil, contributes to floods and erosion; drives away and destroys wildlife, its food and cover. As 99 per cent of our fires are now caused, they can be prevented."

"The necessity of forest fire control has been recognized by all saw mill operators, and by many of our forest owners, and it is roughly estimated that there is an average stand of 1500 board feet per acre of saw timber, and about seven cords of cord wood per acre; taking the state as a whole, Martin County has 166,500 acres of forest land with thousands of its acres above the state average. A complete timber survey was made of the forest resources of the state by the United States Forest Survey in 1937-38.

In 1911 it was estimated that there was in the neighborhood of 20 billion feet of standing saw timber. In 1938 this estimate was placed at about 27 billion feet. Second growth is gradually replacing the old growth timber where fire control has been satisfactorily put into effect.

Hearing Held In Seduction Case

Charged with seduction under promise of marriage, Henry F. Rogers, young county white man, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. I. Hassell here Wednesday evening. No probable cause was found in the case charging seduction, and the warrant was amended when additional evidence was offered, the justice sending the case to the county court where the defendant will be tried next Monday on a charge of bastardy. Bond in the sum of \$100 was required.

According to unofficial reports, the case is literally loaded with dynamite, officers stating that it is believed that the mails have been used improperly in that unfounded charges were made by letter possibly over a forged signature. Officers withheld the contents of the letter which was alleged to have been written by the victim in the bastardy case. As far as it could be learned here today the letter has not been turned over to postal authorities, but officers were said to have started an investigation. The name of the girl was not divulged, but it was learned that she was a senior in a county high school.

Martin Supply Company Announcing Sales Event

Purchasing the stock and store of B. F. Perry here a few days ago, the Martin Supply Company is announcing the season's biggest selling event beginning on the second floor of the Perry store tomorrow morning. Stocking new goods in their store when they opened for business a few weeks ago, the owners of Martin Supply Company explain that the Perry stock must be moved to make more room. "It must be moved at some price," the management stated and beginning tomorrow the firm will offer the stock at a great sacrifice. The Perry store was bought to care for an expanding business of the Martin Supply Company. Special prizes and five per cent trade tickets will be offered on the second floor of the Perry Store when the sale gets underway tomorrow.