

### Williams Visits Prison Again After 30 Years

RALEIGH—A little more than 30 years ago—November 21, 1921, to be exact—21-year-old David Marshall Williams of Godwin walked through the big gates at Central Prison here to begin serving a 30-year sentence for second degree murder.

Last Saturday (April 26) a sleek, black Cadillac purred through those same iron gates bringing Williams back.

This time, though, he was welcomed as the hero of a story that makes Horatio Alger's yarns sound about as exciting as a Mother Goose rhyme.

Because this time that sleek Cadillac carried "Carbine" Williams, millionaire inventor, who got his start to fame and wealth while a "guest" of the State.

Williams was on hand for a special showing of the motion picture of his life. The picture told how Williams was making the

### Dan Boone Theatre Building Progresses

BOONE.—Construction of the outdoor Daniel Boone Theatre Kermit Hunter's new drama "Horn in the West" is proceeding on schedule, reports the building committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association. The drama opens a summer-long run at Boone June 27.

The main approach to the theatre from Highway 421 and the Blue Ridge Parkway, and the two parking areas for 1,000 cars are now being graded. Grading of the 2,500-seat, amphitheatre and stage is complete. Buildings already under construction: the two ticket offices, the manager's office, and the concession stand.

best corn liquor in Cumberland County when a raiding party paid him still a visit. In the running gun battle that ensued, a revenue man was killed and Williams—protesting his innocence—was convicted of the death and sentenced to 30 years in prison. After serving part of his sentence at Central Prison, Williams was transferred to Caledonia Prison Farm, where Captain H. T. Peoples let him design and make his world-famous carbine while working in the blacksmith shop. Williams had his sentence cut twice by Governor Angus McLean (finally to 10 years) and walked out of prison a free man September 29, 1929.

Arms Manufacturers gobbled up Williams' ideas and patents (30 of them), particularly that of his rapid-fire, lightweight carbine. Uncle Sam was interested, so much so that 8,000,000 of them were used in World War II and now is the most widely used weapon by United Nations forces in Korea.

Williams became wealthy, but his story remained untold until his son wanted to know if it were true he had been in prison. The inventor called in his old friend, Captain Peoples, to explain. The story was written by Fayetteville writer-photographer Fay Ridenhour and appeared in a national-circulation magazine. Then Hollywood stepped in. The result is the picture "Carbine Williams" starring Jimmy Stewart, Wendell Corey, and Jean Hagen.

It was shown Saturday to inmates of Central Prison, at least one of whom had been there when Williams first entered prison to begin his term. Williams and Captain Peoples were on hand, a personal demonstration of what changed ideas and rehabilitation of a man can accomplish.

Williams was glad to be back, he said, "with circumstances as they are," and he had a word for the prisoners about the days ahead.

"You fellows will be out sooner or later," he said.

"I've found out that if a man tries to make something out of himself, the world will be glad to receive him."

"The world is not concerned with what you used to be, but what you are now."

Williams certainly must have recalled a day more than 30 years ago as, after the picture showing, a sleek black Cadillac headed out of Central Prison gates, with the guard touching his hat in salute to "Carbine" Williams, formerly state's prisoner No. 1773.

### State Paves 10,000 Miles County Roads

RALEIGH.—More than 10,000 miles of county roads have been hardsurfaced in North Carolina with funds from the \$200,000,000 secondary road bond issue.

Official figures, released today by Highway Chairman Henry W. Jordan, showed that the State Highway Commission has completed almost 84 percent of the 12,000-mile secondary paving goal set by Governor Scott when the bond issue was approved by the voters of North Carolina in the 1949 referendum.

A total of 225.1 miles of secondary roads were paved during the first three months of 1952, bringing the total mileage hardsurfaced under the bond program to 10,061.6. Chairman Jordan pointed out that inclement weather during January, February and March had delayed a great deal of the paving projects on rural roads. A total of 4,025.5 miles of secondary roads were paved in 1951; another 4,554.6 miles were paved in 1950, and 1,256.8 miles were paved in 1949, the first year of the \$200,000,000 secondary road program.

These figures do not include paving on primary highways or other projects not included in the secondary road program, nor do they cover resurfacing or widening of secondary roads.

The paving goal had been exceeded in 29 counties by March 31. That means that future secondary road bond projects let in these counties will be a "bonus" of that much additional mileage above that promised them in the pro rata distribution of funds at the beginning of the program.

These counties are Chowan, Edgecombe, Hertford, Greene, Lenoir, Pitt, Brunswick, Cumberland, Duplin, Sampson, Franklin, Johnston, Nash, Wayne, Wilson, Chatham, Davidson, Harnett, Lee, Hoke, Moore, Randolph, Robeson, Scotland, Anson, Mecklenburg, Montgomery, Richmond, and Polk.

Chairman Jordan also reported that 14,423.4 miles of county roads now have been stabilized for all-weather use under the bond program. That total is 41.21 percent of the 36,000-mile goal.

This year's "road-building season"—1952—began in the first week of the year. Road construction a few months of the year because of freezing and rainy weather. Now, however, the contractors are expected to mushroom their highway construction work until 1952 becomes a record road building year in North Carolina.

Barring war, material shortages, or excessive bad weather, Chairman Jordan predicted that this should be the heaviest construction year of the bond program. The chairman said the Highway Commission hopes to complete the \$200,000,000 secondary road program this year, adding that increasing emphasis will be placed on the stabilization program—designed to help people living on rural roads not having enough traffic to justify their paving.

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### Negro 4-H Group Will Attend Camp

The fifth annual Regional 4-H Club Camp for rural Negro boys and girls will be held at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Ala., June 24-July 1, according to an announcement by the Cooperative Extension Service of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

North Carolina will be represented by eight 4-H Club members, who are now being selected in various counties. More than 125 outstanding 4-H'ers are expected to be camp delegates from 17 Southern States.

One of the highlights of the Camp will be the awarding of four \$300 scholarships to Club members who have made outstanding records in 4-H work. The program for the one-week camp, now being arranged by an Extension Service committee, will emphasize educational activities with a balance of recreational opportunities.

North Carolina manufactures about 13 million gallons of ice cream each year.

### GARDEN TIME

It is a well-known fact that the early tomato blossoms or blossom clusters often fail to set fruit. This may be due to a number of factors but is usually due to cool temperatures early in the growth season, when the first two clusters of blossoms appear.

It has been found that applications of certain plants hormones to the blossoms will cause fruit to set. In many cases these fruits are seedless or almost seedless.

Experiments have shown that, in the cases of tomatoes, it is only worth-while to spray the hormone on the first two or three clusters. These hormones are now available at any seed store under various trade names. They should be used according to the directions given by the manufacturer; otherwise they may cause damage or heavy wrinkling of the tomato fruits.

The material should be sprayed on the open blossoms with an atomizer or fine sprayer. Since all the blossoms on a cluster do not open at one time it will require at least two applications for each cluster. Many commercial growers are now using fruit setting

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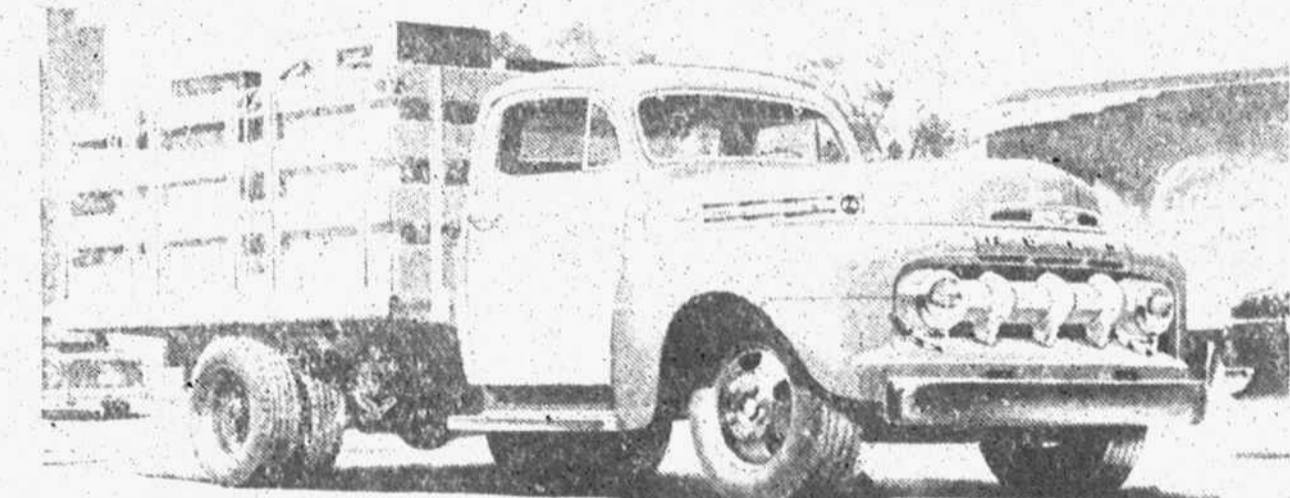


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