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### **ADJOURNS AFTER** SHORT SESSION

### Several Important Cases Continued; One Murder Case Disposed of

Working right on through the lunch hour, Judge W. A. Devin completed the criminal docket and heard one divorce case, and adjourned the December term of Martin County Superior Court at 2 o'clock here last Tuesday. Two of the cases that were expected to take up much time of the court will not be tried until the March term. Mrs. Opheus Godard, a witness in the case charging Johnnie Williams and Joe Lawson with murder and reckless driving, could not attend court as she is still confined to her bed by injury suffered when the Lawson truck ran into her several weeks ago. The case against Ollie Page, charged with manslaughter, was continued, as it is understood two civil actions have been instituted, and it is likely all of them will be called at the March term.

Proceedings not previously reported are as follows:

Charged with disturbing a religious worship, John Henry Brown was sentenced to jail for four months, to be hired to R. E. James, who is to pay a \$50 fine and the costs for the de

James Wilson, charged with murdering Haywood Scott at Williamston last month, entered a plea of guilty of murder in the second degree. The plea was accepted by Solicitor Gilliam, and Wilson was sentenced to prison for a period of 20 years.

The court directed a verdict of not guilty as to Jay Rawls and Joe Henry had been in feeble health for some Webb in the housebreaking case at time, but he was able to be up Wed-scooperate with the Eastern Carolina born about two years after their septime, but he was able to be up Wed-scooperate with the Eastern Carolina born about two years after their septime and Junior Wynn. Wynn nesday, death following quickly after Chamber of Commerce in putting this aration. He claims that since the illinoist the commerce in putting this aration. was sentenced to prison for two years the pneumonia attack. to be placed under observation by hospital authorities.

A divorce was granted William Ram sey from Nora Louise Ramsey.

### HOLIDAY HOURS AT POST OFFICE

### Gift Packages To Be De-livered Christmas Eve And Christmas Day

The schedule of service at the local the Abner Everett cemetery, near post office will be slightly changed this Robersonville. Christmas season to supplement the convenience for patrons, Postmaster

Fowden announced today. Arrangements have been made to deliver Christmas gift packages Christmas Eve and on Christmas day, the post office remaining open until 10 o'clock the night before Christmas, year, as compared with last season, it

routes, it was stated. The delivery of been sold.

Mail will be dispatched as usual, chase of the new plates, and owners and incoming mail will be received as or others operating cars on or after usual, but will wait distribution until January 1 with old plates will be sub-Wednesday after Christmas. The office will not observe the usual half holiday on Wednesday, December 26. Six Men Caught Hunting but will close for a half day Thursday. Without License in County the pastmaster explaining that the office would be held open all day Wednesday to complete distribution.

gift packages will be confined to

### Legion To Give Supper Monday; Olive To Speak

A big free barbecue supper is being the alleged violators upon the condiserved by the John Hassell post of the American Legion in their hall in Wil- pay the costs, amounting to \$44.10. liamston Monday night at 7 o'cloc, to which every ex-service man in Mar- Perry, Elmer Mizelle, Luther and Tom tin County is invited. Hubert Olive, McNair, John Hassell and Joe Cherof Lexington, State commander of the ry. Legion, is expected to be present and

This post is in a contest with the Ahoskie post for increased membership. It is understood that, up to date, the Martin County group is ahead. The officials of the post are anxious to bring this further honor to the John Hassell Post, and are asking, therefore, that each ex-service man who plans to come bring with him some

other ex-soldier. There will be no charges whatever in connection with this supper. Many of the individual members have made donations already, and the supper is to be absolutely free. A great crowd o former soldiers is expected in William ston on Monday night.

### Program of Services At Church of Advent

Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector. Third Sunday in Advent: Church school, 9:45 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11

Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30

### SUPERIOR COURT Just Eight More Days Left For Shopp 'ng; Better Hurry

have only eight more days to make their holiday purchases and complete preparations for the day of

Business activities in Williamston stores are fast reaching the rushing point, and the holiday spirit is becoming more pronounced each day. Beginning next week, local business firms will continue open evenings for the convenience of their patrons. Addi-

JOHN SAMUEL

SMITH DEAD

ness Man of Roberson-

ville Died Thursday

near the Martin-Pitt line in this coun-

ome time on the Williamston mar-

Funeral services are being conduct-

While the sale of 1935 automobile

Entering this county to hunt, six

Washington County men were caught

County 2,000 Bales Behind

license plates is greater so far this

ed this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev.

Auto License Sale Gets

ket a number of years ago.

ford, of Oak City, survive.

tional clerks are being employed in nearly every business house to better serve the shoppers, and every posisble thing is being done to make shopping easy, convenient, pleasant and profitable to the visitors and patrons.

Trade is moving swiftly, but local stores have unusually large stocks this year to care for the needs of the more than 25,000 people who will make Williamston their shopping center this holiday

### LAND OWNERS HOLD MEETINGS Endorse Program of East- chair in Raleigh. ern Carolina Chamber Of Commerce

is sponsoring for this coming legisla- time and drifted to Elizabeth City, Well-Known Retired Busi-John Samuel Smith, retired business the rise in cost of living during the farms until this year when he started liey had the most outstanding kitchen man, died at his home in Roberson- past two years; drivers' license, to be working for the Farmville-Woodward in the county during the contest. Her ville yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from an attack of pneumona. He plicant

Charlotte Keel Smith, he was born D. R. Everett, J. M. Little, Vance Rob- at various times. Two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Roberexplained the program.

### M. Perry. Interment will follow in Tom Bost To Preach At Baptist Church Sunday

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sermon in his newspaper, which has ment a reader possibility of 250,000 persons, I there will be no extension for the pur-

hear Mr. Bost.

Gaylord suspended judgment against ercises at 6;30 o'clock.

#### tion that they purchase licenses and Hog Killings Now Under Way Throughout County The names of the hunters: Dick

large scale in a number of sections in baby, Lewis in his confession to Sher- Opening in CCC for Two this county, according to reports re- iff Roebuck yesterday said he could not ceived here yesterday. In Cross Roads explain his actions, that he apparently Fownship, the farmers will have completed the annual task by and before Year Ago in Cotton Ginned Christmas, it is understood. Killings in other sections will hardly be com- Accepts Position With With the ginning season almost pleted before the latter part of next pent, Martin County will run nearly 2.000 bales of cotton behind its record

While the meat supply is about the last year, preliminary reports received Up to the first of this month, 3,817 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county, as compared with 5,824 bales

### COLORED MAN **CONFESSES TO** KILLING WIFE

#### Confession Indicates Murder Was Deliberately Planned

Jailed here last Sunday morning fol- FOR PAST MONTH lowing the murder of his wife the BY HOME AGENT colored man, broke down and con fessed the crime yesterday, giving a full account of his life and describing in detail the shooting. Faced with circumstantial evidence that might have been considered sufficient by : jury to send him to the chair, Lewis conscience began to work on him, and appeared relieved when he unfoldtold, the man pleaded with officers and others to aid him escape the death

Lewis stated he was born on the Cof-37 years ago, that he had worked on Land owners and busines men in a farm most of his life. About 14 years meetings at Robersonville and Ever ago he married Kate Ambrose and their work. etts Tuesday of this week unanimous- lived peaceably with her and their two ly and enthusiastically endorsed the children until about five years ago. program of legislation which the East- when she started running around with ern Carolina Chamber of Commerce other men. He left her about that The program includes the con- where he worked for two years, sendanuation of the general sales tax for ing at various times money for the another biennium, refunding to coun- support of the two children. He claims ties the money expended on highways to have sent as much as \$18.72 at one by the counties prior to the state tak- time. About two years ago he reing over the highway system; higher turned to this county, working on the pay for teachers, commensurate with V. R. Taylor and Harrell Everett administered without cost to the ap- Lumber Company here. There was kitchen had been entirely built which

Secretary N. G. Bartlett, of he found his wife there. There was given out at the meetings. on, of Palmyra, and Mrs. Paul Al- the Eastern Carolina Chamber of no trouble, but the greetings were not Girls' 4-H Club: Girls 4-H Clubs Commerce attended both meetings and very cordial. She asked himi to take during the month were organized and

hear the gifted journalist and preacher. that Lewis planned the murder at that Poultry Short course: Two women administered the various oaths after Company-explaining they are pre-No letters will be placed in the lock is advancing rather slowly, the local Mr. Bost not only does his daily time, using precaution in scheming to from the country accompanied the a veteran's pattern, and was ready with pared to handle your furniture probboxes and no regular deliveries will bureau announced yesterday. Up to newspaper task in Raleigh, which has get her from the house without his home agent to the poultry short course. The country accompanied the a veteran's pattern, and was ready with pared to handle your furniture probboxes and no regular deliveries will bureau announced yesterday only 167 licenses had engaged him for 20 years, but in addition, he writes a Sunday diliving to call her and be heard by held in Raleigh November 20. As them.

Davis Pharmacy has a large supdition he writes a Sunday editorial other occupants in an adjoining apart- part of the information which the The clerk is now puzzled over the ply of worth-while gifts for every mem

> thus giving him one of the gretest by buying three shells from a local men in determining the sex of Green last August. Judge Devin re- ever to fill your grocery needs and pulpits in the state of North Carolina. store and borrowing a gun from Rob-chickens. and is an entertainer much in demand. house at 7 o'clock Saturday evening. of November gave the women \$85.13, for his problem. He plans to have states the Philos is one of the pop The public in general, and the ment- walking the McCaskey road to the General summary: The Home Agent the young girl state the facts before ular Christmas gifts. bers of other churches who have no Hamilton highway and from there to traveled 1,044 miles this past month; him within the next few days. services at that hour, are invited to the home. The dogs started barking conducted 10 meetings with the girls The other services of the day fol- continued on a short distance. He re- 8 days in the office, 17 days in the field low the regular order, the Sunday turned a few minutes later and saw visited 29 different homes, attended 3 by Game Warden Abbitt recently and school meeting at 9:45 o'clock, the pas- his wife standing at the well in the meetings at the poultry short course, formally charged with hunting without tor preaching at the morning hour, yard. When within a distance of 20 taking two of the poultry demonstralicenses. Justice of the Peace Onward and the young people having their ex- feet, and without a word being spok- tors. There were 214 in attendance highway.

Sobbing and at times crying like a

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## Davis Pharmacy Here

Mr. Eugene Rice, registered drug- was announced by the county welfare noon at 3:30 o'clock, it was announced same as it was last year in this coun- gist, of Oxford, has accepted a posi- office today. Any veteran desiring to today by an official of the organizaty, some sections are facing a small tion with the Davis Pharmacy here, enter the CCC service are directed to tion. shortage, reports indicate. In Cross entering upon his new duties this file applications at the office here, but A Roads several farmers are said to have week. Mr. Rice has had many years only two will be accepted, it is under- will follow the business session, and lost many of their hogs from cholera, of experience in the drug business. stood

### Invitation by Merchants Here REPORT IS MADE

Two Girls Receive Medals For Work in State 4-H Club Contest

By Miss Lora E. Sleeper

State 4-H Club Contest: Three girls entered the state record contest and the facts in the tragedy. His story six girls competed in the state dress contest. Two of the girls entering the contest attended the state dress contest held November 1 in Raleigh. Finding solace in telling the truth, Miss Emma Bell Manning was county representative in the state dress confield farm in Poplar Point Township test, and Miss Liashia Ballard represented the state record contest. The two girls received gold medals for

Kitchen contest: The kitchen conest came-to a close November 6, when 12 kitchens were scored in the coun ty. The twelve contestants put shelves, sinks, high windows, ceiled the walls, and painted. Mrs. Lydia Gurkin was first place winner, Mrs. J. D. Griffin second place, Mrs. William McKeel third place, Mrs. Will Taylor fourth place, and Mrs. G. D. Grimes fifth place. Mrs. Eason Lil-

Taylor took care of the Everetts vis, where he has lived for six months Loan Fund. Ideas, patterns, etc, were other articles missing.

her to her home on the Jack Mills the younger girls started on their farm in Poplar Point, that the trip doll's outfits. Very few of the older was casual as far as any happenings girls have secured the material: The were concerned. She asked him to older girls are making undergarments, bring her food and other articles for this will precede their entering the Christmas. He agreed to carry her dress contest. One joint 4-H Club

women received they Saturday Lewis continued his plans knowledge which is of use to hatchery the killing of Linwood Lee at Spring | C. O. Moore is better prepared than

just before he reached there, and he and 12 with the women. Agent spent en, he fired the gun, the load of shot at the meetings. The kitchen contest taking effect in the woman's head and running in the county for six months causing instant death. He left the was brought to a close during the on the Wildcat road and the Everetts was given over entirely to the making of annual reports.

Applications will be considered with in the next few days from World War veterans in Martin County for on Association will hold its last regular trance in the Civilian Conservation meeting of the year in the grammar Corps the early part of next year, it school auditorium next Tuesday after-

### MANY VOTING

Gift Shoppers Given Special

Early reports received from several of the 12 precints indicated a substantial and favorable vote was being cast in this county for the continuance of the Bankhead cotton and Smith-Kerr tobacco control laws. If the voting holds up throughout the day, the reports indicate 99 percent of the eligible voters will have visited the polls and supported the measures.

At noon today the local voting place was crowded with farmers eager to vote in favor of the control measures. Not a single vote had been cast against the tobacco program up until that time, it was unofficially reported. The Tobacco policy was leading with the largest number of votes at the polls here, but that was due to the fact that there are more tobacco farmers than there are cotton growers in this section.

### STORE ROBBED AT EVERETTS

#### Thieves Break Out Glass To clated the year around. Enter Taylor Bailey Store This Week

Forcing an entrance by knocking a little friction between he and his wife, made it impossible for her to compete hole through a front show window. Local committees were appointed to he claims, until another baby was with the women improving their kitch- robbers broke into the Taylor, Bailey ens. Prizes are being collected for & Brother Store in Everetts some Chamber of Commerce in putting this aration. He claims that since the itprogram across at the legislature: At legitimate child was born, he turnished Miscellaneous: Ten meetings held day morning and stole a quantity of Son of the late William H., and Robersonville, G. H. Cox, chairman: clothing for his wife and the children with women during the month. These goods and aticlers, the owners stating meetings were in the nature of han- that they could hardly determine the erson; at Everetts, V. G. Taylor, J. T. Tuesday evening before the murder disrafts. Each woman was asked to exact loss. An early check on the ty 66 years ago. For many years be Barnhill, John Wynne, J. S. Ayers, on Saturday night, Lewis is believed bring something to sew on to help in robbery revealed several hundred penworked on tobacco markets, spending G. H. Cox acted as chairman of the to have planned the killing. When he a Christmas bazaar which will be used mes, a double-barreled shotgun, sev Robersonville meeting, while V. G. returned to the home of Caesar Pur- to increase the Jane S. McKimmon eral pairs of overalls, and shirts and

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was called to Everetts early Wednesday morning. but no clue could be established that

#### New Clerk of Court Is Complimented On Work

case charging little Evelon Purser with her of the family manded the case back to the juvenile supply you with Christmas candies court, and now Judge Wynne has it from large assortments. He also

### Regular Services Sunday At Church in Jamesville

There will be regular services at Sunday school at 10 o'clock. Preaching service at 11 o'clock and 7 at night. This will be the last service for the year in the church there, and the onscene immediately, returning to town month. The last week in the month by preaching service in the town. All per's, and, too, there are many items church people and the public are invited to worship with us -- Rev. W. B. Harrington

## Veterans From County Parent-Teacher Association

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its last regular

all members are urged to be present

### BIG STOCKS OF HOLIDAY GOODS NOW ON DISPLAY

Fair Treatment, Courtesy And Reasonable Prices Are Assured

Williamston merchants are directing pecial appeals to thrifty shoppers throughout this territory, urging them to visit local establishments with the assurance that their purchasing problems will be solved by the large stocks

from which to make their selections. The following stores carry special messages in this paper appealing to the people of this entire section for the opportunity to serve them this season. with the assurance that fair treatment, courtesy, and reasonable price will prevail at all times

At Clark's Drug Store, the exacting shopper will find an unusually large and appropriate gift supply, and they are the gifts that are sure to please Harrison Brothers have one of the argest lists of appropriate gifts in this section, in addition to the thousands of other articles that will be appre-

B. S. Courtney has his large store literally running over with the latest in furniture and in all styles, making shopping easy for those who would give lasting gifts.

The Williamston Motor Company

comes along with an appropriation sug gestion- give a new 1935 Ford to the family for use the year 'round. Margolis Brothers are advancing the

greatest "gift inspirations" to be found in any store anywhere for "Him" and for "Her." They are distinctive, timely and lasting. To brighten the holiday season and

add to year-around comfort, the Virginia Electric and Power Company points to the electrical gift as the practical gift.

would warrant an arrest, late reports home each and every Christmas, W. That happiness might pervade the G. Peel calls attention to the logical act of buying a life insurance policy for the young boy or girl and making secure the protection of loved ones.

The Lindsley Ice Company is pre-

For the young lady, gifts of jewelry are always appropriate, and J. Lawrence Peel has special gift values now on display at his Washington Street Thoughtful shoppers will find Barn-

hill Brothers' store a valuable shopping place with countless items appropriate for the Christmas gift. Hundreds of riding devices and play

things await the kiddies at Culpepof hardware that make ideal and valuable gifts for the man about the place nd such gifts are Isting. Handling the famous R. C. A. radios

Claude Leggett points out that the radio is regarded as one of the really Will Meet Next Tuesday appropriate gifts at Christmas time. He has them in all models, and in addition he hs hundreds of other items in his store that make very suitable

Watts Theatre has unusually good programs on every night next week for entertainment.

The D. Pender stores announce great preparations for adequately caring for the people's need for confectioneries and appetizing foods for the entire holiday season.

A complete line of fireworks is advertised by Theodore Roberson.

A new Chevrolet for the family will nake an ideal and valuable gift this Christmas, the Roancke Chevrolet Company suggests.

The Good and Bad Furniture Company is announcing some real bargains for the Christmas season, including good used pianos and new kitchen cab-

The Branch Banking and Trust Company, looking ahead, explains by aving a few dollars each week during the year one may face the Christmas season well prepared.

### Help Provide Christmas Cheer for Unfortunates of Community

When peanuts were selling for a cent a pound, cotton at 5 cents, and tobacco went for less than production cost, some ole wise guy shortly before Christmas that year advised everyone who wanted to find something in their stockings on Christmas morning to sleep in them. This section made the best of the situation, but many little tots knew Christmas that year by the calendar alone. They had none of

up to the same time last year,

the things that lifted the day out of the routine, the bare rations at hand hardly satisfying their hunger, and the clothes on their backs failing to hold heat in their frail little bodies.

This year there is a different story for the majority of the sev-eral thousand kiddies in Martin County. However, there are a goodly number of little tota scat-tered here and there with mighty

poor prospects for a bright and happy Christmas. For them, local organizations are planning Christmas packages, depending up on the employees of the emergency relief office to give of their extra time in effecting a proper distri-bution of the little gifts.

In an effort to make the movement a success, public subscriptions are being asked, and already the drive has met with much success. The Boy Scouts will be asked to canvass the town for second-hand toys and other articles that will be appreciated by those who are dependent for no reason of their own. Donations will be received by The Enterprise and turned over to the proper author-

Those who are able will find happiness in giving and the more

they give the happier they'll be. The receivers will be happy, too. When the Scouts make their canvass, turn over to them what old toys and any other articles you can spare, and they will assemble the gifts at the welfare office for distribution by the relief forces. There is little time left to handle the work, and any one wishing a part in the humane undertaking is urged to immediate action,