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SUPERIOR COURT 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.

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 defendant.

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 Webb in the housebreaking case against them and Junior Wynn. Wynn was sentenced to prison for two years to be placed under observation by hospital authorities.

A divorce was granted William Ramsey from Nora Louise Ramsey.

HOLIDAY HOURS AT POST OFFICE

Gift Packages To Be Delivered Christmas Eve And Christmas Day

The schedule of service at the local post office will be slightly changed this 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. No letters will be placed in the lock boxes and no regular deliveries will be made in either the town or rural routes, it was stated.

Mail will be dispatched as usual, and incoming mail will be received as usual, but will not be distributed until Wednesday after Christmas. The office will not observe the usual half holiday on Wednesday, December 26, but will close for a half day Thursday, the postmaster explaining that the office would be held open all day Wednesday to complete distribution.

Legion To Give Supper Monday; Olive To Speak

A big free barbecue supper is being served by the John Hassell post of the American Legion in their hall in Williamston Monday night at 7 o'clock, to which every ex-serviceman in Martin County is invited. Hubert Olive, of Lexington, State commander of the Legion, is expected to be present and speak.

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-serviceman who plans to come bring with him some other ex-soldier.

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 a. m. Evening prayer and sermon, 7:30 p. m.

Just Eight More Days Left For Shopping; Better Hurry

Christmas is coming! Shoppers have only eight more days to make their holiday purchases and complete preparations for the day of days.

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



JOHN SAMUEL SMITH DEAD

Well-Known Retired Business Man of Robersonville Died Thursday

John Samuel Smith, retired business man, died at his home in Robersonville yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. He had been in feeble health for some time, but he was able to be up Wednesday, death following quickly after the pneumonia attack.

Son of the late William H. and Charlotte Keel-Smith, he was born near the Martin-Pitt line in this county 66 years ago. For many years he worked on tobacco markets, spending some time on the Williamston market a number of years ago.

Two daughters, Mrs. J. W. Roberson, of Palmyra, and Mrs. Paul Alford, of Oak City, survive. Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry. Interment will follow in the Abner Everett cemetery, near Robersonville.

Auto License Sale Gets Under Way Slowly Here

While the sale of 1935 automobile license plates is greater so far this year, as compared with last season, it is advancing rather slowly, the local bureau announced yesterday. Up to noon yesterday only 167 licenses had been sold.

According to official announcement, there will be no extension for the purchase of the new plates, and owners or others operating cars on or after January 1 with old plates will be subject to prosecution.

Six Men Caught Hunting Without License in County

Entering this county to hunt, six Washington County men were caught by Game Warden Abbitt recently and formally charged with hunting without licenses. Justice of the Peace Onward Gaylord suspended judgment against the alleged violators upon the condition that they purchase licenses and pay the costs, amounting to \$44.10.

County 2,000 Bales Behind Year Ago in Cotton Ginned

With the ginning season almost spent, Martin County will run nearly 2,000 bales of cotton behind its record last year, preliminary reports received here this week indicate.

Up to the first of this month, 3,817 bales of cotton had been ginned in the county, as compared with 5,824 bales up to the same time last year.

When peanuts were selling for a cent a pound, cotton at 5 cents, and tobacco went for less than production cost, some ole wisc 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

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 falling to hold heat in their frail little bodies. This year there is a different story for the majority of the several thousand kiddies in Martin County. However, there are a goodly number of little tots scattered here and there with mighty

COLORED MAN CONFESSES TO KILLING WIFE

Confession Indicates Murder Was Deliberately Planned

Jailed here last Sunday morning following the murder of his wife the night before, Oscar Lewis, 37-year-old colored man, broke down and confessed 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 a jury to send him to the chair, Lewis' conscience began to work on him, and he appeared relieved when he unfolded the facts in the tragedy. His story told, the man pleaded with officers and others to aid him escape the death chair in Raleigh.

LAND OWNERS HOLD MEETINGS

Endorse Program of Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce

Land owners and business men in meetings at Robersonville and Everetts Tuesday of this week unanimously and enthusiastically endorsed the program of legislation which the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring for this coming legislature. The program includes the continuation of the general sales tax for another biennium, refunding to counties the money expended on highways by the counties prior to the state taking over the highway system; higher pay for teachers, commensurate with the rise in cost of living during the past two years; drivers' license, to be administered without cost to the applicant.

Local committees were appointed to cooperate with the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce in putting this program across at the legislature: At Robersonville, G. H. Cox, chairman; D. R. Everett, J. M. Little, Vance Roberson; at Everetts, V. G. Taylor, J. T. Barnhill, John Wynne, J. S. Ayers; G. H. Cox acted as chairman of the Robersonville meeting, while V. G. Taylor took care of the Everetts group. Secretary N. G. Bartlett, of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce attended both meetings and explained the program.

Tom Bost to Preach At Baptist Church Sunday

Tom Bost, Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News, will speak from the pulpit of the local Baptist church Sunday night at 7:30 o'clock, at which time it is expected the house will be packed and jammed to hear the gifted journalist and preacher.

Mr. Bost not only does his daily newspaper task in Raleigh, which has engaged him for 20 years, but in addition he writes a Sunday editorial in his newspaper, which has a readership of 250,000 persons, thus giving him one of the greatest pulpits in the state of North Carolina. In addition, the versatile man preaches and is an entertainer much in demand.

The public in general, and the members of other churches who have no services at that hour, are invited to hear Mr. Bost.

The other services of the day follow the regular order, the Sunday school meeting at 9:45 o'clock, the pastor preaching at the morning hour, and the young people having their exercises at 6:30 o'clock.

Hog Killings Now Under Way Throughout County

Hog killings are under way on a large scale in a number of sections in this county, according to reports received here yesterday. In Cross Roads Township, the farmers will have completed the annual task by and before Christmas, it is understood. Killings in other sections will hardly be completed before the latter part of next month.

While the meat supply is about the same as it was last year in this county, some sections are facing a small shortage, reports indicate. In Cross Roads several farmers are said to have lost many of their hogs from cholera.

Accepts Position With Davis Pharmacy Here

Mr. Eugene Rice, registered druggist, of Oxford, has accepted a position with the Davis Pharmacy here, entering upon his new duties this week. Mr. Rice has had many years of experience in the drug business.

Gift Shoppers Given Special Invitation by Merchants Here

REPORT IS MADE FOR PAST MONTH BY HOME AGENT

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 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. Miss Emma Bell Manning was county representative in the state dress contest, and Miss Lushia Ballard represented the state record contest. The two girls received gold medals for their work.

Kitchen contest: The kitchen contest came to a close November 6, when 12 kitchens were scored in the county. The twelve contestants put in shelves, sinks, high windows, celled 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 Lilly had the most outstanding kitchen in the county during the contest. Her kitchen had been entirely built which made it impossible for her to compete with the women improving their kitchens. Prizes are being collected for the women.

Miscellaneous: Ten meetings held with women during the month. These meetings were in the nature of handicrafts. Each woman was asked to bring something to sew on to help in a Christmas bazaar which will be used to increase the Jane S. McKinnon Loan Fund. Ideas, patterns, etc. were given out at the meetings. Girls' 4-H Club: Girls 4-H Clubs during the month were organized and the younger girls started on their doll's outfits. Very few of the older girls have secured the material. The older girls are making undergarments, this will precede their entering the dress contest. One joint 4-H Club was organized during the month in the Bear Grass school. The boys are to work with the assistant county agent and the girls will continue their regular project. This is the first club of this type in the entire county. Poultry Short course: Two women from the county accompanied the home agent to the poultry short course held in Raleigh November 20. As part of the information which the women received they gained some knowledge which is of use to hatchery men in determining the sex of chickens.

Total market receipts for the month of November gave the women \$85.13. General summary: The Home Agent traveled 1,044 miles this past month; conducted 10 meetings with the girls and 12 with the women. Agent spent 8 days in the office, 17 days in the field visited 29 different homes, attended 3 meetings at the poultry short course, taking two of the poultry demonstrators. There were 214 in attendance at the meetings. The kitchen contest running in the county for six months was brought to a close during the month. The last week in the month was given over entirely to the making of annual reports.

Opening in CCC for Two Veterans From County

Applications will be considered with in the next few days from World War veterans in Martin County for entrance in the Civilian Conservation Corps the early part of next year. It was announced by the county welfare office today. Any veteran desiring to enter the CCC service are directed to file applications at the office here, but only two will be accepted, it is understood.

Regular Services Sunday At Church in Jamesville

There will be regular services at the Jamesville Baptist church Sunday. 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 only preaching service in the town. All church people and the public are invited to worship with us.—Rev. W. B. Harrington

Parent-Teacher Association Will Meet Next Tuesday

The Williamston Parent-Teacher Association will hold its last regular meeting of the year in the grammar school auditorium next Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, it was announced today by an official of the organization.

A special entertainment program will follow the business session, and all members are urged to be present.

A complete line of fireworks is advertised by Theodore Roberson. A new Chevrolet for the family will make an ideal and valuable gift this Christmas, the Roanoke 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 cabinets.

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

Help Provide Christmas Cheer for Unfortunates of Community

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 distribution of the little gifts. In an effort to make the movement a success, public subscriptions are being asked, and already

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MANY VOTING

Early reports received from several of the 12 precincts 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 Enter Taylor Bailey Store This Week

Forcing an entrance by knocking a hole through a front show window, robbers broke into the Taylor, Bailey & Brother Store in Everetts some time Tuesday night or early Wednesday morning and stole a quantity of goods and articles, the owners stating that they could hardly determine the exact loss. An early check on the robbery revealed several hundred pennies, a double-barreled shotgun, several pairs of overalls, and shirts and other articles missing.

Sheriff C. B. Roebuck was called to Everetts early Wednesday morning, but no clue could be established that would warrant an arrest, late reports stated.

New Clerk of Court Is Complimented On Work

Serving as clerk of the Martin County Superior Court for the first time this week, L. Bruce Wynne was highly complimented by Judge W. A. Devin for the manner in which he conducted the work. The young clerk administered the various oaths after a veteran's pattern, and was ready with the records when the court asked for them.

The clerk is now puzzled over the case charging little Evelyn Purser with the killing of Linwood Lee at Spring Green last August. Judge Devin remanded the case back to the juvenile court, and now Judge Wynne has it for his problem. He plans to have the young girl state the facts before him within the next few days.

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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 authorities. 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.