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## Superior Court Is Nearing End of Its Final 1940 Session

### Criminal Docket Cleared By Judge Leo Carr Late Yesterday

Clearing the criminal docket late yesterday afternoon, the Martin County Superior court was nearing the end of its 1940 session here shortly before noon today. While it was not the shortest on record, the session handled about as few cases as any in recent years. Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, received the grand jury report this morning and work was started on a lone civil case—Piland against Belflower. Adjudgment was scheduled upon completion of the civil case.

### Child Is Killed Accidentally By Young Playmate

Little Darrell Hardison is a gunshot victim in Griffins. Little Darrell Hardison was accidentally shot and killed at the home of his uncle, Mr. Claudius Hardison, in Griffins Township early yesterday afternoon. Fired from a 4th gauge gun in the hands of his little cousin, Earl Hardison, the load of shot struck the boy in the right side of his neck, severing the jugular vein and tearing through his mouth. Rendered unconscious and never realizing what had happened to him the little fellow died a few minutes later.

### Registrars Meet Here Wednesday

Local registrars in Martin County will meet in the offices of the health department here tomorrow afternoon at two o'clock for general instruction in recording vital statistics. Dr. R. T. Stimpson, of the State Health Department, will meet with the group and discuss the various phases of recording the vital statistics and records.

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### Contributors To Christmas Cheer Fund Recognized

The first cash for financing the 1939 Christmas Cheer movement in this community was received over the week-end, the treasurer reporting a total of \$14 paid in up until last night. Time is short and much money is needed to finance the movement, but no personal solicitations are being considered. If you will help make some unfortunate child happy this Christmas period send in your contribution today to The Enterprise.

### Need For Secret Undercover Work, Judge Tells Jury

Judge Leo Carr delivers able charge to grand jury Monday. In an able charge to the December Martin County jury on Monday, Judge Leo Carr, of Burlington, cited serious indictments that had been brought against tourist camps, dining and dance halls branding them as breeding places for crime.

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### Farmers Will Sign the Proper Papers in Respective Communities

Applications for 1939 soil conservation payments will be received in several of the ten townships in this county on next Friday and Saturday, it was announced this week by the office of the county farm agent. Local committees will have the proper papers in the several communities on the two days, as follows:

Bear Grass at Bear Grass, Cross Roads at Everetts, Griffins at S. E. Manning's store, Hamilton at Hassell, Robersonville at the Plymouth garage. Applications from farmers in the four other communities will be received during the early part of next week. Farmers in the six communities first mentioned have been notified to visit their respective committees at the designated places either on Friday or Saturday.

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Period ending Dec. 7	Accidents	Injured	Killed	Property Damage
Prior Period	64	58	8	\$11,870.00
TOTALS	67	59	8	\$12,125.00

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	For	Vs.	For	Vs.
Jamesville	22	1		
Williams	56	6		
Griffins	21	0		
Bear Grass	68	12		
Williamston	348	10	134	0
Cross Roads	159	14	91	0
Robersonville	214	61	163	0
Gold Point	85	5	51	0
Hassell	130	2	73	2
Hamilton	103	8	52	0
Goose Nest	232	41	227	0
Totals	1438	106	791	2

\* - Included in Williamston vote.

	For	Against
Arizona	915	27
Alabama	70,374	2,898
Arkansas	40,998	1,941
Florida	1,851	130
Georgia	65,224	7,639
Louisiana	40,596	1,585
Mississippi	42,415	1,381
North Carolina	50,997	5,843
Oklahoma	31,388	7,424
South Carolina	63,328	2,463
Tennessee	25,063	1,941
Texas	85,672	17,917
Virginia	2,903	71
Total	520,289	50,930

**WHITE CANE DAY**

On Saturday, December 16th, the Lions Club will sponsor a White Cane Day with the funds derived from this sale to be used to help visual tests to the school children of Martin County by the health department.

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Other home owners are puzzling their brains for a unique decorative scheme, and it is fairly certain now that a cheery atmosphere will be reflected in the hundreds of trees and porch decorations that have become recognized as an integral part of the Christmas-period locally. Extensive materials for effective tree, porch and inside Christmas decorations have been stocked by local stores.

That little old decorative bug has not bit the keepers of local public buildings, but he is flying out of the west today and by nightfall he is expected to have alighted on the waterhouse gang at the municipal plant just off Sycamore Street. Officer J. H. Allsbrooks, chief decorator of the town hall with a few suggestions from Mayor John Hassell, is eyeing the clock tower and ere long the old Christmas spirit will shine forth from the dome. The courthouse gang, recognized as an uncertain quantity, is either too busy or too lazy, one hardly knows which, hasn't awakened to the fact that Christmas is just around the corner and decorations on the old tower of the county's hall of justice, have hardly been mentioned. However, Special Officer J. H. Roebuck, Jailor Roy Peel and Patrolman Whit S. Saunders are doing a bit of considering, and it is hardly expected that the old brick structure will cast a shadow of gloom this Christmas time.