

Proceedings In Martin County Superior Court

Wife Killer Sentenced To Prison From Two To Five Years

The wheels of justice have been turning slowly but surely in the Martin County Superior Court here this week. This morning there were nineteen more cases on the docket awaiting attention, including nine cases of alleged drunken driving, two of breaking and entering, four of assault with deadly weapons, and one each of motor vehicle law violations, manslaughter, robbery and arson.

One of the breaking and entering charges against Ted Scott is being continued because grand jury action was overlooked, it was said. Scott, out under bond, is to appear for trial in June.

The arson case against James Perkins is being continued until later. Perkins, serving a two-year sentence for brutally beating his wife, is charged with burning his automobile near Williamston a short time ago. Perkins, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon resulting in serious bodily injury, was visited by the wrath of the court, but he was safe behind the wording of the warrant and got the maximum sentence allowed—two years. After the victim, Ada Peal Perkins, 34, mother of seven children, told how she was brutally attacked, an show she was literally denied medical attention for almost two weeks, and how she hovered between life and death for days with blood poisoning, and the jury had returned its verdict against him, Judge Frizzelle ruled that Perkins must surrender his license to preach for at least two years.

"A wife beater is about the sorriest person that walks," Judge Frizzelle said, adding that he couldn't recall of having ever heard before of a preacher beating his wife. "If it was in my power I would give two times and maybe three times two years," the jurist said. He explained that the case was far more serious than the warrant would indicate, adding that he believed there was intent to kill, that had she died, Perkins could have been tried for murder in the first degree. If there was no intent to kill, the judge reasoned, there must have been criminal indifference, the judge adding that he hated to think that Perkins was so stone-hearted that he would neglect his wife and deny others the opportunity to help her in the condition she was in for weeks. "The defense counsel, Attorney Robt. Cowen, has made a splendid presentation of the case, but the trouble is in the premise," Judge Frizzelle said just before pronouncing sentence.

The case in which Alice Spencer was charged with an assault with a deadly weapon was an unusual one, and a pathetic one, too. Although she said she was 71 years old, it was fairly apparent that she did not know her own age and hardly realized what was happening in court. She pleaded guilty in the case and then maintained she was innocent after having previously told officers she hit William Henry Coffield, 54, in the mouth with a piece of wood. One witness, Willie Gene Roberson, said he heard a commotion in her room, that he went to her room, found the victim lying on the floor with a mouth wound and the woman with an axe drawn back in position to

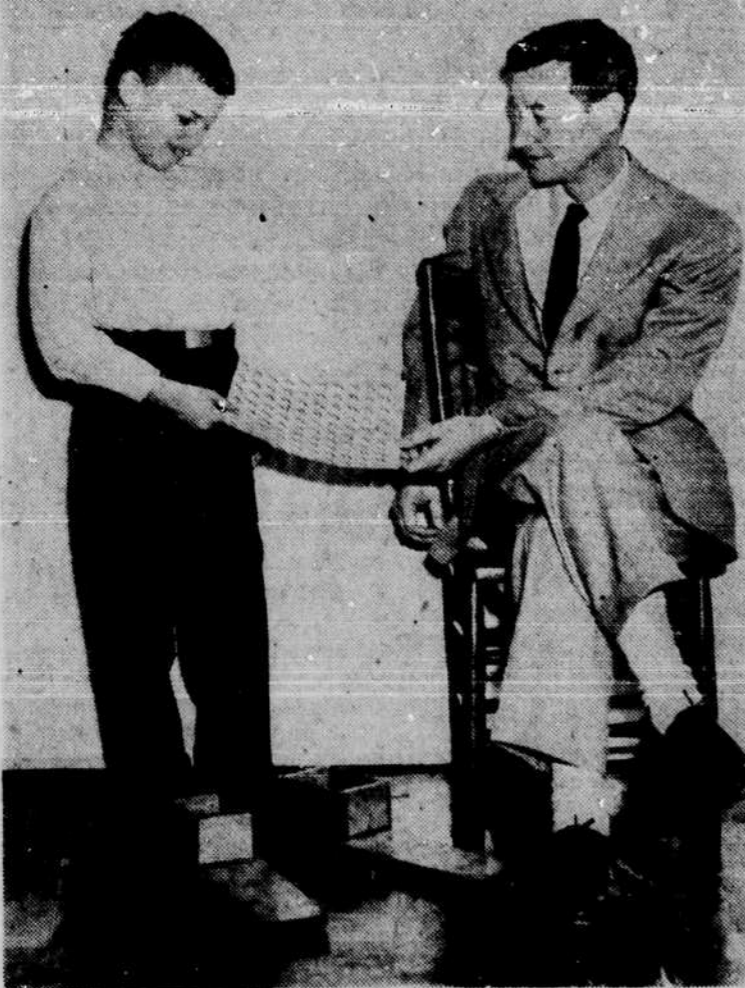
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INCONVENIENT

Sticking by his son who is charged with robbery, Bertie Williams, 71-year-old colored man, is finding it terribly inconvenient to attend court here.

Having no transportation of his own and unable to finance travel by other means, he depends on the goodness of others to transport him. He missed a ride late Monday and he walked the fifteen miles to his home beyond Hamilton that night. Since then he has figured closely on a more convenient schedule with others.

Launches Easter Seal Sale



County Has Been Asked To Raise \$1,000 During Current Drive

Mayor Robt. H. Cowen launched the 1952 Easter Seal sale in this county today following the purchase of a block of the little seals from Earl Asby of Rt. 1, Williamston to promote the work of the Martin County League for Crippled Children.

A quota of \$1,000.00 has been set for Martin County. Ninety one per cent of the proceeds remains in Martin County to be used for hospitalization, surgery, treatment, appliances and transportation of crippled children and adults.

R. L. Williams Dies Near Here

Funeral services were conducted at Horner's Funeral Home in Plymouth Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for R. L. (Bob) Williams, Sr., of Williamston.

Mr. Williams, a native of Washington County, died last Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Roberson, near Williamston. He was born May 13, 1867, son of the late H. J. and Sarah Alexander Williams, of this county. He was a member of the Methodist Church.

Surviving, besides his daughter, are four sons, Harvey, of New York, N. Y., R. L., Jr., of Norfolk, Va., Paul J. of Parrish, Alabama, and Frank Williams, of Roper; one brother, J. W. Williams, of Asheboro; two sisters, Mrs. J. S. Collins and Mrs. Fannie Bailey, both of Roper; and six grandchildren.

Services were conducted by the Rev. B. E. Bingham, pastor of the Roper Methodist Church. Burial was in the Williams Cemetery near Roper.

Mrs. Magdalene Fisher With Packing Company

In listing the personnel of the Williamston Pecking Company in Tuesday's edition of The Enterprise the name of Mrs. Magdalene Fisher, bookkeeper, was inadvertently left out.

Mrs. Fisher was a member of the staff of the former company and is remaining to handle the bookkeeping of the new company.

Thirty-Eight Men To Report Monday For Service Test

No Final Induction Call Is Pending; None Answered Since January

Thirty-eight Martin County young men are being called to report Monday morning at 6:30 o'clock for pre-induction examinations in Raleigh. They are to leave Williamston by special bus. The group includes seven white and thirty-one colored.

It is estimated that at least twenty of the thirty-eight being called to report next Monday have made previous trips to service induction centers for similar examinations.

Seven of the thirty-eight are white men. No official report could be had, but several of the group are said to be married.

While pre-induction calls are coming in regularly, including two in February, no final induction calls are pending in this county at the present time, meaning that there'll be none this month. There was a final induction call received in February, but the call was cancelled when it was pointed out that the manpower pool controlled by the draft board was just about depleted at that time. Steps are being taken to build up the pool, but comparatively little progress is being made. Out of thirty-seven men called for examinations February 26, only seven were accepted.

The names of those scheduled to report for the pre-induction tests next Monday, include:

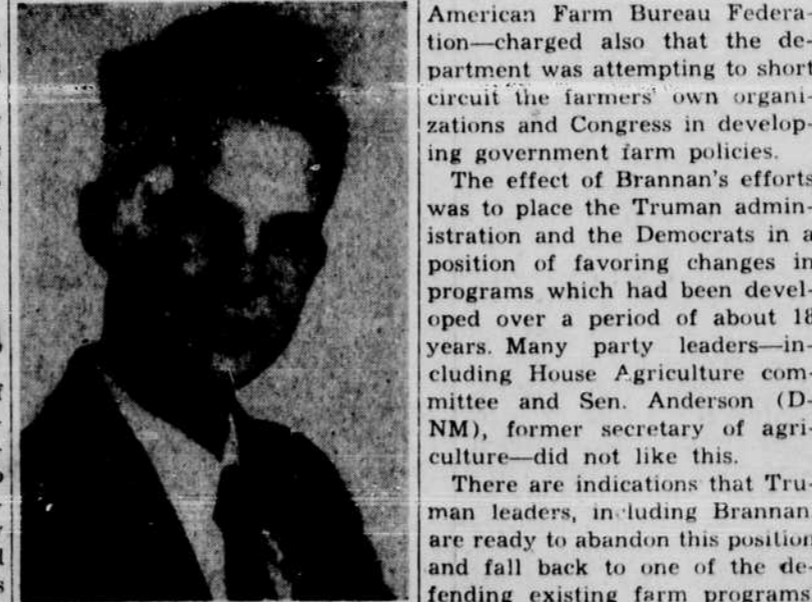
White: Royce Merritt Ward, William Earl Harris, Wesley Brinkley Roberson, James Louis Leggett, Daniel Ray Wynne, Archie Allen Lilley, Chester Emmett Mims.

Colored: Thelma Whitfield, Jr., Geo. Henry Walton, Albert Gray Lilley, Golden Thomas Gorham, Robert Earl Wallace, Johnnie

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Williamston Boy Gets Scholarship

Corrone Enoche Bryant, senior in the Williamston High School, has been awarded the coveted Angier B. Duke's scholarship which is valued at \$3,000. He is the third student from the local



school to receive the special award. Zack Piephoff, formerly of Williamston, and Lilybet Muse of Williamston hold similar scholarships at Duke University at the present time.

There were 600 applicants for the scholarship and only nine were chosen in both the women's and men's division.

Representing the northeastern region, Bryant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Bryant of near Williamston. He has been active in various fields, holding prominent places in his class and leading in extra curricular activities. He was awarded a cup for being the most outstanding 4-H Club boy in the county in 1949. He won the debating medal, was honorary Kiwanian during November, 1951, 4-H Club president, member of the Glee Club, winner of the \$100 district first prize in home electrification contest, Junior Class president, Senior Class treasurer, member school paper staff and student council.

Final competition was held last week-end with sixty applicants in the last round. The award winners are to enter Duke next fall.

Court Still Working On Criminal Docket

Hold Hearing In Case Against The ACL - Highway

Starting out Monday with forty cases on the docket, the Martin County Superior Court, holding the first of a two-week mixed term, early today had handled only twenty of those cases, making it appear that the criminal docket will not be cleared before late tomorrow and then only if some of the actions are continued.

Just about all of the first day was devoted to the trial of one case and demonstrations in jujitsu tactics. Comparatively few cases were heard the second day, but the machinery was speeded up a bit yesterday with the possibility that the criminal docket can be whittled down to small size by late tomorrow. However, work on the criminal docket was temporarily interrupted today when the court was asked to rule on the town's petition for relief of a traffic hazard at the highway underpass on West Main Street.

Attorneys argued the issues in the underpass case for about an hour and fifteen minutes until 12:45 o'clock this afternoon. While no denial of the existing hazards was made, it was evident that each of the defendants is looking to the other to accept the cost of the sorely needed project. After suggesting that possibly the town, Coast Line and Highway Commission could hold a conference, Judge Frizzelle called for briefs, and it isn't likely that he'll announce his decision before the latter part of next week and possibly later.

Nearly everyone of the cases to finally reach the jury got there only after a long, drawn-out trial. Every angle was exploited to the fullest, the defense even calling for demonstrations of certain alleged acts. Yesterday afternoon when the defense attorney in the assault cases against Henry Clay Jackson and his wife, Esther Mackey Jackson, asked a witness how one of the defendants wielded a pistol, Judge J. Paul Frizzelle, presiding, warned against realism. The witness had explained how the defendant had picked up the spent weapon and "tapped" her father, Roosevelt Mackey, on the head.

When the court recessed at 5:00 o'clock yesterday afternoon, it had heard only two witnesses in the assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill case against Henry Clay Jackson, and the aiding and abetting case against his wife, Esther Mackey Jackson. The victim of the assault told how his daughter and her estranged husband came to his house early in the morning of December 23 without a place to stay, adding that he

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Report Filed By The Grand Jury

Completing their work last Monday, Martin County grand jurors recessed subject to call until next June. Before quitting for the term, the jury filed the following report over the signature of Foreman C. D. Pittman:

All bills of indictment presented were passed on by us.

The report of the Justices of the Peace were checked and found filed with the Clerk of Court and all fines paid to the County Treasurer.

We found the County Jail clean and in good condition. There were two white male inmates, 1 white female and seven colored male inmates.

We checked the County Home and found that a light was needed in the smoke house and in the yard. Other repairs previously recommended have been completed.

The T. B. Ward has three white men, four colored men and eight colored women. Inmates in the county home include four white women, four white men, 5 colored men and one colored woman.

We have checked report submitted by Mr. Narron of the Highway Patrol which shows that all school buses were checked Feb. 28, 1952, and put in good condition at that time.

We examined the office of the Clerk of Court and found it to be in excellent condition with Guardians' reports and accounts filed as required.

P. T. A. To Hear First Grade Band

On Monday night, March 24, at 7:45 the Williamston P. T. A. will meet at the Grammar School.

The first grade children of the Williamston school will present a varied program including compositions by well known composers.

On the light side the rhythm band will play the now popular "Syncopeated Clock" by Leroy Anderson. The program also includes Paderewski's "Minuet in G" and Schubert's "March Militaire," and other familiar numbers.

Young Actors Here Get Congratulations

The five children, Paron Wheeler, Don Skinner, Jr., Gene Copeland, Gail Margolis and Stewart Davis, III, who play the leading roles in Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn tonight and tomorrow night, received congratulatory telegrams this morning from the following Hollywood Stars: Jack Benny, Red Skelton, Marie Wilson, J. Carroll Nash and several others.

Said to have started in a second story of the combination stables and hay barn, the fire spread to a nearby corn crib, burning all the contents and a few farm implements. Mr. Lilley's car was threatened but neighbors moved it to safety.

No estimate on the loss could be had immediately.

Volunteers Will Give More Blood At Local Church

About Twenty-Five Additional Donors Needed To Make Quota Certain

More than two hundred persons from various parts of the county have volunteered to donate blood to the Red Cross blood bank when the bloodmobile stops here tomorrow (Friday) at the Methodist Church from 10:00 a. m. until 4:00 p. m.

A few more volunteers are needed and it is hoped that a sufficient number of drop-ins will show up to help the chapter reach its quota.

It was explained that a few appointments had been cancelled out of necessity, that the number of volunteers was fluctuating, that unless others came forward, the quota could not be reached.

The names of those volunteering to date, include:

Pete Mendenhall, James M. Stalls, H. E. Griffin, Albert S. Peel, Jr., Mrs. Jessie D. Rogerson, Archie A. Mobley, Elizabeth M. Jackson, Simon Lilley, Jr., Roy H. Bland, Exum L. Ward.

Stanley K. White, C. E. Mangum, Robert H. Cowen, Anoxles Peele, C. A. Askew, Wheeler M. Manning, Edgar J. Gurganus.

J. C. Coltrair, Ernest Wiggins, Norman Everett, R. Vernon Bunting, Robert Hollis, William M. Tetterton, Mrs. William White, R. E. Cowen, A. L. Jameson, W. D. Jones.

W. E. Thornton, Mrs. Betty Courtney, Duxsie Ward, Daniel Ryan, A. O. Everett, R. P. Kloeti, Sallie Biggs.

Dennis Mizelle, J. Julian Jackson, Cecil Lilley, Cecil Brown, J. C. Griffin, H. M. Ayers, Darrell Taylor, William H. Brown, Mrs. Olivia Handy.

James F. Wellons, Jr., Roger A. Critcher, Jr., Samuel Rogerson, Russell Griffin, Cpl. Johnnie F. Beacham, A. B. Ayers, Jr., K. O. Rogers, Van R. Taylor.

Delmas Williams, J. D. Baldree, Dorothy L. Waters, Calvin L. Warren, Woodrow Holliday, Ernest Jones.

Billy Biggs, Junice Bender, J. E. Bulluck, K. P. Lindsley, Roger Roberts, Julia Biggs, Billie Crawford, J. D. Page.

Garland Hardison, Joe A. Vann, Joseph Manning, Jesse Biggs, Elbert S. Harris, Marvin Cherry.

Daisy Manning, Rupert Chesson, Heber R. Taylor, Gilbert Long, Hubert Wobbleton, G. M. Anderson.

Audrey D. Ange, James D. Vann, Garland Tice, Hewett D. Andrews, Mrs. Hewett D. Andrews, James L. Price.

Elbert Tice, Fred E. Sherman, Mrs. Verna S. Smith, Mrs. Margaret Baldree, H. P. Mobley, Paul Bailey.

Robert Leary, Clyde Griffin, B. W. Taylor, Frederick Griffin, W. L. Godard, Mrs. Margaret Cherry, R. J. Hardison.

J. C. White, Melvin Whitfield, Willie Wynne, F. F. Carstarphen, Glen Canton.

J. H. Baggett, Mrs. Wvoma A. Morris, Mrs. Fred M. Griffin, I.

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RED CROSS FUND

The Red Cross fund drive is doing all right, according to a report released by Co-Chairman Pete Austin late yesterday. The special gifts now total \$1,747.97 with \$350 more expected. Individual workers in the business district have added another \$50. A first report from the residential areas lists a \$50 contribution.

Chairman Skinner has been out of town and a complete report to date could not be had, but Mrs. Irving Roberson, Williams Township chairman, advised Chairman Austin yesterday that her assistants, Mrs. C. B. Roberson, Mrs. Henry Williams and Mrs. Grady Godard had just about completed the canvass and that the goal for the district would be reached and possibly exceeded.

Canvassers are cordially asked to cooperate in pushing the drive to completion as quickly as possible.