

WHOLE STATE GOES IN MOURNING OVER DEATH OF COL. WILSON G. LAMB

Hon. Wilson Gray Lamb passed from life to death at Park View Hospital, Rocky Mount at 11:30 A. M., Feb. 22nd, after an illness of five weeks. At first it was thought that he might soon recover unless complications set in, which was feared from the fact that he had passed the 79th milestone in life. It was soon discovered that his kidneys were involved and after two weeks he was removed from his home to Park View Hospital where he died about three weeks later. The end came as a peaceful sleep. He was brought home on the afternoon train of the same day.

Wilson G. Lamb was born in Elizabeth City in Pasquotank County Nov. 17th, 1842. His father, Wilson G. Lamb, Sr., was a member of the Lamo families of Revolutionary war fame. His mother was Miss Eliza Williams, also of Pasquotank county. He was one of nine children, five sisters and three brothers. His brothers were Col. John C. Lamb, a distinguished Confederate soldier who was killed at Dewey's Bluff; Gideon Lamb of Scotland Neck and G. Charles Lamb of Henderson.

He was educated at the preparatory schools of his native town. After completing the course offered there he was appointed a cadet to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis at the age of fourteen years. He resigned from the Naval Academy at the age of sixteen to enter the military service of the Southland. He was in the Civil War in his native county, where he was engaged in the struggle and lumber business with his brother, Col. John C. Lamb.

On the 7th of June, 1870 he was married to Miss Virginia Louisa Cotton, daughter of Arthur Staton Cotton. To this union were born three sons and five daughters, as follows: John Cotton Lamb, who married Miss Frances McInnis, who are now in Baltimore; Wilson Gray Lamb, Jr., and Luke Lamb, who is chief deputy in the State Tax Commission office at Raleigh; Virginia Cotton Lamb, who married Frederick F. Bullock and is now living in New York; Della Lamb, who married Howard Herrick and lived only a few years after her marriage, leaving two children, Howard Herrick, Jr., and Virginia Herrick, who have resided at the home of their grandfather since the death of their mother; Miss Louise Mayo Lamb; Eliza Williams Lamb who married Dr. Charles H. C. Mills of Charlotte and Annie Staton Lamb.

Wilson G. Lamb was not surpassed when it came to real loyal citizenship. His career in war and peace proved his real worth. He was always a leader in political, civil and religious activities. Martin county has never furnished a man that did more to redeem our state from impure political domination than did Wilson G. Lamb. Only one idea prompted him to wage such a fight as he did. That was to make the home safe and to preserve Southern chivalry. He had no desire for office; on numerous occasions he might have enjoyed offices of honor,

distinction and profit, but he would not accept them. He preferred rather to be free to fight without any restraints. He always hid above the belt no matter how bitter the struggle. He was one of the citizens of the state who saw the need to redeem the state from the domination of foreign political influence and in 1870 went to Raleigh and with other patriots of the state set in motion a great political war that swept the state and elected Zeb Vance Governor. From that time on the struggle was hard until 1900 when the negro was disfranchised and white supremacy was established in North Carolina.

Those who were associated with him in politics can attest that he was a statesman of the highest type, a politician for the sake of principles and not for the sake of personal glory or profit. He paid little attention to town and county politics, centering his attention to state and national affairs.

In 1884 he was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention and was chosen on the Notification Committee. He attended the Saratoga meeting which notified Grover Cleveland, the first Democratic President after the Civil War of his nomination. He was again a delegate to the National Convention of 1892 and again in 1912 he represented the First District in that great Baltimore Convention which nominated Woodrow Wilson. He was again honored by the convention by being placed upon the committee to notify Mr. Wilson of his nomination.

Since the present law creating the State Board of Elections which was passed in 1899 Mr. Lamb has been chairman of the Board. Though he was always strong in his political convictions, his fairness to all parties was the chairman of special thanks from the chairman of the Republican party on numerous occasions.

As a soldier, which was perhaps his favorite field, Mr. Lamb enlisted as a private on March 21st, 1862 in Company A of the 17th North Carolina Regiment. His brother, John C. Lamb was the captain of this company which was made up largely of Martin County boys. Later he became Sergeant-major and was promoted to the rank of second-lieutenant in 1862. He was during the war acting regimental adjutant. He did active service and was assigned important duties in the campaign around Petersburg in 1864. When General Grant was driven back on June 18th, which was the last day of the famous campaign of June 15-18, Lieutenant Lamb was wounded and had to leave his command temporarily. He returned before he had fully recovered and was made Division Provost-Marshal. He performed the duties of that office for several months. In December, 1864, his division was ordered to Wilmington and he resumed his duties as adjutant of the 17th North Carolina. He was quite active in the engagements around that city until the city was evacuated on February 22nd, after Fort Fisher had fallen.

Captain Elliot made especial mention of his coolness and bravery in repulsing the Federals on North East river. After this encounter Lieutenant Lamb was with his regiment at Kinston where some very hard fighting took place. Lieutenant Lamb was commended for bravery by his commanding officer on this occasion.

After the battle of Bentonville, Mr. Lamb was with Johnston's Army on the retreat before Sherman. He surrendered at Center Church, Randolph County. Lieutenant Lamb placed the flag of his regiment under the saddle of private Abe Thomas, who concealed it under his blanket and in this manner carried it through Sherman's forces at Chapel Hill and later delivered the flag to Mr. Lamb. He framed the flag and for a good many years kept it at his home and exhibited it on public occasions in the town. Some years ago he turned it over to the Hall of History at Raleigh where it might be seen by the scattered few who followed it.

Upon his return to his spotted county after the war Mr. Lamb engaged in Naval Stores and Shingle trade in connection with a general line of mer-

chandising. After a few years he formed a connection with the wholesale firm of Daniel Miller and Co., and until the day of his death was held in the highest esteem by the other members of this big company, building for them one of the best lines of trade enjoyed by any dealers in this section. All of the older merchants of this section speak in highest terms of the honor and courtesy of Mr. Lamb.

He has lived through two business ages. Practically all the merchants that started with have long since passed away and for many years he has had their sons as his customers. Both generations found in him the same grand man.

One of the greatest joys of Mr. Lamb's life were the meetings of the "Cincinnati," organized in 1783 with George Washington as its first president. State branches were organized in each of the thirteen original states, but because of the disintegration after the Civil War some of the chapters became inactive. He with a number of citizens of the state, descendants of men of Revolutionary fame, reorganized the North Carolina chapter in 1896 with Col. Wilson G. Lamb as its first and up until his death, its only president. He always filled with enthusiasm when he spoke of the splendid meetings held by the Society.

The going of Col. Lamb carries from us another of the few real Southern gentlemen. He apparently cared little for wealth, always being generous in his gifts to charity and other good causes.

Mr. Lamb was a member of the Episcopal church and had been a vestryman in the church here for several years. He was for a long time Senior Warden and attended many of the state and general conventions of the church.

He was a Mason, having held all the stations of his lodge and at the time of his death was the oldest Master Mason of Skewawoke Lodge No. 90.

He was a member of the John C. Lamb Camp, N. C. V., No. 845 and had been invited as one of the Confederate veterans from North Carolina as guests of the Grand Army of the Republic at a meeting in Boston.

The funeral was held at the church of the Advent at three o'clock. Services were conducted by Rev. Clark, assisted by Dr. Drane of Edenton and Rev. Morrison Bethea, a former Rector of the Church, now of Raleigh.

A very large crowd attended the funeral as every business house in town closed for the service and the Graded School also closed in honor to his memory. The floral offerings were very large and beautiful.

The pall bearers were: Arthur Anderson, John D. Biggs, C. D. Carstarphen, Asa T. Carrowford, T. F. Harrison and W. C. Manning. There were, besides his relatives, the following out-of-town friends who attended the funeral: Messrs. J. H. Roberson, B. R. Jenkins, S. D. Jenkins, Ed James, H. H. Pope and R. L. Smith of Robersonville; Dr. B. L. Long, T. B. Slade, F. L. Gladstone, R. W. and P. L. Salisbury and J. A. Davenport of Hamlet; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Stokes of Stokes; Col. A. D. Watts and Rev. Morrison Bethea of Raleigh; C. F. Bland, W. T. Ward, W. S. Moye and Henry Ward of Rocky Mount; Col. John W. Cotton, W. S. Clark, S. S. Nash, Mrs. Geo. Pendleton and A. D. Mizelle of Tarboro; Hon. J. E. Woodard of Wilson; Mr. Horace Sutton of Kinston; Major Huske of Fayetteville; George Royall of Goldsboro; S. R. Cleary of Washington; Theodore Miller and John C. Payne, members of the firm of Daniel Miller and Company of Baltimore. Mr. Payne began his service with the company 45 years ago and he and Mr. Lamb have been close friends since.

The American flag floated at half-mast on the City Hall during the day in honor of its son, soldier, statesman, business man, citizen, patriarch and neighbor.

HAMPSHIRE MALE HOG, MARKED swallow fork the right and crap off the left ear. Will weigh about 250 pounds. Has been gone about 5 weeks. If seen please notify V. R. Taylor.

Local News and Personal Mention

Mrs. Z. V. Bunting of Bethel is still here with her father, Mr. S. S. Hadley.

Dr. John D. Biggs, R. G. Harrison and J. D. Woodard attended the Bankers' Meeting at Greenville, Wednesday, February 22nd.

Mrs. Wm. E. Warren, who has been very sick for several days seems to be growing worse and her many friends fear that recovery is doubtful.

Messrs. V. R. Taylor and M. P. Taylor were pleasant visitors at our office today.

Mr. Claudius Roberson of Grifins, paid us a call today.

All members of the Peanut Growers Exchange of Martin County are requested to meet at the court house March 8th, at 1:00 P. M., for the purpose of electing the director of this county for the coming year. The election will be delayed long enough for those coming in on the noon train to reach the court house.

Dr. Robert B. Drane of Edenton is in town and will assist in the funeral ceremony at the funeral of Mr. Lamb. Dr. Drane was a lifelong friend of Mr. Lamb. He has been rector of the Episcopal church at Edenton for fifty years, which is evidence of his worth as a citizen as well as his ability as a minister.

Mr. S. S. Hadley who has been quite sick for two weeks is now improving and his friends hope to see him able to be up again soon.

Dr. W. S. Hadley is still in town with his father.

The State Highway engineers under W. P. Moore are now surveying the new state road to Hamilton, Oak City and Hobgood. It is expected that actual work will begin in a few months.

Young's store is advertising a great sale, beginning Saturday. Read the long list of bargains mentioned in their page ad in this issue.

Mr. T. F. Harrison returned from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore Thursday where he has been buying for his firm a full line of everything you need. Mr. Harrison says things look like they used to in New York and that he has many fine bargains for his customers and friends.

Mr. L. A. Cox of Rocky Mount was in town Wednesday night.

Mr. John Manning spent three days in Plymouth this week.

COLONEL CAMERON HERE

Colonel Benham Cameron of Stagsville arrived yesterday to attend the funeral of Mr. Lamb, who was his lifelong friend. Colonel Cameron was the father of the Roanoke Bridge project and to him we are indebted for the most valuable single asset that has come to our county in many years. The Colonel is president of the Bankhead Highway and expects to go to Arizona in April to attend the annual meeting of the Association.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES

L. C. Larkin, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 A. M.—J. E. Pope Superintendent. If you are not attending any other Sunday School, we especially invite you to join us in this service.

Sermon by the pastor, 11:00 A. M.
Sermon by the pastor, 7:30 P. M.
You are cordially invited to attend all of these services.

SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

A. V. Joyner, Pastor
Sunday school, 9:45 A. M. J. C. Anderson, Supt. The Sunday School is the church teaching the Word of God. We all need to know God's word.
Sermon by the pastor, 11:00 A. M.—Subject: "Deep Fishing."
Both the Junior and Senior B. Y. P. U. meets at 6:45 P. M.
Sermon by the pastor, 7:30 P. M.—Subject: "Opening Again the Old Wells."
"Come Thou With Us and We Will Do Thee Good."

GOOD TENANT WANTED: WHO can handle two-horse crop. Address "W" Care-Enterprise.

GOOD MILK COWS AND POLAND- china pure bred pigs for sale. Any age. J. S. Rhodes, If

LOST OR "BORROWED," ONE 28x4 Usco Tread U. S. Tire on rim. Finder, will please return to J. W. Watts, Jr.

GROUP ONE BANKERS MEET IN GREENVILLE

Greenville, N. C., Feb. 23.—With fifty or more members present at the time of opening, Group One of the North Carolina Bankers' Association, embracing several counties in this eastern section, held its seventh annual meeting here yesterday.

The meeting began at 11 o'clock in the auditorium of the High School and was presided over by W. E. Stubbs of Belhaven. Rev. W. P. Shannhart of the Christian church, offered the invocation.

Mayor D. M. Clark, in behalf of the town, cordially welcomed the visiting bankers to Greenville. Quoting Greenville's slogan, "Our Greenville, Yours if You Come," he asked that the visitors accept this literally.

Mr. John B. Sparrow, of Washington, responded to the address of welcome. Group One having previously come in contact with Greenville's hospitality, there was no hesitancy in accepting the invitation for holding this meeting here. He referred to the benefit and inspiration coming from these meetings and heard the members after touching elbows return home enthused with the spirit of progress with the determination to redouble their efforts for progress. Real value is not measured by gold, but our chief asset is in the mankind we produce. The minutes of the last meeting were read by W. R. Willis, secretary of the organization, which was followed by the roll call.

President Stubbs of Belhaven, delivered his annual address, which was one of the best ever delivered here. Group One has shown a greater liquidating power than we could have believed a year ago. The following comparative statements of 48 banks out of a total of 60 in the group reflect in our opinion a strong position and one that reflects credit worthy of praise.

Capital and surplus, December 31, 1920, \$3,674,941.45; December 31, 1921 \$2,608,232.94.

Deposits December 31, 1920, \$16,141,520.90; December 31, 1921 \$16,578,208.74.

From which you will note that bill payable and discounts were reduced 57 per cent. Bills carried by the 12 Federal Reserve Banks which is a fair index of condition of the entire country, were reduced from \$2,482,108,000 on January 7, 1921 to \$1,239,432,000 on January 4, 1922. The reduction by the Federal Reserve Bank was 56 1-3 per cent while the reduction by the banks of Group One was 57 per cent or slightly better than the country at large. During the same period member banks reserve account remained almost unchanged. These amounts were \$1,795,343,000 January 7th 1921 and \$1,731,374,000 on January 4th 1922 showing a reduction of 4 per cent while the deposits of Group One increased 2 2-3 per cent. A record not to be ashamed of. With the same caution exercised during the year 1922 we should see bills payable off the books of all banks of the group. Many of the banks show that condition to exist even now.

Prof. A. C. Kinney of the State College spoke on agricultural activities. C. E. Taylor of Wilmington, spoke on War Finance Corporation loans.

The final session closed with election of officers and banquet at night.

ENTERTAINMENT AT HASSELLS

Hasells, N. C., Feb. 22.—The entertainment given by Mrs. W. C. Harris of Greenville N. C., at the Hassell School Auditorium was a great success. The audience was large and appreciative. Mrs. Harris was a thor best, keeping her audience in a roar of laughter throughout the evening.

The program consisted of humorous readings, monologues, and various impersonations and negro dialects. There were 25 selections and they were all given in a pleasing and skilful and artful manner, so that the audience always saw the represented individual.

During the intermissions Rev. J. M. Perry and his orchestra of Robersonville rendered some selections that were enjoyed very much. Refreshments were served during the evening.

YOUNG'S SAL EOPENS

The big unloading sale opened this morning with one of the largest crowds in the history of Martin county. The entire stock has been reduced and will be on sale for ten days at prices never before heard of in Williamston. O. F. Clark, advertising manager for the well-known chain of Young's store is in charge of this sale and says that during this sale "profits will be forgotten and cost not considered. See their rpage advertisement in this issue of the Enterprise.

NEWS FROM IN AND AROUND JAMESVILLE

Mr. F. H. Hirschrit of Cleveland was here this week attending to legal matters.

Mr. Perlie Manning was here yesterday on business.

Dr. J. E. Smithwick and Mrs. Smithwick spent Sunday afternoon in the country with friends.

Mr. C. C. Fleming spent Saturday and Sunday in Greenville with relatives.

Mr. Noah Daniel of Grifins township was here Tuesday attending to legal matters.

Mrs. Laura Mizelle of Pantego is in town visiting her sister, Miss Della Topping a few weeks.

Mr. W. K. Parker of Williamston was in town this week attending to business matters.

Messrs. J. A. Watson and C. B. Reddick spent Friday afternoon in town on a business trip.

Mr. N. G. Manning and Mr. A. E. Manning were in town Saturday.

Mr. F. R. Graham of China Grove was here this week for a few days.

Miss Sadie Sexton spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Archie Modlin.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wallace were the guests of Mrs. John Long Sunday. Dr. U. S. Hassell spent today in Williamston attending to business matters.

Miss Vera Askew spent the weekend in town with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Askew.

Mr. W. H. Hallen motored to Williamston yesterday.

Mr. J. B. Bowen spent Wednesday night in Robersonville with friends.

Mr. C. A. Askew was out of town on a business trip Monday.

Mr. Laurence Brown was here yesterday on a business trip.

Mr. Joe Gray Corey was in town yesterday.

There will be services at the Christian church Sunday at 11:00; Christian Endeavor Sunday at 6:00; also services at 7:00. Everybody is cordially invited.

DR. ATKINSON TO DELIVER BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Dr. J. O. Atkinson, of Elon College, field secretary for the Mission Board of the Southern Christian Convention, has accepted an invitation to deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class at State College on Sunday, May 28.

Dr. Atkinson is a native of Wake County, being born near McCuller. He was educated at Wake Forest and Harvard University, receiving the master's degree from the latter institution. For several years he taught at Elon College during which time he also acted as College pastor, giving up these duties to become deitor of the Christian Sun, the official publication of the Christian Denomination.

Dr. Atkinson is well known in Raleigh where he has spoken on several occasions. He is a pleasing speaker with a charming platform manner, and he will be heard here with much pleasure at commencement time.

STATE RIFLEMEN "MOPPING UP"

State College riflemen have eliminated Davidson College and Mississippi A. and M. in the first and second rounds of the Fourth Corps Area gallery competition. The scores: State, 880; Davidson, 854; State, 891; Mississippi A. and M., 868.

The Tech team will compete next against the winner of the Georgia Tech-Georgia match.

The gallery competition will continue until a winner has been determined in each corps area of the United States and these picked teams will then compete for the national championship. Based upon past performance and the form displayed to date, Captain Harry E. Fischer who is in charge of small arms instruction at the College has picked State to finish high up among the leaders.

Mr. J. A. White says "If You Have An Automobile, Keep Rat-Snap" "If I knew about RAT-SNAP last winter, would have saved \$120. My car was in the garage for a few weeks during bad weather; when I went to take it out, found that rats had eaten great holes in two new tires. Got them later with RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 36c, 66c, \$1.25. Sold and guaranteed by Leslie Fowden's Drug Store Hoyt Hardware Co. and Harrison Bros. Co.—Adv.

NOTICE

Sealed bids will be received and opened by the Town Commissioners at the regular meeting Monday night, March 6th, at 8 o'clock, for the rental of the stalls in the market house for one year. Bids may be made for one or more stalls or for '7 the stalls. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. Address your bids to George H. Harrison, Clerk, Williamston, N. C.

WING WANG MINSTRELS HERE TUESDAY NIGHT

The Wing Wang Minstrels will be the attraction at the Strand Theatre on Tuesday evening, and the event promises to be one of the most unusual interest. Some of the leading talent of the town will be in the cast, and the minstrel features, together with the music are sure to please everyone who attends. Although this is purely an amateur attraction, judging from past performances given by many of these people the show will be up to the standard. Some of the soloists, as well as those who sing in the choruses, have splendid voices and this world is rue to please. With Pete Fowden and Jordan Ward as the end men the cast will be most complete. The following well-known people around town will be seen on the stage: Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. Louis Bennett, Miss Carrie Dell White, Mrs. Titus Critcher, Mrs. Laura Orleans, Miss Vella Andrews, Messrs. Pete Fowden, H. M. Stubbs, Dr. Cone, Walter Orleans Jordan Ward, Harry Biggs, Louis Bennett, Alonzo Hassell, Duke Critcher and N. S. Godard.

OAK CITY NEWS

Mr. John Eubanks of Hassell was in the city Sunday evening.

Mr. Manning visited the school Tuesday. He made a very interesting talk to the pupils.

Misses Eva Peel and Millie Roebuck of Robersonville spent the weekend at the home of Mr. B. L. Johnson.

Besides the teachers who attended the recital given by Mrs. W. C. Harris of Hassell Tuesday evening were Misses Jefferson House, Cora Belle Moye, Myrtle Bowen, Mildred Davenport, Messrs. Nat Brown and two sons Howard and Louis; Jack and Preston Moye, and James Council.

Miss Mary Roberson of Hamilton was in town Sunday.

Miss Julia Salisbury of Hassell and Mr. Boralton Carson of Bethel were in town Monday.

Mr. H. L. Everett spent Tuesday in Norfolk.

Mr. T. W. Davenport made a business trip to Robersonville Tuesday. Messrs. Samuel Everett and N. H. Ralls of Robersonville are visiting relatives in town.

The Ladies' Aid Society met with J. H. Hopkins Tuesday evening. After the business meeting delicious refreshments were served.

Miss Sarah Long Johnson entertained the younger set Saturday evening. Games and candy pulling were enjoyed by all.

The Teacherage of Oak City was the scene of a delightful affair Saturday evening when the teachers entertained the young people from 8 to 11 o'clock at a Valentine party. Other honored guests were Rev. R. M. Von Miller of Wilson and Mrs. McNeily of Weldon.

The entire lower floor of the house was thrown in suit and was elaborately and artistically decorated with pot flowers and candles. The color scheme being rede. Upon the arrival of the guests they were greeted by Miss Estelle Wayne and Prof. H. T. Bowen, who in turn directed them to the library, where were Rev. R. M. Von Miller and Mr. McNeily. Fortunes written in white ink on red hearts were passed around and read aloud; thereby causing much merriment. An interesting heart contest proved very interesting and taxed the ingenuity of everyone but the successful ones, Miss Vera Harrell and Mr. Henry Early, Miss Estelle Wayne, Miss Essie Baggett and Mr. Ernest Harrell. In the draw Miss Harrell and Mr. Early won the prize—a lovely bottle of perfume.

Mrs. W. T. Humphries and Miss Sara Pollard then issued a welcome invitation to visit the dining room. The elegantly appointed table was laid with a very handsome table cover. In the center was a large heart around which were candles. On the heart was a cake. Delicious refreshments, consisting of fruit punch, fruit gelatin and cake were served. Upon leaving the dining room the guests were invited into the sitting room where the fortune cake was cut.

NOTICE TO INCOME TAXPAYERS

I will be at the office of Clerk of Superior Court of Martin county on March 3rd and 4th, 1922, for the purpose of assisting the taxpayers in filing their state income tax. J. H. Norman, Deputy Com. of Revenue.

FOR SALE: THREE MILK COWS.

One Hereford Bull 4 years old, cows now milking. Joshua L. Coltrain, Williamston, N. C.

FOR SALE: FLOORING, 5-8 CEILING, kiln dried, and shingles at greatly reduced prices. Whitehurst Lumber Co., Robersonville. 31

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

MAH DAWG TREAD A WILD-CAT LAS' NIGHT, EN KUN'L WANTER KNOW HOW COME AN 'AIN' FETCH 'IM HOME WID MB -- 'HUH! AH'S JES' MO' FASER'N HE WUZ ON MAH FEET!



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