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## OLDEST CITIZEN OF TOWN DEAD

Miss Mary Eliza Harrell Died Wednesday Morning; Was Over 93 Years Old

Wednesday at eleven o'clock the closing chapter in the life of one of the most interesting and highly esteemed characters Williamston has ever produced was written when Miss Mary Eliza Harrell died at the age of ninety-three and a half years. A descendant of two of Eastern Carolina's most prominent families, she was born October 18th, 1832, to Jobe and Nancy Smithwick Harrell at the old Albion Road and has since the age of five years been a resident of Williamston. She was educated at the Williamston Academy, a private institution. Her experiences during the Civil War were varied and harrowing and during a life of changes and progress Miss Harrell remained one of the South's staunchest and most loyal defenders of its cause. Her brother, Mr. Tom Harrell, was an invalid for twenty seven years, and during that time his sister was his constant attendant and support. Her faithfulness to family ties and devotion to loved ones was an example for a century to the people of our town.

She began having trouble with her eyes many years ago, but it was about 1915 that her eyesight failed her entirely. Her mental and physical adaptability to her blind state. Two years ago special services of the Methodist denomination were held in her home where she was baptized in that faith. She has been noted for her keen interest in the welfare of all her fellow citizens and her unbounded sympathy for those in sorrow.

For several years she has made her home with Miss Mittie Harrell, who with another piece, Mrs. L. B. Harrison, and two nephews, Mr. Tom Harrell, of Gold Point, and Mr. Henry Harrell, of Daytona, Fla., survive her.

The funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. T. W. Lee and Elder Sylvester Hassell, and interment was in the family plot in the Methodist cemetery. The large number of friends present during her illness and death attested to the wide love and respect this noble and self-sacrificing woman bore in her community.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. C. D. Carstarphen, K. B. Crawford, Maurice Moore, J. W. Watts, Jr., John Cook, and Dr. J. D. Biggs.

## Sunday Services at Memorial Baptist

There will be no service at the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday night, as the pastor is out of town.

But Sunday morning, the regular 11 o'clock service will be held. Professor J. S. Seymour, of the local school, will deliver an address from the pulpit of the church. It is hoped that a large and representative audience will hear this layman speak. His heart is in the welfare of the youth of this town. He is both an enthusiastic school man and churchman. He will have a message well worth hearing.

It is the pastor's desire that his congregation attend the other churches of the town Sunday night. In appreciation of the many, many persons who attend his church from time to time, he is anxious that his people now return the kindness.

Baron Daniel D'Yrow, of Holland, and Mr. George Call Johnson, of New York, spent last night in town with friends while en route from Atlanta to New York.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Burden, of Windsor, are in town today shopping.

## STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

Fred Thompson in "The Dangerous Coward"

Mac' Sennet Comedy

Episode No. 3

"Secret Service Sanders"

2 Shows—Starts 7.30

## County Commencement Robersonville Saturday

Martin County's third annual commencement will convene at Robersonville tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock with all the schools in the County participating. A pageant contest is one of the features of the program. Besides this there are many other contests. A basket picnic will be spread on the grounds at noon, and most of the afternoon will be taken up with the choral contests. The Williamston delegation will go by school trucks, and the local pupils have an excellent chance to cop several first places.

## OVERMAN LEAVES FIGHT TO FRIENDS

In Letter to Democrats of State Says He Will Not Leave Post at Capital to Campaign for Nomination

The Enterprise is in receipt of a letter from Senator Lee S. Overman in which he says he will not leave his post at Washington to campaign for renomination in the coming primary. He says he has "the utmost confidence that my interests in this and other matters will be secure in the hands of my loyal friends."

The letter, addressed to the Democrats of North Carolina, follows:

"I will be a candidate for the office of United States Senator at the ensuing primaries. With my long experience and high committee assignments; being ranking Democrat on three of the largest and most important committees: The Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Judiciary, and the Committee on Rules I feel that I can now serve my State and the country better than ever.

"I appreciate more than I can express the confidence and trust reposed in me and the cordial support which the people have given me in the past, and I ask them to return me to the Senate. To their service and the service of the whole country I have given the best years of my life, and with this long experience I feel that I am better prepared to serve North Carolina in the future. I have fought conscientiously to maintain the high ideals in public life which I have always sought to live up to in private life. I do not believe, as my record will show, that I have been an unprofitable servant of my good people.

In aspiring to another term in the Senate, I pledge myself to give the very best that is in me in the future as I have tried to do in the past. I shall remain at my post of duty, where I belong, and I have the utmost confidence that my interests in this and other matters will be secure in the hands of my loyal friends.

LEE S. OVERMAN.

## Farmers Warehouse To Double Capacity

Messrs. F. C. Bennett and Jule Barnhill, owners of the Farmers Warehouse, have a large force of carpenters at work, practically doubling the size of the house, and they will have as large a floor space to handle sales as the houses on the larger markets. Everything possible is being done, regardless of cost, to make their house one of the largest, best lighted and most convenient in the bright tobacco belt. It will be operated this season by Bennett, Barnhill & Morton, and these men promise to have a force of assistants, auctioneers, and bookkeepers that will be the best that can be obtained. Hubert Morton will run the sale, and as he has been in Williamston for several seasons, and our farmers all know him. We predict a very successful season for this firm.

## Everetts Woodmen To Meet Monday

(Special to The Enterprise) Everetts, April 22.—The Modern Woodmen, Everetts Camp, No. 15642, will hold their regular meeting in the hall Monday night, April 26. All members of the camp are urged to be present.

On Wednesday night, May 26, we are to have with us two distinguished members of the Modern Woodmen of America, State Deputy M. L. Tremain of Winston-Salem, N. C., and National Deputy H. V. Rees. We are mentioning this so the members of this camp and the camps in Martin and adjoining counties can keep this in mind and avail themselves of this opportunity of meeting and hearing these men.

Mrs. James G. Staton is spending the week in Baltimore. Mr. C. B. Fagan, of Dardens, was a business visitor in town yesterday.

## CAUSES OF LOCAL RADIO TROUBLE

Report of Expert After Visit Here Says Telephone and Light Plants Cause Most of Trouble

We are printing in full the report of the radio inspector as it relates to the elimination of inductive interference to radio broadcast reception in Williamston. Mr. Swan, the inspector, is from Norfolk, and is of the Department of Commerce, Navigation Service. His inspection was secured through the efforts of Congressman Lindsay C. Warren, of Washington.

The report follows: "Through the courtesy of Mr. F. L. Edwards, of Williamston, the inspector was taken to that town (from Washington) by automobile, arriving there at 10.30 a. m., March 26th.

The principal inductive interference at Williamston was traced to the local telephone exchange and found to be caused by a faulty motor-driven magnet ringer of an obsolete type. Another potential source of interference was located at the Williamston power plant, where it was found that the commutator ripple of the station's exciter was finding its way out over the city lines. A vacuum cleaner in one complainant's residence was causing interference. In each instance suggestions were given as to how to filter out the radio frequency emissions. The X-ray apparatus owned by Dr. H. B. York, of Williamston, contributed to the hullabaloo, but this gentleman has given assurance that his machine will not be operated during broadcasting hours in the evening. There is no daylight reception of broadcast stations at Williamston at the present time and, not unlike Washington in this respect, it will take considerable time to trim before all the sources of inductive interference are eliminated.

Respectfully,  
JOHN W. SWANSON,  
Radio Inspector.  
Norfolk, Va., April 1, 1926.

## Sunday Services at Riddicks Grove

The regular semi-monthly services will be conducted by the pastor at Riddicks Grove Sunday at 3.30 p. m. The Sunday school session will meet at 2.30 preceding. This is an important meeting and everybody is cordially invited to be present. A committee which was appointed at the last meeting will report in reference to making some improvements on the church and grounds.

## Masonic Meeting Tuesday Night

There will be a regular communication of Skewarke Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night, April 27, at 8 p. m. Important business is to be brought up at this meeting and a full attendance is urgently requested. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited.  
C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr., Secretary.

## Music Recital at Oak City Tonight

The music department of the Oak City schools will give its annual recital tonight in the school auditorium. The class is the largest the school has ever had and contains a greater number of advanced pupils. The program is a well-balanced one and will interest all music lovers as well as the parents of the pupils.

## Gridiron Star Wrecks Ball in Mexico City

The following, taken from the New York Times will be interesting to the people here and in the county who remember Mr. Weathers, when he was connected with the North Carolina Highway Commission:

"Mexico City, April 21.—Herbert C. 'Dog' Weathers, all-American football star of some years ago, is in jail here after wrecking the most stylish cabaret in Mexico City. During the 'balloon dance' Weathers took a small knife from his pocket and punctured the balloons of the senioritas as they danced.

"One dancer who made a false step received a slight wound. Among the guests was General Roberto Cruz, chief of the national police, who remonstrated with the American and received a punch in the abdomen. The chief drew a gun and placed the offender under arrest, and is still keeping him incommunicado."

Don't forget to see "Uncle Fred" tonight at the opera house, given by the senior class of the high school.

## WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

April 25.—"The Story of Cain and Abel."—Genesis 4:1-12.

By C. H. DICKEY

What a moment when a child is born! Only God can tell what its end shall be.

Cain and Abel, born into the same home, with the same environment and surroundings; yet their latter end is as far apart as the distance from pole to pole. It was the same with the prodigal and his brother. It is true all about us today.

Cain came to be a farmer, while his brother Abel was a shepherd. These two occupations are as old as the race. One is as good as the other in the sight of God. There was no particular virtue in the one occupation more than in the other.

When they went to worship, carrying their gifts, offerings or sacrifice, Cain took products from his farm, a very natural thing to do, and Abel brought of his flock.

Now, both were doing the same thing—offering to God a portion of that which their labor had brought them. They still seem to be on the same footing.

But now we read that the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering, but unto Cain and his offering He had no respect.

They have come, thus quickly, to the parting of the ways. It is well to notice here the very wording. God not only had respect for the offering which Abel brought, but He had respect to Abel himself. And He not only had not respect for Cain offered but had not respect for Cain.

It would seem to be perfectly apparent that the particular kind of offering the two brothers made had nothing to do with it—there was something fundamentally deeper here at which God was looking. Let us see if we can find what it was.

In Hebrews 11:4 we have this statement, "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous." Two things here, that Abel was a man of faith; and when we couple this to another Scripture which says that without faith it is impossible to please God we begin to get a clue. In this offering Abel obtained witness that he was righteous.

Taking the alternative, it appears that Cain neither was commended for his faith nor obtained any witness that he was righteous. And in Genesis 4:7 is the very strong implication that sin was crouching at Cain's door.

Now, we begin to see what constituted the difference: Abel himself was righteous, and was a man of faith. Cain was neither righteous nor faithful, and sin was at his door. This immediately made a great gulf between the two brothers.

Eventually Cain rose up and killed his brother Abel. And after he had done it asked God if he were his brother's keeper?

The world has been doing battle around this same question ever since. The Bible teaches that we are brethren, that we are our brother's keeper, that our fellow men and women are a matter of profound concern to us.

Still we go on warring, killing with deadly poison, machine guns, big Berthas; industrial heads go on oppressing men, women and children; all because we do not admit any responsibility for our brethren.

If God is our universal Father, then it follows logically that we are brethren. And love should characterize brethren, not hatred.

The world has never caught up with the Bible. It is still thousands and thousands of years ahead of us all. But it is right.

## Special Masonic Sermon Sunday Night, May 2nd

Rev. C. H. Dickey, local pastor, will preach, on Sunday night, May 2, in the Memorial Baptist Church, a special Masonic sermon to the Masons and people of Williamston. Mr. Dickey will emphasize the ideals of Masonry and what it means to a town. There are about a hundred members of the local lodge and it is expected that they will attend this service in a body. It is hoped that every one who can will take advantage of this lesson and hear Mr. Dickey.

## Dr. B. L. Long, Hamilton Physician, Seriously Ill

The serious illness of Dr. B. L. Long of Hamilton, continues, and friends throughout the county are sorry to learn that his physicians hold very little hope for his recovery. Drs. Ward, of Plymouth, Smithwick, of Jamesville, and Warren, of Williamston visited him yesterday afternoon.

## Clean-Up Week Not Receiving Attention It Deserves From the Business Men of Williamston

People are not responding as they should to the clean-up appeal. In very few instances is there any perceptible improvement in the vacant lots of the town, and of all the places in town that do need attention the paper-cluttered and trash-covered back lots of some of our business houses need it most.

The housewives are taking a more active interest, and in most cases the home premises are not only being cleaned but beautified

with cowers and shrubs. In every case the results have been gratifying both to the property owners and the passers-by.

The members of the Woman's Club hoped that natural civic pride would assist them in their efforts to clean the town, and that we would need no legal pressure to get the sanitary and attractive results desired, but at present very few individuals are showing much disposition to lend any effort to the work.

## COLORED COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

Twenty-Four Schools Participate; List of Winners in Various Contests

The county-wide commencement in which twenty-four colored schools participated was held on Friday last as previously published. Judges and visitors pronounced it the best ever witnessed here, and praise is due Mary J. Gray, supervisor, and a well-selected corps of assistants. A wonderful spirit of cooperation had been manifested throughout the preliminaries. There were three types of schools represented:

Eight-month schools: Williamston, Robersonville, and Pamele Training School.

Rosenwald schools: Williams Lower, Oak City, Jones and Hamilton.

Six-month or regular term schools: Everetts, Gold Point, Biggs, Dardens, Hassell, Woolard, James, Whichard, Bowers, Burroughs, Piney Woods, Keyes, Smith, Cross Roads, Spring Hill, White Oak Springs, and Poplar Point.

Winners at the finals: Chorus: Williamston first prize; Hamilton Rosenwald School, first prize; Dardens honorable mention.

Solo: Alberta Keel, Robersonville School. Recitation: Anna Sawyer, Williamston School, first prize; Thelma Bradley, Hamilton Rosenwald School, first prize.

Athletics: Oak City first prize; Robersonville second prize. Biggs first prize; Everetts second prize.

Schools winning first prizes: Pamele Training School, Williams Lower Everetts, Biggs, Hassell.

Second prizes: Williamston, Hamilton, Dardens, Woolard, James.

Third prizes: Oak City, Gold Point, Robersonville, Spring Hill, Bowers.

Drawing: Map of Martin County: Robersonville, Williamston, Hamilton, Everetts, Williams Lower.

Map of North Carolina: Burroughs, Williams Lower.

Map of United States: Robersonville, Burroughs, James, Williams Lower.

Writing: Williamston, Gold Point. Spelling: Robersonville.

Story illustrated: Williamston, Biggs, Woolard.

Paper cutting: Robersonville, Williams Lower, Williamston, Oak City, Hamilton.

Machine sewing: James, Pamele, Williams Lower, Whichard, Hamilton, Smith Jones.

Basketry: Williamston, Williams Lower, Biggs, Woolard.

Posters (Health): Oak City, Williams Lower.

Clay modeling: Robersonville, Williamston.

Mats: Pamele, Williams Lower, Keyes, Williamston.

Manual Training: Pamele, Everetts, Williamston.

Shuck work: Hamilton, James.

Raffa: Pamele, Williamston.

Reed: Williamston.

Sewing Cards: Williams Lower, Biggs, Oak City, Woolard.

Hand carving: Hamilton, Biggs, Williams Lower, Hassell.

Candy: Williams Lower.

Cooking cakes: Robersonville, Williams Lower.

Muffins: Robersonville.

## Professor Seymour to Address Baptists

Professor J. S. Seymour will occupy the pulpit of the Memorial Baptist Church Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock hour.

## ANOTHER POULTRY SHIPMENT PLANNED

Car Shipped Last Week Contained Almost 5,000 Pounds Which Sold for \$1,184.03; Mostly Old Hens

County Agent T. B. Brandon informed us that the car of chickens leaving Williamston last week, containing 4,974 pounds of meat, netted the people of Martin County \$1,184.03. Approximately 4,000 pounds of poultry were old hens, and geese, turkeys, and roosters completed the total. There were only four crates of young chickens shipped. Mr. Brandon says there will be another car within 15 or 30 days, and he hopes that the people will avail themselves of the opportunity to sell their next lot at good prices, and at home.

The poultry was bought by the Kiser-Rabinowitz Co., of Philadelphia. They are owners of 1,200 poultry cars and have at least 800 men on the road the year around filling and bringing in these cars, as was done here last week.

The week of April 1 they purchased 16 carloads of poultry in North Carolina alone, and 9 cars in South Carolina. The week preceding Easter North Carolina sold \$300,000 worth of poultry to these people alone.

The people of our county are waking to the fact that there is more real money in the poultry business than in the so-called "money crops," and we predict that Martin will ship more chickens in the next two years than she has sold altogether before in her history.

## District Federal Court Adjourned Yesterday

Federal court at Washington, Judge Isaac M. Meekins, presiding, adjourned yesterday. The Martin County cases tried were as follows:

A. B. Bullock, three months in jail in Washington.

Cecil Gurganus fined \$150.

J. H. Warren, 90 days in jail, his term to begin August 1.

Mendenhall, of Bear Grass, fined \$250.

Joe Frank Corey, 30 days in jail.

Hoyt Liley fined \$250.

J. L. Peel fined \$500.

Cornelius Liley, case continued.

W. R. James, discharged.

Claudius Hardison, acquitted.

Frances Hall, for sending obscene letter through the mails, fined \$50.

Phillip Boston, case continued.

Nehry Ellison, acquitted.

John D. Manning, fined \$50.

Walter Jackson, sentenced to four months in jail.

Matthew Pierce, fined \$50.

The Washington Daily News yesterday said:

"The Beaufort County jail is an antiquated building, and it is not fit for a man to stay in," Judge Isaac M. Meekins said yesterday for the second time to the Federal jury. "I am sending those who received jail sentences at this term to Smithfield, where they will be put on the third floor and will get plenty of fresh air. I understand that some of the Martin County offenders are pressed into service collecting taxes, and Sheriff Harris must be getting ready to raise chickens from the looks of the high wire fence surrounding the local jail."

This afternoon Federal deputies will leave for Greenville carrying with them the entire contingent of the Beaufort County jail. The entire place is full to overflowing. The normal capacity is fifteen persons to nine rooms there, but now there are seven negroes in the front cell and others have about the same proportion of inmates.

Prisoners will be held in Greenville until Federal court has adjourned in Craven County. This term comes up next week. Upon conclusion of court in New Bern, Smithfield will receive its sojourners from Beaufort, Martin, and Pitt Counties principally.

A pleasant hour, clean entertainment and a good cause are all to be found in "Uncle Fred," the senior class play, at the opera house tonight.

## CLASS PLAY TO BE STAGED TONIGHT

Three-Act Comedy, "Uncle Fred," to be Put on by Seniors of Local School Tonight

The senior class of the Williamston High School will give its annual play in the opera house tonight at 8:15 o'clock. It has become a custom of the school for the graduating class to give each year a theatrical performance before the close of the year for the purpose of leaving or endowing the school building or grounds with the proceeds of the show. This is a splendid custom and should receive the patronage due it.

The class this year has selected a three-act comedy, "Uncle Fred," which is being directed by Professor Seymour, and promises to be one of the best amateur shows Williamston has enjoyed in some time. Misses Trulah W. Page, Marguerite Cook, Lucile Hassell, Ruth Manning, and Mary Melissa Andrews, and Messrs. Maurice Watts, Cecil Taylor, William Cook, Paul Godwin, Harry Barnhill, and Darrell Price make up the cast and promise you two hours of real fun.

We hope the class will receive the cooperation and support due it by the parents and people of the town.

## COMMENCEMENT AT JAMESVILLE

Will Start Friday Night, April 30; Baccalaureate Sermon to be Preached by W. T. Lee

The annual commencement of the Jamesville High School will start Friday night, April 30th. Exercises by the lower grades will be given then.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. T. W. Lee, pastor of the Methodist Church of Williamston, on Sunday night, May 2. On Monday night, May 3, there will be the regular medal contest. Quite a number of high-school boys and girls will take part in the contest. Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, will be on hand to speak at that time.

A high school play will be given on Tuesday night, May 4. On Wednesday night, May 5, class exercises will be held. Dr. Case will deliver the literary address at the same time.

Everybody is invited to be present during all the exercises, and a splendid program is assured. Some go add all you can to the number who will be there. The auditorium is a large one and the faculty wishes to see it filled to overflowing.

## Worthing Norton Weds Cadillac, Michigan, Girl

The following account of the wedding of Mr. Worthing Norton and Miss Thelma Sibray, of Cadillac, Mich., will be of interest to the people of Williamston and Plymouth, where the bridegroom has often visited via parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Norton.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Sibray, 909 First Avenue, at 10 a. m. today when their daughter, Thelma, became the bride of Worthing Norton, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Norton, of Williamston, N. C. Dr. William Gray, of the Christian Church at Mancelona, performed the ceremony. The couple was attended by Miss Hilma Sibray, sister of the bride, and George Snyder, of Dearborn. Mary Joan Doyle, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

The bride was beautifully gowned in white satin, her veil fastened with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, bridal roses, and sweet peas. The bridegroom wore a dress of pink chiffon and carried a bouquet of Ophelia roses. The bride's mother was dressed in dark blue chiffon over silk.

A wedding breakfast was served immediately after the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Norton left this noon for Detroit, where they will make their home. Mrs. Norton teaching in that city after graduating from the Ypsilanti Normal school. Mr. Norton is an engineer at the Detroit-Edison Co. The out-of-town guests were H. M. Lowe and Mrs. R. H. Wentworth, of Battle Creek, a cousin and aunt of the bridegroom.

## Methodist Program For The Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—F. P. Cunningham, Superintendent.

Praching services, 11 a. m., and 8 p. m.

Junior Epworth League, 2:30 p. m. Miss Emma Robertson, superintendent.

Praching services, Vernon, 3:30 p. m.

Senior Epworth League, Monday 8 p. m., Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., superintendent.

Prayer meeting, Wednesday 8 p. m.