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## Mrs. Dawson Lilley Dies At Home In Griffins Township

### Funeral Services Are Being Held At Late Home This Afternoon

Mrs. Charlie Ann Lilley, well known and highly respected resident of Griffins Township, died suddenly at her home there yesterday morning at 1:30 o'clock. She had been in declining health for some few months, but her condition was not considered critical until just a few minutes before her death. A heart attack was given as the immediate cause of her death.

During Wednesday, Mrs. Lilley was able to be up and attend to a few duties in the home, her condition being considered as well as usual at that time. There was no change when she retired that evening, but shortly after midnight she was taken critically ill and died a short time later.

The daughter of the late Joel and Louisa Lilley Hopkins, Mrs. Lilley was born and reared in Williams Township. When a young woman she was married to J. Dawson Lilley, leading county farmer and prominent citizen. They made their home in Griffins Township where she reared a large family and enjoyed the friendship of everyone. Mrs. Lilley was an understanding wife and a thoughtful mother, and one who found pleasure in doing for others. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her and she had the admiration of all. She valued the little things that mean so much in life such as kindness to others and the desire to help and befriend everyone.

Mrs. Lilley, 60 years old, was a member of the Baptist church at Riddick's Grove over in Williams Township for many years, remaining faithful and loyal to its doctrines and teachings.

Besides her husband she is survived by eight children, Mrs. Gilbert Peel, of Greenville; Kader Lilley, Mrs. C. M. Bullock, D. B. Lilley, Mrs. Paul Harrington, Mrs. Jessup Harrison, Mrs. Clayton Revels and Miss Ola Lee Lilley, all of Williams. She also leaves two brothers, J. N. Hopkins, of Hamilton, and Sam Hopkins.

Funeral services are being conducted at the late home this afternoon at 2 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington, her pastor. Interment will follow in the Lilley family cemetery in Griffins Township.

## Triple Funeral Is Held In Hamilton

Few events have brought a greater sadness in this county or section than the triple funeral of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Davis and their little four-year-old son, Charles, in Hamilton last Tuesday afternoon. The entire community suspended its activities during the period set aside for the last rites of the family of three that was wiped out of existence by an auto-truck collision near Oak City last Sunday evening.

St. Martin's Episcopal church was filled to overflowing, and many waited on the outside as Rev. E. F. Mosely, local minister, assisted by Rev. J. M. Perry, conducted the last rites. Three funeral coaches were used to transport the bodies from Scotland Neck, the recent home of the family, to the church and from there to the last resting places in the Hamilton cemetery.

### Larry Wade Will Coach Williamston Martins

Plans for having a good town basketball team for Williamston, were boosted this week when Larry Wade, local athlete and high school coach here last year accepted the job of coaching the Martins, newly formed town team. With several good players on hand, Coach Wade is expected to present a winning team in the very near future. A. B. Ayers, Jr., former Campbell College player, has joined the club, thus bringing around an even dozen boys on the roster.

New sweat suits and uniforms have been ordered and Manager Griffin is trying to arrange a home game as soon after they arrive as possible.

The locals are holding regular practices and in a "warm-up" game with the high school here Tuesday night, defeated them by an overwhelming score, Coach Wade using all his player.

Misses Mary Helen Boykin and Addie Lee Meador are from E. C. T. C., Greenville, for the holidays.

## Issue Last Appeal For The Needy Of This Community

With the pleas for help coming in rapidly and with little time left to handle those pleas, sponsors of the Christmas Cheer movement here are making a last and urgent appeal for the less fortunate in this community, hoping that a combined cooperation will mark the efforts to carry cheer and happiness into many homes next week.

Very few voluntary donations have been received to date, indicating that the fund will be insufficient to meet the most urgent needs. Yet, no high pressure is being considered to swell the fund, the Kiwanis club, sponsors of the movement, explaining that the success of the undertaking rests entirely upon the willing graciousness of a thoughtful people.

No solicitations were considered,

but leaders now believe that a drive for funds will be absolutely necessary if an amount half way sufficient is raised and the needs of the less fortunate in this community are met next week.

"Santa Claus did not come to our house last year" two small children, living near Williamston, wrote the other day in a pathetic appeal for a little candy and fruit this Christmas. Appeals, written in the same tone and pointing out similar circumstances, have been received from nearly 200 little children.

If any one will accept just a little responsibility in carrying cheer to these little folks, he is asked to make a cash donation to Rev. E. F. Mosely or just leave it at the Enterprise office for the fund. Additional toys will also be welcomed.

## To Open More Houses For Storage Of Peanuts

### OPEN NIGHTS

Williamston stores will remain open evenings all next week to accommodate the increasing number of shoppers here. Extra clerks are being employed, and Williamston merchants are better prepared than ever before to serve the people of this section.

During the early part of the week, the stores will remain open until about 9 o'clock, but during the last few nights, they will hold open considerably later.

Williamston has a gala holiday dress now, and the Christmas spirit is marked in the varied and many activities.

## Liquor Sales In County Decrease

A decrease in sales of over \$2,000 was reported by the liquor stores in this county last month as compared with sales for the month of October. The closing of the tobacco markets is believed to have effected a reduction in liquor sales, but present indications are that the current quarter sales will greatly exceed those of the fourth quarter, 1936.

Last month, the four stores in this county reported sales of \$16,674.50 against sales of \$18,859.75 the previous month.

During the fourth quarter of last year, the sales totaled \$44,727. During October and November of this year, the sales amounted to \$35,534.25. December sales so far are running about the same as they did a year ago, making it quite evident that the fourth quarter sales will exceed those of a year ago in this county.

### Christmas Program In Church At Jamesville

A Christmas program will feature the worship service in the Jamesville Baptist church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Harrington announced today. Several songs by the children will be included in the special program, and the pastor will have for his sermon topic, "The First Christmas Message."

Sunday school convenes at ten o'clock, and the public is invited to the services.

### EARLY SCHEDULE

Following a custom long established and always welcomed by the force, The Enterprise plans to advance its publication schedule next week. If plans don't go haywire, the paper for Tuesday will be printed on Monday, the Friday issue following on Wednesday.

The management will greatly appreciate the receipt of church notes, news reports and advertising copy at the earliest possible time.

## Nearly 70,000 Bags Are Stored in Two Houses Here to Date

### Leman Barnhill Will Store in Garage Building at Everetts

With one house already filled to capacity and a second just about filled, plans were well underway for opening additional houses for the storage of peanuts with the North Carolina Peanut Stabilization Cooperative, according to information released by officials of the cooperative early today. While an application by the Leman Barnhill Peanut Company for the storage of peanuts has been approved, it is not likely that that firm will store any peanuts for the cooperative, reports stating that the organization preferred privately-operated storage units. However, it is possible that the company will store for the cooperative if the individual storages are exhausted in their entirety. Reports from the cooperative officials state that storage space will be found, that the locations may not prove very convenient to the growers, but that every effort would be made to accommodate the farmers.

Plans have been announced complete for storing approximately 10,000 bags of peanuts in a garage building in Everetts. Mr. Leman Barnhill has just about filled the Farmers-Warehouse here, and plans to accept peanuts at the new location next Tuesday. Mr. Edward Correy will be associated with him there.

Arrangements are pending for opening the Roanoke Dixie warehouse here for peanut storage, but there is some hesitancy of using the house on account of the condition of the floor. If certain conditions can be met controlling storage, it is likely the house will be opened, but no official announcement could be had to that effect here this morning.

R. C. Holland, president of the cooperative, stated yesterday that arrangements would be made by the organization to handle every bag. "We believe the opening of a house at Everetts and the Roanoke Dixie in Williamston will handle the remainder of the crop in this county," Mr. Holland said, pointing out that warehouses in Robersonville could handle many more thousand bags of peanuts.

Reports from the receiving points state that many farmers are offering wet peanuts for storage. The inspectors, while anxious to do all they can for the growers, are instructed to reject damaged crops, and farmers should make certain that their peanuts are in good shape before delivering them to the warehouses.

These and many other reasons are sufficient to justify every farmer in North Carolina to become a member of the North Carolina Farm Bureau which costs him only \$2.00 annually, fifty cents of which \$2.00 in the county organization, \$1.00 in the State organization and fifty cents to the national organization to support them in their national legislative program through which they seek to give the farmer his fair share of the national income.

### Local P-T-A. Holds Fourth Meet Of Year

The local parent-teacher association held its fourth meeting of the school year Wednesday afternoon with approximately 75 members present. Chorus of one hundred and fifty children from grades one to six entertained the members with Christmas songs.

Miss Eason, teacher of the opportunity class, spoke briefly on the needs of her children and requested assistance from the association. Individual members responded by giving garments.

It was decided to hold a night meeting on January 19 and extend an invitation to Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

## Farm Bureau Head Plans Membership Drive In County

### President Points Out the Many Activities of Organization

An appeal for additional Farm Bureau Federation members in this county is being made by Mr. Sam T. Everett, Robersonville farmer and president of the county federation. Members of the board of directors of the farm organization met last Wednesday and advanced some mighty good reasons why the Farm Bureau is deserving of the support of every farmer in this county. State and nation.

The reasons advanced by Mr. Everett are:

The Farm Bureau is an organization for farm people.

In 1936 the Farm Bureau got the Department of Agriculture to announce a diversion program that increased the value of the North Carolina peanut crop two million dollars.

The Farm Bureau set up the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative in 1937 and fixed the price of number three, Grade A peanuts at 3 1/4 cents. Shellers themselves admit that peanuts would be 1 1/2 to 2 cents per pound if it were not for this program of the Farm Bureau.

The Farm Bureau is saving enough on each two bags of peanuts sold by the farmers to pay for membership dues of \$2.00.

The Farm Bureau aided in securing for potato and truck growers an additional hundred thousand dollars in soil conservation payments in 1937 and aided in securing for potato growers under the 1938 program equality in payments with tobacco, cotton and peanut growers.

The Farm Bureau secured a peanut test farm and increased appropriations for research work for peanuts through the last legislature.

The Farm Bureau secured the passage of a scrap tobacco law for tobacco growers.

The Farm Bureau's fight for tobacco control legislation has maintained parity prices for tobacco in 1936 and 1937.

To assist the Farm Bureau in securing control legislation for peanut growers.

To work for the general farm bill now before Congress.

To work for control legislation for potato and truck growers.

To work for control legislation for cotton growers.

To secure reduction of automobile license to \$5.00 each and a special \$5.00 license for farm-to-market trucks.

To secure the developments of North Carolina limestone quarries by the State Highway Commission for road material and agricultural limestone at cost to the farmers.

To secure and maintain adequate appropriations for county agent work, vocational agriculture and research work.

To coordinate all agricultural agencies in the State both State and National for efficiency and economical operation.

To fight all harmful amendments to the general farm bill.

Through the above activities our aim is parity prices for farm products.

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### Big Sale Fireworks Reported In Section

Youngsters in Martin County are buying more fireworks this season than ever before according to reports coming from various sources today. Several hundred dollars worth have been shipped direct to the boys and a few grown-ups, too. Local sales are progressing rapidly, but the dealers who pay high license fees are at a disadvantage. "We are competing with the mail houses in prices, and in many instances we are offering a better brand of fireworks," a dealer said.

## Establishment of Public Library In Williamston Assured Following Successful Founding Fund Drive

### Widows Of Veterans Receive Semiannual Pensions This Week

### Confederate Pension List Is Dwindling Rapidly in This County

Pension checks, amounting to \$1,300, are being delivered to Confederate Veterans' widows in this county this week. Received by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne on Wednesday, a few of the checks have already been placed in the hands of the widows. There are no Civil War veterans living in this county, the last having died about two years ago.

The six widows in Class A receive \$150 each, and those in Class B receive \$50 each, the payments being made twice annually. One of the widows, Mrs. Sarah A. Hoard, died last month, but the check will be delivered to relatives, in accordance with provisions of the pension act.

Pension checks have been delivered to or are ready for delivery to the following Class A widows: Mrs. Virginia Perry, of Williamston; Mrs. Allie Riddick, of Williams Township; Mrs. Caroline Rogerson, of Bear Grass; Mrs. Mary Thompson, of Robersonville, and Mrs. Martha A. White, of Robersonville. Mrs. White is one of the oldest residents of the county and the oldest widow of a Confederate veteran. She is 97 years old and continues quite feeble.

The names of those receiving checks in the Class B group are: Mrs. Creasy Barnhill, of Bear Grass; Mrs. Winnie Benjamin, of Robersonville; Mrs. Catherine Dixon, of Everetts; Mrs. Martha Gurganus, of Bear Grass; Mrs. Lucy A. Mizelle, of Cross Roads; Mrs. Martha J. Peel, of Williamston; Mrs. Martha E. Philpot, of Williamston, and Mrs. Mary G. Perry, of Bear Grass. The checks are recognized as a nice Christmas present and one that the old folks are entitled to.

## Jamesville School News Of Interest

It is "Christmas here, Christmas there, Christmas everywhere," in the school now. The trees in each room are very pretty. We are expecting them to be loaded by Tuesday with gifts for all the children.

The nicest gift yet received by the school at any time from an individual, was two lovely large rugs for the stage. We wish to thank Mrs. Annie Wallace Fleming, the giver for the much needed and highly appreciated gift. We are all happy to have such an attractive stage floor covering.

Everyone is looking forward to the play "Eyes of Love," in the auditorium tonight. The seniors have worked hard and they are expecting a full house.

We are all enjoying the new stage furniture present to the school by the Parent-Teacher association. It will be used for the first time tonight in the Senior play.

### Receive Soil Payment Applications In County

Applications for benefit payments under the soil conservation program are being filed by farmers in Goose Nest Township today and tomorrow. Applications will be received in Hassell tomorrow and in Hamilton next Monday.

According to information coming from the office of the county agent today, it will hardly be possible to receive applications in Robersonville, Jamesville, Poplar Point and Williamston before Christmas.

### Escapes Injury In Car Wreck Last Wednesday

Jas. L. Coltrain, Griffins Township farmer, escaped uninjured when his car crashed into that driven by Henry Heath, of LaGrange, on the Farm Life-Williamston road last Wednesday morning. Mr. Coltrain started to turn out to pass the Heath car and his skidded, tearing into the other machine. No one was hurt, and the damage to the cars was estimated at about \$50.

### SIX MORE DAYS

The one who will do his shopping this Christmas will find it advisable to start now—right now, for there are only six more shopping days before the 1937 Christmas. There'll be no postponing the big event, for between the calendar man and the kiddies, it just can't be done.

Shoppers in Williamston are finding the greatest array of Christmas goods ever seen here, reliable reports stating there is no use shopping around outside of Williamston. Local merchants are opening additional goods daily, and if you haven't planned that shopping trip in Williamston, plan it now. You'll find bargains here.

## Mrs. Lena B. Waters Dies In Jamesville

Mrs. Lena B. Waters, a native of this county, but for a number of years a citizen of the Pinetown community in Beaufort county, died at the home of her brother, C. Frank Modlin, near Jamesville, last Tuesday. She had been ill for about three weeks. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of her death.

Mrs. Waters, 59 years old, was born and reared in the Jamesville section of this county. Following her marriage when she was a young woman, she moved to Beaufort county and lived there until the death of her husband about two years ago. Since that time she made her home with Mr. Modlin. She was a faithful member of the Baptist church for a long number of years, and was held in high regard by all who knew her.

One sister, Mrs. Mamie Long, of Jamesville, and three brothers, C. Frank Modlin, and H. W. Modlin, of near Jamesville, and S. V. Modlin, of Pinetown, survive.

Funeral services were conducted at the late home Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Burial was in the family cemetery, near the old home in Jamesville township.

## Fire Threatens Children's Lives

Fire threatened the home of Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Mendenhall and their two little children on the old Everetts Road, near here, yesterday morning. One of the children, two months old, was burned about the face as the fire, starting in a wood box, burned one side of a room and the ceiling. The other child, three years old, was not burned, but had the fire not been discovered early, it is doubtful if either of the children's lives could have been saved.

Mrs. Mendenhall was working in the yard on the opposite side of the room where the fire started and did not know about it until the father gave the alarm. He was working in a field, near the house, and saw the fire through a window. Neighbors were called and they succeeded in putting the fire out. Damage to the home was estimated at about \$25.

### Draw Checks For Martin County Teachers' Salaries

The more than 100 white teachers, 35 truck drivers and ten janitors in the schools of this county will receive their fourth month salaries next Tuesday. Checks, amounting to more than \$12,000, are being drawn today in the office of the county board of education.

### NOT TOO LATE

While it is mighty nigh too late to avoid the rush, it isn't too late to mail a package for delivery before Christmas. Postmaster Pete Fowden said today. But don't delay longer, the postmaster humbly urges the patrons.

The postoffice force, at their own wish and without extra pay, will not observe a holiday next Wednesday afternoon, as usual, and they will supplement as far as possible every phase of the service.

## More Than \$600.00 Is Pledged as Result of Drive on Wednesday

### Arrangements Go Forward For Opening Library In Near Future

Definitely assured that the people of Williamston want and will support the project, civic-minded leaders are continuing arrangements to day for opening a free public library here within the near future. The founding fund drive made on Wednesday was described as successful by leaders of the movement who were given much encouragement by an interested public.

Incomplete reports show that \$600 was pledged in the one-day canvass, and it is quite certain that this amount will be increased to \$1,000 as the drive continues during the next few weeks. As plans go forward for opening the library, the leaders appeal to the people of Williamston for a continued support.

Interest in the movement is very gratifying, and the leaders are grateful for the work by the canvassers and appreciative of the support accorded by the general public. Names of the canvassers are: Mrs. Robt. Manning, Mrs. Trahey, Mrs. F. M. Manning, Mrs. Irving Margolis, Rev. John L. Goff, Rev. E. F. Mosley, Mrs. H. O. Peel, Mrs. Roy McClees, Mrs. David Modlin, Mrs. Sam Woolford, D. E. Darden, Rev. J. H. Smith, Mrs. J. H. Smith, Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, D. V. Clayton, C. P. Whedbee, Mrs. D. N. Hix, Mrs. H. A. Eason, Mrs. Urban Rogers, Mrs. J. C. Cooke.

This morning about half the names of contributors had been reported, as follows:

D. R. Davis, \$5.00; Eugene Rice, \$5.00; W. H. Carstarphen, \$5.00; A. J. Manning, \$5.00; James H. Ward, \$5.00; C. A. Tyler, \$5.00; Belk-Tyler, \$5.00; Darden Dept. Store, \$5.00; Nat Israel, \$5.00; Williamston Cafe, \$3.00; Herbert Clark, \$3.00; J. D. Thrower, \$2.00; Miss Reta Weaver, \$2.00; Kathleen Price, \$2.00; Robert E. Manning, \$2.00; W. M. Manning, \$1.00; Dillon S. Cobb, \$1.00; W. H. Dickens, \$1.00; Pete Fowden, Jr., \$1.00; Ellen Virginia Shaw, \$1.00; Mary V. Walter, \$1.00; C. B. Gilliam, \$1.00; B. F. Britton, Jr., \$1.00; N. S. Riddick, \$1.00; J. H. Allbrook, \$1.00; A. L. Cook, \$1.00; Thelma Lilley, \$1.00; Ernest Mears, \$1.00; H. R. Williams, \$1.00; Carrie Simmerman, \$1.00; Travis E. Savage, \$1.00; Sarah Cooke, \$1.00; Mrs. D. C. McLaughorn, \$1.00; W. R. Glover, \$1.00; Helen Keel, \$1.00; George L. Roberson, \$1.00; R. E. Heath, \$1.00; Catherine Harrison, \$5.00; Natalie Goulder, \$5.00; Mary S. Capehart, \$5.00.

W. H. G. Chase, Jr., \$5.00; J. D. Woodard, \$5.00; R. L. Smith, \$1.00; K. D. Worrell, Jr., \$1.00; Coy Lamm, \$1.00; L. B. Culpepper, \$1.00; J. E. Boykin, \$1.00; N. K. Harrison, \$1.00; J. W. Peel, \$1.00; H. B. Hargett, \$1.00; C. L. Rogers, \$1.00; C. B. Leggett, \$1.00; C. L. Daniels, Jr., \$1.00; W. S. Hatchett, \$1.00; N. R. Manning, \$1.00; Ben Courtney, \$5.00; L. G. Taylor, \$5.00; Clarence Blount, \$25.

Mrs. Harold Everett, \$1.00; Mrs. R. T. Griffin, \$2.00; Mrs. W. O. Griffin, \$1.00; Mrs. John A. Ward, \$2.50; Mrs. Julian Harrell, \$5.00; Miss Ella Mae Gaylord, \$2.50; Mrs. J. W. Andrews, \$2.50; Katherine Faison, \$2.00; Ruby L. Barnhill, \$2.00; J. Sam Getsinger, \$10.00; Lora E. Sleeper, \$20.00; Geo. Harris, \$1.00; J. H. Saunders, Jr., \$1.00; J. C. Cooke, \$5.00; E. L. Etheridge, \$5.00; L. Bruce Wynne, \$10.00; J. P. Woodard, \$2.00; Thelma Brown, \$5.00; S. A. Mobley, \$5.00; Mary W. Taylor, \$10.00; Sara Cone, \$1.50; Mrs. J. W. Rawls, \$1.50; Julia Daniels, \$1.00; Mary Carstarphen, \$5.00; John L. Goff, \$10.00; Mrs. F. M. Manning, \$5.00; Mrs. J. F. Thigpen, \$4.00; Garland Woodard, \$5.00; Dr. W. F. Evans, \$5.00; Mrs. W. R. Glover, \$1.00; J. L. Hassell, \$5.00; John E. Roger, \$2.00; Colonial Beauty Shop, \$2.00; Marie Lilley and Jerry Humble, \$1.00; Henry S. Manning, \$10.00; G. P. Hall, \$1.00; E. L. Smithwick, \$1.00.

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## Enterprise Editor Is Confined By Illness

W. C. Manning, Enterprise editor, is confined by illness at the home of Mrs. E. S. Peel on Academy street. He continues quite ill today and will remain in bed several days at the direction of his attending physicians.