

Miss Emily Whitley Dies At Her Home Near Here Today

Funeral Services Will Be Conducted Tomorrow At 4 o'clock

Miss Emily Lucas Whitley, a member of one of this section's oldest and most prominent families, died at her home near here this morning at nine o'clock. Experiencing failing health since early last March, Miss Whitley had received hospital care during the intervening months, her condition having been regarded as critical since early May.

The daughter of the late George L. and Portia Smallwood Whitley, she was born at the Sycamores, the old home of her maternal grandparents, near Washington, on October 22, 1875, but she spent nearly all her life at the old Whitley plantation near here.

When a young girl, Miss Whitley was received into the Church of the Advent, and during the years that followed she remained a devoted and faithful member. Her walk through life was marked by its gentleness and understanding, and it was patterned after a true and noble Christian character. She held a devoted place in the home, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Miss Whitley attended the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro, and minutely watched the cultural development of her State and that of the South.

She found happiness and a peaceful life in the care of flowers and in the simple duties in and around the home.

Miss Whitley is survived by two brothers, Messrs. George L. Whitley, of Raleigh and Jesse S. Whitley, of Williamston, and three sisters, Misses Marina R. and Laura L. Whitley, of Williamston, and Mrs. Mary W. Mundy, of Westfield, New Jersey.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock, and interment will follow in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Record Hay Crop Looms For State

Farmers of North Carolina have prospects for the greatest hay crop in the state's history, the State Department of Agriculture July crop report revealed today.

Setting an all-time record, growers have planted 1,028,000 acres to hay this year, a six per cent increase over last year's crop of 967,000 acres. "The July 1 crop survey indicates a hay production of 874,000 tons, with an average yield of .85 tons per acre," W. H. Rhodes, the department's chief statistician said. "This production, if realized, will be greater by 50,000 tons than that harvested last year, although the yield per acre in prospect is the same as last year's harvest."

"Last month was ideal for the growth of all grasses and grass type crops, as abundance of moisture is a most favorable factor in its development," he added.

"The condition of pastures July 1, averaging 92 per cent of normal for the State, represents an improvement of eight per cent over pasture conditions on June 1, and was ten per cent above July conditions a year ago."

Rhodes said that "while it is too early to forecast yields of some hay crops, present prospects for all types of hays are excellent."

To Contest Closing Of Alley Back Of Hotel

The closing of the alley leading off Smithwick street just back of the George Reynolds hotel properties will likely be contested in the courts Mayor J. L. Hassell stating today that the matter will be placed before town officials at their next meeting.

Reservations were made years ago for a 10-foot drive from Smithwick Street to the old Slade property. Part of the drive has been closed, and now the hotel property owners are planning to close it in its entirety.

Preaching Services Sunday At Riddick's Grove Church

Regular preaching services will be held in the Riddick's Grove Baptist Church Sunday afternoon at the usual hour, 3 o'clock. Rev. W. B. Harrington, the pastor, will occupy the pulpit.

Plan Free County-Wide Drive Against Diphtheria in August

The Martin County Health department will set up clinics and offer free protection against diphtheria to all children from the ages of six months to six years, Dr. E. W. Furgurson announced. Arrangements for handling the clinics have been completed, and the free service will be carried to every section of the county beginning Monday, August 1.

Plans for the immunization were laid following a study of vital statistics in the county for the past few years, the health unit finding quite a number of diphtheria deaths among children between the ages of six months and six years. Careful studies show that 85 out of every 100 diphtheria deaths are among children up to six years of age, and the department will center its campaign in that group. Older persons desiring immunization are directed

to the health department headquarters where tests will be made.

Health authorities point out that the toxoid offers maximum protection only after having been administered from six weeks to three months, and that for children to have that protection next fall they should be given the preventative in August. Successful immunization offers protection for life, and the vaccination has no ill effect on the child.

A very convenient schedule has been arranged for the children and their parents, and the department urges every parent to carry his child to a private physician or to the clinic nearest him.

Starting on Monday, August 1, the public health forces will be in the field as early as 7 o'clock each morning and will bring the campaign to a close in eight days.

School Bus Routes In County Are Approved

MEETING

In the interest of getting information regarding the new Public Works Administration program before public officials, the organization's special engineer, Mr. H. G. Baily, will hold a public meeting in the Martin County courthouse next Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Public officials and other interested citizens are invited and urged to attend the meeting. Mr. Baily is in a position to answer all questions about the program and the preparation of applications.

"If North Carolina is to receive its just share of the fund, its public officials must act at once," Mr. Baily is quoted as saying. It is understood that nearly half the money has already been allocated.

AAA Turns Down Potato Marketing Control Agreement

Says Lack of Uniformity in Voting by 13 States is Cause of Decision

The AAA announced recently that it had determined not to make effective a marketing agreement which would have standardized grading and prevented shipments of inferior potatoes in 13 early and intermediate potato growing states, including North Carolina.

The AAA held a referendum on the agreement in May and 75.3 per cent of the voters in the 13 states favored the agreement, 5,528 growers voting for it and 1,811 against.

North Carolina, where the vote is believed to have been influenced by dissatisfaction over tobacco allotments, was one of six states which did not approve the agreement by a ratio of as much as two-thirds. The vote in North Carolina showed a percentage of 65.1 for the agreement, there being 1,157 affirmative and 619 negative voters.

While the over-all vote was sufficient to make the program effective, it would not have been feasible to make it applicable in some areas and not in others, Lawrence Myers, chief of the marketing section, pointed out.

"The decision against making the program generally effective in the 13 states results from lack of uniformity in the vote cast and from the fact that at the time the referendum was held, growers in some areas believed that their local vote would determine whether or not the program would be adopted for their areas," said Mr. Myers.

"On the basis of the majority for the agreement, the Agricultural Adjustment Administration would be legally justified in making the pact effective. Furthermore, at a meeting in Atlanta, representative growers from all the states effected except California, which was not represented, expressed the opinion that an overwhelming majority of potato producers in most of the early and intermediate areas favored the agreement which would standardize grading and keep shipments of inferior potatoes out of interstate commerce."

"After careful consideration, however, it is believed that the program is not in the best interests of the growers of the State." (Continued on page four)

Macedonia Pupils Get Bus Service For Coming Term

Recommendations by State School Commission Unchanged

The ten-year-old bus service controversy originating following the discontinuance of the Macedonia school on U. S. Highway No. 17 was considered finally settled yesterday when the Martin County Board of Education in special session approved the State School Commission plans recommending that free transportation be given the children of that community who wanted to attend the Williamston schools. The approval was given by a vote of three to two only after a representative of the State School Commission assured the board members that transportation would be continued for those children who had been attending school at Bear Grass and who wished to continue there.

Last year upon the recommendation of the State School Commission the Martin Board of Education denied free transportation to about 28 pupils who wanted to attend school in Williamston, provisions having been made to haul the children to Bear Grass. The recommendations were made, it was pointed out at the meeting yesterday, primarily from a standpoint of economy. However, when the schools were opened last fall, the commission was advised by patrons that the plans had not been amicably settled. No change was approved by the board at the request of a number of patrons, so transportation was maintained privately during the entire term.

A change was recommended this week after a special representative of the school commission visited alone the patrons in the community. In his report to the board Representative McGregor stated that there were 38 pupils in the disputed territory, that he found the parents of four children favored the Bear Grass school, and that the parents of 25 children favored the Williamston school. Parents of nine children were neutral, stating that either school would be all right for their youngsters. There'll be no marked increase in bus operating costs, it was pointed out, and other things being equal, the board ruled that the will of the majority should prevail.

Some members of the board opposed to free transportation are considering a further investigation, it was unofficially learned. Present plans, however, call for the operation of a county bus beginning at Corey's Crossroads and continuing into Williamston without cost to patrons.

A second problem before the board yesterday was a proposal to operate a Farm Life school bus from Lilley's store to the Hardison Mill Road at the old Hopkins' School intersection. The proposed change was not recommended by the school commission. (Continued on page four)

N. C. 1937 Peanut Crop Was State's Record Yield

North Carolina's 1937 peanut crop was the state's record crop both in yield per acre (1,170 pounds) and in production (278,460,000 pounds), reports Chief Statistician W. H. Rhodes of the State Department of Agriculture.

Five Arrested For Alleged Violation Of the Liquor Laws

Two Cars and Iarge Still Taken by Officers Of County

Martin County officers this week are said to have flushed this section's No. Two group of alleged bootleggers, capturing five men and confiscating two automobiles. A large liquor plant, allegedly the property of two of the men arrested, was wrecked.

William Black and Jackson Bonds, both colored, and Wade Harrell, white man involved in the scalding death of a young white man at a liquor still over in Pitt County several years ago, were arrested Wednesday by Officers J. H. and C. B. Roebuck about two miles out of Oak City between Highway No. 125 and the old River Road. Reports maintain that the three men were operating the plant for Mr. Don Lewis and his son, W. D. Lewis, both of Pitt County. The two cars were found near the still just back of the Highsmith farm, and were confiscated and placed in storage here. Both of the machines are heavily mortgaged, it is understood.

Going into the Oak City section that morning to round up dogs that had not been vaccinated, the officers learned that the two cars had been driven to the secluded spot and made an investigation. The owners of the cars could not be found, but Black, Bonds and Harrell were caught and placed in jail. During the meantime, the officers investigated the case and are said to have connected the elder Lewis with the still ownership. Later when he came here to arrange bond for the three men, he was arrested and placed in jail for alleged violation of the liquor laws.

The case was turned over to federal authorities yesterday morning and a preliminary hearing was held before United States Commissioner Walter Halberstadt. Bond in the sum of \$500 was required of each of the three men first arrested. Lewis and his son were each placed under \$3,000 bonds, the commissioner later reducing the bonds to \$2,500 and the father and son were released last evening.

According to reports, the alleged operators of the still captured Wednesday near Oak City have been connected in a large way with the illicit liquor business in three counties during recent years.

Quota Applications Ready for Raleigh

More than 1,000 applications for tobacco marketing allotments will be sent into Raleigh from this county during the week-end. Others will follow shortly, it is understood. Reports from Raleigh state that the office there where the quotas are finally determined, can handle one county's applications each day.

Some believe that the cards will not be ready for the farmers until almost marketing time; others are of the opinion the cards will be ready about the second week in August. Farmers in this county have cooperated fairly well in offering the information necessary in setting up the quotas, reports stating that very few misstatements of facts have been found.

Tarboro Rotary Club To Hold Orthopaedic Clinic

The Tarboro Rotary Club will hold its regular Orthopaedic Clinic on Monday, July 25, 1938, at 9 a. m. at the Presbyterian church Sunday school rooms, Tarboro, N. C.

The Rotary club is anxious to render service to all cripples, regardless of age or race, who are unable to pay for treatment. We will thank you for your co-operation in finding these cases and directing them to the clinic.

Private (pay) patients are requested not to come before 1 p. m.

Roanoke District Christian Church Holds Convention

The Roanoke District of the Christian church will meet the fifth Saturday and Sunday in July at Union Grove Christian church at the head of Pungo river community, several miles from Pantego. Every church in Martin should send delegates, from both the church and Bible schools. It will give the delegates a chance to travel through the rich farm lands, and tulip fields of a section of North Carolina that is attracting unusual attention of late. Delegates from Martin may go by Plymouth, Pinetown, or Pantego. It is in the Terra Ceia section of Beaufort County.

New Intangible Tax Law To Cost County and Several Towns More Than \$6,000 Revenue This Year

Tobacco Curing Drawing To A Close for Martin Farmers

Tobacco harvesting, a work that calls for long hours and untiring patience, is drawing to a close on many Martin County farms, reports stating that quite a few growers will harvest the last of their crop next week. Possibly a few in the county will complete the work tomorrow.

Those farmers getting their crops started late will be curing tobacco during the month of August, but as a whole, the harvesting work will be completed earlier this year than usual, some farmers stating they are setting new records in the early harvesting of their tobacco.

Recent reports state that the condition of the crop, first considered

disheartening, has improved greatly in recent weeks, that the plants have turned green and that they are not ripening so rapidly now. Late estimates indicate that the crop will be around 80 per cent of normal in this section.

Farmers generally are reporting excellent curings and high quality, but the weight is unusually light.

As the harvesting season draws to a close in this section, Martin farmers are eagerly awaiting reports from the first auction sales that are to get underway in Georgia on Thursday of next week. While doubt centers around opening prices, farmers in this county are optimistic over the outlook.

Liquor Sales in County Show Slight Decrease

Total of \$387,193.83 Is Spent In County Since Stores Open

Profits Since July, 1935 Pass the \$81,000 Mark

For the first time since the legal stores were opened in July, 1935, liquor sales in Martin County during the second quarter of this year, showed a decrease as compared with sales for corresponding quarters in previous years, the gross income dropping from \$31,640.98 in the months of April, May and June, 1937, to \$26,968.35 in the quarter recently ended or a decrease of \$4,672.63. Two of the stores, Williamston and Jamesville, show decreases while Robersonville and Oak City report slight increases for the quarter just ended as compared with the same period a year ago. Jamesville, it will be remembered was enjoying a thriving business from the neighboring county of Washington during the second quarter of 1937 or just about the time her neighbors were setting up a store of their own in Plymouth. Sales at Jamesville were \$6,780.59 a year ago against \$3,101.25 last quarter. The store at Williamston had a decrease of well over a thousand dollars in its sales for the recent period compared with those in April, May and June of last year.

The legal stores in this county report total sales since July, 1935, to June 30, this year, of \$387,193.83 and a profit of \$81,773.09, the trend of sales during the entire period having been decidedly upward until last quarter.

Despite a decrease in gross sales, the stores show an increase in operating profits. A year ago, profits amounted to \$4,484.77 for the second quarter. For the same quarter this year they total \$5,853.82. Lower operating costs, purchase price discounts and slightly higher prices are reflected in the profit ratio for the two periods, it is understood.

At the pie counter, the State, County, Enforcement bureau and the four liquor-store towns stand with mouths gapped, patiently awaiting the slicing of profits. Martin County, the sole recipient of the profits, receives for its second quarter slice, \$2,817.65. Playing the role of the wolf at the door, the State is grabbing \$1,887.78 as its slice. The enforcement bureau, the agency representing the motive behind the establishment of the stores, gets \$396.80.

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Registration Books For Bond Vote Close July 30

Books for the registration of citizens who wish to vote in the \$72,000 special bond election here on August 9, must register on or before Saturday of next week. Comparatively few people have registered to date, Registrar C. B. Hassell announces.

Previous registrations do not qualify a citizen to vote, the registrar explaining that this is a special election and a new registration is required.

DRIVE

A second drive to complete a county-wide campaign against rabies gets underway tomorrow morning in Oak City at nine o'clock, the authorities advising owners of dogs that are not vaccinated to comply with the law during the next few days or face prosecution in the courts. Vaccination stations will be maintained as follows: Beppard's store, Poplar Point, Monday, July 25 from 11 to 1 o'clock; Robersonville, Tuesday from 9 to 1 o'clock; Jamesville, Thursday from 11 to 1:30 o'clock, and in Williamston all day, Saturday, July 30.

Records show that around 2,300 dogs have been vaccinated in the county, that there are around 700 to be vaccinated next week.

Few Cases Called In County's Court By Judge Peel Monday

Summer Season Slump Is Much in Evidence in Court Circles

While general business conditions are showing marked improvement throughout the country, Martin County's recorder's court headed deeper and deeper into the old summer slump on Monday of this week when Judge H. O. Peel called only a half dozen cases. No startling action marked the proceedings, but there was a fair-sized crowd present to watch the wheels of justice turn.

Jamesville's mayor's court gained prestige in the eyes of the public when Judge Peel upheld Justice Corey's decision and alleged Pete Bell, Plymouth's Negro attorney, guilty of speeding through the Martin County town's busy intersection a few weeks ago. Bell was assisted in his defense by a county attorney. No fine was imposed by the court, but the defendant will find his appeal costly as costs in the courts are now in the lower brackets.

Charged with reckless driving, Melvin Rountree was found guilty, the court suspending sentence upon payment of the cost.

Leamon Johnson, charged with receiving stolen goods, was found not guilty.

Pleading guilty of larceny and receiving, John Henry Mills was sentenced to the roads for a term of six months. Facing the same charge in a second case, Mills was sentenced to the roads for six months, the court specifying that the second sentence was to begin at the expiration of the first.

Collen Smith and Ira Clark, charged with the larceny of chickens, were sentenced to the roads for sixty days each.

SPEND DAY IN NORFOLK

Rome Rogers, J. S. Griffin, H. U. Peel and Ben Riddick spent yesterday in Norfolk on business.

Municipalities and County To Receive \$1,826.45 from State

Combined Tax Last Year on Intangibles About \$8,500

The new method of handling taxes on intangible properties will cost Martin County and its several towns approximately \$6,680.85 this year, according to unofficial figures released this week by the State Department of Avenue, Raleigh. In 1937, the county and the several towns collected or are to collect approximately \$8,507.30 in taxes levied against such properties as notes, mortgages, bonds and other intangibles. Taking over the intangible list, lock, stock and barrel, under a law passed by the general assembly last year, the State has allotted \$1,826.45 for distribution to the county and the several towns in it. The exact amounts the county and towns will receive individually have not been released by the department.

In 1937, the assessed valuation of intangible properties in this county totaled \$373,390. At a rate of \$1.41 the county received \$5,264.80. In addition to that amount, the special road districts of Cross Roads, Hamilton, Goose Nest and Williamston levied small amounts. In Williamston, fourteen citizens listed solvent credits at \$44,337, and at the current rate of \$2.60 the town received \$1,152.76. Exact figures for the town of Robersonville are not available, but it is estimated that that town collected in excess of \$1,500 from intangible property in 1937. Other towns collected small amounts, running the actual tax total to approximately \$8,500. This year, the group has a scant \$1,800 to divide.

The loss of this revenue is almost certain to be reflected in town tax rates for the year 1938; the county having squeezed by with the aid of increased liquor profits.

Realizing that only a small percentage of the owners listed intangibles for taxation, State taxing authorities advanced an amendment to the State constitution empowering the State to tax such property. It was proposed to reduce the rate on such property, the taxing authorities maintaining that the owners would then list their intangibles. Records show that the listings have been materially increased, but the low rate and with the State treasurer horning in on what was collected there is now little left to the counties and towns after expenses for collection were deducted.

In the first year that the State has attempted to collect a tax on intangibles, a total of \$904,633.33 was taken in at an expense of \$36,185.33, leaving \$868,449 to be divided equally between the State coffers and those of counties and municipalities.

The total collections were a little over a million dollars short of the legislative estimate of \$2,000,000. However, according to the Board of Assessment, the valuations on which the classified tax was levied this year are approximately five times the combined valuations previously on the tax records of counties and municipalities.

Will Seek Removal Of New Fish Markets Here

Property owners on Washington street are said to be considering an appeal to the courts in an effort to have two newly built fish houses removed from town property on Railroad Street just back of the Staton building.

Definite plans for advancing the complaint have been advanced, but unofficial reports maintain that the buildings were constructed in violation of the fire laws and that the handling of fish constitutes a nuisance to business houses nearby.

Reader List Of Enterprise Still Continues To Gain

P. P. Peel, Williamston; L. B. Bell, Williamston; A. Corey, Jamesville; Mrs. J. N. Biggs, Williamston; W. R. Roberson, Long Island, N. Y.; H. L. Manning, Williamston; Alton H. Steils, Everetts; W. W. Daniel, Sanatorium; C. C. Walters, Jamesville; Emma Gurganus, Williamston; J. C. Smith, Robersonville; C. M. Hurst, Robersonville; S. D. Griffin, Williamston; Hubbard Griffin, Williamston; R. A. Haislip, Hassell.