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John Parker Dies At Home Near Here Last Sunday Night

Funeral Home Here Yesterday

John Parker, retired business man of this county, died at the home of his nephew, Mr. Will Gurkin, in Williams Township last Sunday night at 11 o'clock following a long period of declining health. He had suffered with a complication of ailment for more than ten years, but was able to be up until just a short time before his death. Heart trouble was believed to have been the prin- ordered subject to shipping instruc- on the mound for the Martins cipal cause of his death.

The son of the late Robert and Mary Quinn Parker, he was born in the humble but reverent surroundings on the Old Tyner Road in Williamston Township in 1867. He experienced as a child the hardships common to the reconstruction period, and at an early age started working in the store of Biggs and Davenport here. He later started traveling for a Texas firm and made his home in the Lone Star state for about fifteen years.

About forty years ago he returned to his old home, but tarried here only a short time before he went to Norfolk and entered the mercantile business there with his brother, Alonza Parker, who died some time

During the early thirties he again returned to Williamston and enterhalf-brother, W. Henry Gurkin who Asa Biggs, Williamston native, in Morehead City several years ago Carolina Historical Commission His small fortune depleted by bad places a marker here for the man store on the Jamesville and nation. Road in Williams Township and later retired.

here just a few years ago. A hardworker, Mr. Parker was an unpretentious person and a good man at life was maked by an apparent loneliness, but despite his advanced age himself a livelihood.

He is survived by a half sister, Mrs. James Nicholson, of near Wil-

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Dr. S. A. Maxwell, pastor of the local Methodist church, at four o'clock from the Street. Interment was in the Skewarkey Cemetery.

Hunting Season To Close Tomorrow

plentiful than usual.

ed, and several thousand quail fell F. Moore and Romulus Saunders to before the sportsman's gun in the revise the North Carolina Code county during the season. For the which was adopted in 1854, the same most part, weather conditions were year he was elected as a United not very favorable for the hunter this season. Frequent rains made the Senate in 1855 to accept a Unithunting a task rather than a sport.

the hunting laws were reported dur- after the war. In 1861 he was elect- framers of the Constitution, and was ing the season.

Placing their guns and ammunition away after tomorrow sportsmen will start oiling their reels and rods for the fishing season.

Infant Son Of Dr. And Mrs. A. J. Osteen Dies

Andrew J. Osteen, the 23-days-old son of Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Osteen died in a Washington hospital last Saturday morning at five o'clock. The little child had been sickly since its birth, and while the end came as a decided shock it was not unexpect-

Funeral services were conducted from the home on Williams Street here last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock by Rev. James H. Smith, local Baptist minister. Interment was in the local cemetery.

Junior Choir Of Church Of Advent Will Reorganize

All young people interested in becoming members of the Junior choir of the Church of the Advent are urged to be at the Old church on Friday afternoon at four o'clock to reorganize, and to plan our work for the Lenten services which will take place every Friday until Easter at the same time. Bring your brothers with you, we want a larger and better choir than we had before. Remember, the age limit is

from nine years up.

Both boys and girls are welcome.

Larry Wade To Open Modern Laundry Here About April 1

Last Rites Held At Biggs dry here is well underway, Manager Larry Wade stating today that he hoped to have the plant ready for operation on or about April 1. The management plans to operate twelve women and three men. a modern dry cleaning establishment in connection with the laundry, it was learned.

Located on Warren Street between Haughton and Pearl, the building measures 40 by 80 feet. It is of frame construction

Machinery for the plant has been

Construction work on a new | tions, the manager of the plant exbuilding for a modern steam laun- plaining that the building will be ready within a few weeks and that machinery could be installed on short notice.

> The new industry will employ about fifteen persons, including

Stating that no name has been chosen for the plant, Manager Wade explained that it would be strictly modern and capable of handling an increasing business

Wade will devote his entire time to the business except during the baseball season when he will work

Williamston Has Rich HistoricalBackground

Commission Will Honor Memory Of Williamston Man

Judge Asa Biggs Marker Propose Marker for Former Will Be Placed Here Governor Samuel At Early Date

A fitting and well-earned tribute died suddenly while in the surf at the near future when the North ed with L. C. Nurney at a small the early history of the county, State

The commission has agreed to recognize the acts of Mr. Biggs, reports Sam Johnston who made his home Nation. here in the 1790's. There is a possiheart. He never married, and his bility that the commission will be asked to recognize the parts played he tried to carry on and earn for War. It is an established fact that ial home which overlooks Edenton the late Augustus Whitley was far Harbor. therest at Gettysbury and that a man named Wyatt, also of this coun-

ty, is believed to have been the first man killed at Bethel. Direct accounts from the battleground also Biggs, the youngest son of Judge Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Asa Biggs, was the last man killed in-law, Justice James Iredell, Mr. just before General Lee surrender-April 9, 1865.

Judge Biggs, the son of the late Joseph and Chloe Daniel Biggs, was following his return from a term in ston Academy and started practicing nitely located, but some believe the their luck was only mediocre during he was elected to the Constitutional hunters returned with empty sacks, the county in the legislature in 1840 called "Hermitage" by Johnston. | no knowledge of arithmetic. but some, coming home with the bag and 1842, and two years later was limit, aver that game was more elected to the United States House of Representatives.

Possibly 35 or 40 deer were kill- In 1850 he was appointed with B. ten in Williamston on May 25, 1799. Mount, Saturday, February 18, at States Senator. He resigned from ed States judgeship for North Car-Comparatively few violations of olina which position he held until passed the ordinance of secession. and was later appointed by President Jefferson Davis as a Confederate judge for the State of North

Carolina After the war he returned to Williamston and practiced law. A short time later he and several other lawyers censured the carpet bag supreme court for dabbling in politics, and his license was revoked. The other lawyers had their licenses rethe practice of law in Norfolk where he formed a partnership with William Nathan Harrell Smith who was later to become Chief Justice of

the North Carolina Supreme Court. He later retired from the practice of law and was associated with his brother, Kader, in the operation of the commission firm of Kader Biggs and Company in the Virginia city. He died in Norfolk on March 6

Several grandchildren survive, in eluding Miss Anna Crawford and K. B. Crawford, of Williamston.

MUCH SICKNESS

While it has not reached serious proportions, an influenza epidemic is in progress here. Quite a few persons have fallen victim, but the disease is not holding the victims in

First United States

Senator From State

Governor Samuel Johnston

Discovering recently a number of ed the grocery business with his will be paid to the memory of Judge letters from Samuel Johnston, former governor of North Carolina, first United States Senator from North Carolina and a State Senator accounts, the old gentleman work- who occupied a prominent part in from Martin County, to James Iredell, former justice of the United States Supreme Court, Mr. Warren H. Biggs has uncovered many facts He joined the Methodist church stating that the organization is al- relating to the early history of Wilso considering a marker for the late liamston, the county, the State and

> A native of Dundee, Scotland, Samuel Johnston came to this counby Martin County men in the Civil ton and built "Hayes", the old colon-

According to the correspondence ow in the hands of Mr. Biggs, local man, Sam Johnston located Williamston some time in the early maintain that a young man named part of 1793. In what is believed his first letter written to his brother Johnston said on May 9, 1793, "I am ed at Appomattox Courthouse on at my little 'Hermitage' in the neighborhood of this town." No reason is assigned for his locating here born in Williamston on February 4, the United States Senate. The spot

> Johnston dated his last letter writ- cast over station WEED, Rocky ton served as a State Senator, but the broadcast. in his letters to Justice Iredell in November, 1798, he tells of his ac-

tivities in the legislature Carolina about 1780, was one of the tin County Basketball Tournament. ed to the State Convention that a man of affairs in the State and portance of a well-equipped library, Nation. His position prior to the has just donated the following works inauguration of Washington com- to the fiction department of the pared with that of the president a high school library: few years later. He died in Chowan in 1816 and was buried there.

While most of Mr. Johnston's letters touched on State and National bound, Pecos Bill, Sue Bartow, Senaffairs, a few carry local interest. Through the courtesy of Mr. Biggs, The Enterprise plans to publish a of Green Mountains; Tuning in at few in the series. Written principal ly to James Iredell who married Luck, Young Fu, Private Props, established when the public apolo- Johnston's sister, Hannah, the series Highway Past Her Door, The Lovgized, but Judge Biggs refused to of letters offer little detailed infor-"stoop" to that low level, and he mation about the town, but they withdrew from North Carolina for dwell at length on subjects of State, National and international import-

The first of the letters written un

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Regular Meeting Of Local Masons Tonight

A regular communication of Skewarkey Masonic Lodge will be held this evening at eight o'clock. Work

The Masons recently completed over the "Whites" headed by J. C. uary 16. Anderson. The losers declare success was in the pickings.

Wednesday evening of next week. here,

Applications For New Allotments Must Be Made Soon

Only One Percent of Present Tobacco Available For New Acreage

Anyone desiring to secure a tobacco allotment in 1939 on a farm having no allotment should comto the county agent's office at Williamston and file an application not later than February 18, T. B. Bran don, farm agent, stated yesterday.

Those desiring new cotton acreage must have their applications in the county agent's office not later than February 15, Brandon said.

The entire allotment for the United States for new farms in 1939, is only one persent of the total, Brandon said, and the regulations for new allotments are very strict.

Farmers will not be considered unless they can meet the following requirements:

1. Must have had two years' experience in growing tobacco in the ast five years.

2. Shall be actually living on the farm and the owner thereof, or, if Made Home Here not the owner, shall be buying the farm or renting for cash.

3. There shall be a tobacco curing barn on the farm or the applicant should be building a curing barn on

4. Farming shall be the chief ource of income upon which the applicant depends for a livelihood.

5. He shall own no other farm naving a tobacco allotment 6. There shall be 15 acres or more of crop land on the farm.

Plans For Oak City

Seniors Leave School with Little Knowledge of Arithmetic'

Pledges for the Oak City school gymnasium are being collected, a number of teachers of the Oak City school faculty have paid in to Mr J. H. Ayers, treasurer of the gymnasium building committee.

New pupils are still entering for enrollment in the Oak City school. Horace and Olin Rackley from the Williamston school entered yester

A suggestion from Principal H. M Ainsley that the same plan be tried out in the Oak City school as has been done by Superintendent Curtic of the Wilson County schools, is 1811. He attended the old William- where he lived has not been defi- receiving consideration. All seniors will be given an eighth grade exam-Another hunting season closes to- law here when he was only twenty farm is that now owned by Mar- ination in arithmetic including commorrow, the sportsmen declaring years old. Four years later in 1835 shall D. Wilson. A study of court mon fractions and percentage. It house records is being made by Mr. seems that high school seniors are the period. Game was scarce when Convention. Mr. Biggs represented Biggs in an effort to locate the farm leaving high school with little or

The correspondence now in the The special quartet of Miss Flanhands of Mr. Biggs shows that Mr. ders music department will broad-

The Oak City basketball team will play Farm Life at Williamston Wednesday night, Feb. 15th. The Johnston was governor of North Oak City team is entering the Mar-

The senior class, realizing the im-

The Great Tradition, Out of a Clear Sky, Tiger Roan, Hustler, the Farm Dog; Homespun, Winterior Nurse; Land Spell, The Little House, A Place for Herself; Susan Lincoln High; Hills of Gold, Gypsy ing Heart.

The class is also proud to announce that the county is giving a similar amount of books, including some of the most recent biographies

Rainfall For Last Month Slightly Above Normal

January rainfall - 4.03 inches was slightly above the normal precipation for the past ten years, the weather station on Roanoke River reported here this week. The showers the early part of this week were in the first degree will be held. All not as heavy as many thought they members are urged to be present. were, the weather station reporting a little over one-half inch for Monan attendance contest, the "Blues," day. The heaviest fall was accomheaded by J. C. Manning, winning panied by a 4 3-4 inch snow on Jan-

The ten-year average rainfall for January is 3.75 inches, a high hav-The winners will be guests of the ing been reached the first month in

Representative Hugh G. Horton Believes Outlook Is Brighter For Refund of Road Money to County

Farmers Continue Plans for Special Committee Increased Tobacco Acreages

guess the size of the anticipated in in Bear Grass Township this year, crease. Some say that the planters Farmer J. D. Wynne who is ac cent over last year's acreage. Quite year to care for the crop increase.

the county and especially in Bear banks

That Martin County farmers will Grass Township, indicate that the increase their tobacco acreages this coming season is a recognized cermany believe. "They will possibly Governor Says He's Certain tainty, but the observers can't quite build twenty-five new tobacco barns will plant ten per cent more than quainted with what is going on in they did last year; others say they that section, said yesterday. Possiwill plant 15, and still others say the bly more than one hundred new increase will approximate 20-25 per barns will be built in the county this advanced for the construction of

a few farmers say they are going Tobacco plants are coming up and back to their base acres allotted if the supply is extra large, it is them under the old Triple A pro- going to be an easy thing for growgram which means a comparatively ers to increase their acreages and ence with Governor Clyde Hoey. plant "just one more row" until to-Recent reports coming from over bacco crowds the fences and ditch-

Cites Law For the **Examination of All** Domestic Servants

Housewives Can Materially Aid in Stamping Out Disease

In order to acquaint housewives and others employing cooks, maids or other domestic servants with the mportance of obtaining these servants free from infection, thereby safeguarding the health of the en-Gym Go Forward tire family, the general assembly of North Carolina, in 1937, enacted he following legislation:

> The general assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That hereafter all domestic servants who shall present themselves for employment shall furnish their employer with a certificate from a practicing physician or the public health officer of the ounty in which they reside, certifying that they have been examined within two weeks prior to the time of said presentation of said certificate, that they are free from all contagious, infectious or communicable diseases and showing the nonexistence of any venereal disease which might be transmitted. Such certificate shall be accompanied by showing that the Wassermann or

Section 2. That all domestic ser- counties. vants employed shall be examined the condition of their health, as is set out in section one hereof.

Commenting on this law, Dr. F. E. Wilson, director of the Martin County Health Department, states that it is a means of attacking the problem of tuberculosis and the venereal diseases, and preventing their spread. Also, that the cooperation of the housewives in sending their cooks and maids to their physician or to the health department for examinations and health certifi cates will aid greatly in safeguarding their homes against infection and at the same time bring to the servants attention some undiscovered disease which may be easily ovcome before complications incapacitate them.

Local Colored Boy Is

John Sherrod, local colored child, hope for his recovery. However, his general level of the stream. condition late yesterday was slightly improved.

two weeks ago, the 7-year-old child unusually large, the weather station unconscious until late Sunday. Rewas not given medical attention un- records show. Rains fell on six of ports reaching here stated that he til he had had frequent convulsions during a 24-hour period. Up until to date the total fall measures only pital and was apparently all right. today, the child whose neck is 3.22 inches. drawn at times almost to the breaking point, has been given 80,000 units of serum.

other two were lost.

GOING SOUTH

Travel from the North to the South, fairly constant during the winter season, underwent a marked increase the early part of this week when New Yorkers joined the parade in numbers. During one hour Sunday morning 127 northern cars were driven through here, apparently headed for Florida. Most of the cars carried New York licenses. As many as eight foreign cars were counted in single groups. It is estimated that between 500 and 700 out-of-state cars passed through here during

Native Of County Dies Near Roper

county but for nearly half century a native of Washington County, died at the home of her daughter. Mrs. Dennis Chesson, near Roper, last Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock She had been ill for three years, suffering with arthritis.

Mrs. Hodges was the daughter of the late Eli Hoyt and Martha Godard Robertson and was born in Wil- pending the conference with the hams Township 74 years ago. She the original report from a labora- married W. B. Hodges in this countory approved by the State Board ty and moved to the Roper com- future. Another conference of the of Health for making such tests munity more than 40 years ago. She was a sister of the late Joseph L. plan future action, Mr. Horton statany other approved tests of this Robertson, of Williamston, and is ing that he was not sure whether nature are negative. Such tests to survived by a number of relatives have been made within two weeks here and in the county Mrs. Hodges introduced as it now stands or whe of the time of the presentation of was a leading member of the Pleassuch certificates; and such certificate ant Grove Methodist Church for a shall also affirmatively state the long number of years, and was thoughts of the governor. * may non-existence of tuberculosis in the highly regarded by a large number be the committee will sponsor the of friends in this and Washington bill as it now reads and supplement

at least once each year and as often ters, Mrs. R. W. Holland, of Baltias the employer may require, and more; Mrs. Henry Davenport, of upon examination shall furnish to Columbia: Mrs. Dennis Coburn of ty and about eight million dollars the employer all of the evidence of Roper, and two sons, Messrs. E. B. to other counties advancing money and A. M. Hodges, both of Baltimore.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pleasant Grove church by mittee named by the Eastern Caroher pastor, Rev. J. T. Stanford on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. H G. Horton, of this county, chair-Interment was in the family plot at St. Lukes, near Roper.

Roanoke To Reach Crest Here Soon

Flooded by heavy rains falling in this State and in Virginia during the past two weeks, the Roanoke River is expected to reach a cres at about two feet over its banks here late next Saturday or Sunday the local weather station was advis Victim Of Lockjaw ed by the United States Weather Bureau in Raleigh this morning.

lies critically ill with lockjaw at just over its banks at this point. The Mrs. Thomas, thrown against the his home on West Main Street, at crest the latter part of this week windshield, was cut and bruised on tending physicians offering little will be about twelve feet above the

While rains have been frequent in this area during the past week or Piercing his foot with a nail about more, the total precipitation is not Mount hospital where he remained the first ten days of the month, and had been discharged from the hos-

> Disastrous floods have been rebut no serious damage has resulted. they crashed.

Holds Conference With the Governor

Some of the Claims Have Merit

We believe the prospects are brighter now for refunding monie highways by Martin and other counties," Representative H. G. Horton

"We are still working to advance the meritorious claims which we sincerely believe Martin and a number of other counties have a refund of money spent for the construction of main highways in the State around twenty years ago," Mr. Horton added.

Meeting with the Governor last week, the committee selected by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce reviewed the status of the claims, "and while Mr. Hoey did not unconditionally endorse the refund of several million dollars te the counties, he did say that he was certain some of the claims had merit," Mr. Horton said. It is quite evident that Mr. Hoey will not object to the appointment of a commission with assigned duties similar to those of a former commission for a complete study of the claims. And it is generally believed that the Governor will recognize any claims that are definitely chargeable to the State "We sincerely believe that Martin and a few other counties in the State have meritorious claims, Mr. Horton said, explaining that many unfounded claims were filed a few years ago and that the com mission was too frightened by the size of the claims to act. The commission, it will be recalled, never completed its work, and the claims were lost in the hands of the State Highway and Public Works Com-

A bill drafted by Representative Horton, has been held in abeyance governor, but it will likely be introduced in the House within the near committee will be held this week to the present proposed bill would be ther certain changes would be made incorporate the expressed

it with the suggestions offered by She is survived by four daugh. Mr. Hoey," the representative said. The bill, proposing the return of approximately \$400,000 to this counwas published in detail a few weeks

The personnel of the special comlina Chamber of Commerce includes man; Zeb Turlington, of Statesville; Representative Mallison, of Pamlieo; F. E. Wallace, of Kinston; Eugene Bost and Senator Palmer, of

Several Are Hurt In Hamilton Wreck

Concord, and others.

Mrs. Fred Poole and Mrs. W. F. Thomas were painfully but not seriously hurt and John Bell, colored man, was knocked unconscious in an automobile crash at Hamilton early last Friday evening. Mrs. At the present time, the river is Poole suffered an ankle injury and the forehead.

Bell, suffering no broken bones and bearing no outward signs of injury, was removed to a Rocky

The colored man is said to have driven his car into the middle of ported in the Ohio Valley and in the street and in the path of the other sections of the country during car driven by Mrs. Poole. No great Handling this, their third case, recent days. Rivers in eastern North damage was done to the cars which contest losers at a turkey supper on 1937 when 7.22 inches of rain fell attending physicians state that the Carolina have flooded the lowlands, were traveling very slowly when