

John Parker Dies At Home Near Here Last Sunday Night

Last Rites Held At Biggs 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.

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 Williams Township in 1867.

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 ago.

During the early thirties he again returned to Williams and entered the grocery business with his half-brother, W. Henry Gurkin who died suddenly while in the surf at Morehead City several years ago.

He joined the Methodist church here just a few years ago. A hard worker, Mr. Parker was an unpretentious person and a good man at heart.

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

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Dr. S. A. Maxwell, pastor of the local Methodist church, at four o'clock from the Biggs Funeral Home on West Main Street.

Hunting Season To Close Tomorrow

Another hunting season closes tomorrow, the sportsmen declaring their luck was only mediocre during the period.

Possibly 35 or 40 deer were killed, and several thousand quail fell before the sportsman's gun in the county during the season.

Comparatively few violations of the hunting laws were reported during the 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.

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.

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 for the Lenten services which will take place every Friday until Easter at the same time.

Both boys and girls are welcome.

Larry Wade To Open Modern Laundry Here About April 1

Construction work on a new building for a modern steam laundry here is well underway. Manager Larry Wade stating today that he hoped to have the plant ready for operation on or about April 1.

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

Machinery for the plant has been ordered subject to shipping instructions.

The manager of the plant explaining 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 twelve women and three men.

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 on the mound for the Martins.

Williamston Has Rich Historical Background

Commission Will Honor Memory Of Williamston Man

Judge Asa Biggs Marker Will Be Placed Here At Early Date

A fitting and well-earned tribute will be paid to the memory of Judge Asa Biggs, Williamston native, in the near future when the North Carolina Historical Commission places a marker here for the man who occupied a prominent part in the early history of the county, State and nation.

The commission has agreed to recognize the acts of Mr. Biggs, reports stating that the organization is also considering a marker for the late Sam Johnston who made his home here in the 1790's.

He attended the old Williams Academy and started practicing law here when he was only twenty years old.

In 1850 he was appointed with B. F. Moore and Romulus Saunders to revise the North Carolina Code which was adopted in 1854.

After the war he returned to Williams and practiced law. A short time later he and several other lawyers censured the carpet bag supreme court for debbling in politics.

The first of the letters written under his name was "stump" to that low level, and he withdrew from North Carolina for the 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.

Several grandchildren survive, including 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.

First United States Senator From State Made Home Here

Propose Marker for Former Governor Samuel Johnston

Discovering recently a number of letters from Samuel Johnston, former governor of North Carolina, first United States Senator from North Carolina and a State Senator from Martin County.

A native of Dundee, Scotland, Samuel Johnston came to this country as a youth.

According to the correspondence now in the hands of Mr. Biggs, local man, Sam Johnston located in Williams some time in the early part of 1793.

The special quartet of Miss Flanders music department will broadcast over station WEED, Rocky Mount, Saturday, February 18, at 11 a. m.

The Oak City basketball team will play Farm Life at Williamston Wednesday night, Feb. 15th.

The Great Tradition, Out of a Clear Sky, Tiger Roan, Hustler, the Farm Dog, Homespun, Winterbound, Pecos Bill, Sue Bartow, Senior Nurse, Land Spell, The Little House, A Place for Herself, Susan of Green Mountains.

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 precipitation for the past ten years.

The winners will be guests of the contest losers at a turkey supper on Wednesday evening of next week.

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 come to the county agent's office at Williamston and file an application not later than February 18.

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

The entire allotment for the United States for new farms in 1939, is only one percent of the total.

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

2. Shall be actually living on the farm and the owner thereof.

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

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

5. He shall own no other farm having a tobacco allotment.

6. There shall be 15 acres or more of crop land on the farm.

Plans For Oak City Gym Go Forward

"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 yesterday.

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The senior class, realizing the importance of a well-equipped library, has just donated the following works to the fiction department of the high school library:

The Great Tradition, Out of a Clear Sky, Tiger Roan, Hustler, the Farm Dog, Homespun, Winterbound, Pecos Bill, Sue Bartow, Senior Nurse, Land Spell, The Little House, A Place for Herself, Susan of Green Mountains.

Local Colored Boy Is Victim Of Lockjaw

John Sherrod, local colored child, lies critically ill with lockjaw at his home on West Main Street.

Piercing his foot with a nail about two weeks ago, the 7-year-old child was not given medical attention until he had had frequent convulsions during a 24-hour period.

Handling this, their third case, attending physicians state that the other two were lost.

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

Farmers Continue Plans for Increased Tobacco Acreages

That Martin County farmers will increase their tobacco acreages this coming season is a recognized certainty, but the observers can't quite guess the size of the anticipated increase.

Recent reports coming from over the county and especially in Bear

Grass Township, indicate that the increase will be much greater than many believe.

Tobacco plants are coming up and if the supply is extra large, it is going to be an easy thing for growers to increase their acreages.

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 importance of obtaining these servants free from infection, thereby safeguarding the health of the entire family.

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 county in which they reside.

Section 2. That all domestic servants employed shall be examined at least once each year and as often as the employer may require.

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.

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.

Native Of County Dies Near Roper

Mrs. Ida Hodges, native of this county but for nearly half century a native of Washington County, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Dennis Chesson, near Roper.

Mrs. Hodges was the daughter of the late Eli Hoyt and Martha Goddard Robertson and was born in Williams Township 74 years ago.

She is survived by four daughters, Mrs. R. W. Holland, of Baltimore; Mrs. Henry Davenport, of Columbia; Mrs. Dennis Coburn of Roper, and two sons, Messrs. E. B. and A. M. Hodges, both of Baltimore.

Funeral services were conducted from the Pleasant Grove church by her pastor, Rev. J. T. Stanford on Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

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 crest at about two feet over its banks here late next Saturday or Sunday.

While rains have been frequent in this area during the past week or more, the total precipitation is not unusually large.

Disastrous floods have been reported in the Ohio Valley and in other sections of the country during recent days.

Special Committee Holds Conference With the Governor

Governor Says He's Certain Some of the Claims Have Merit

"We believe the prospects are brighter now for refunding monies advanced for the construction of highways by Martin and other counties," Representative H. G. Horton said yesterday following a conference with Governor Clyde Hoey.

Meeting with the Governor last week, the committee selected by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce reviewed the status of the claims.

A bill drafted by Representative Horton, has been held in abeyance pending the conference with the governor, but it will likely be introduced in the House within the near future.

The personnel of the special committee named by the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce includes H. G. Horton, of this county, chairman; Zeb Turlington, of Statesville; Representative Mallison, of Pamlico; F. E. Wallace, of Kinston; Eugene Bost and Senator Palmer, of Concord, and others.

The bill, proposing the return of approximately \$400,000 to this county and about eight million dollars to other counties advancing money for construction of main highways, was published in detail a few weeks ago.

Several Are Hurt

In Hamilton Wreck

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.

Bell, suffering no broken bones and bearing no outward signs of injury, was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital where he remained unconscious until late Sunday.

The colored man is said to have driven his car into the middle of the street and in the path of the car driven by Mrs. Poole.