

H. Lloyd Hardison Dies Suddenly At His Home Sunday

Last Rites Held Yesterday Afternoon For Well-Known Farmer

Henry Lloyd Hardison, well-known county farmer, died suddenly at his home, Kelvin Grove, two miles from here on the Washington Road, early last Sunday morning. While he had been in slightly declining health, Mr. Hardison was feeling all right about 3:30 o'clock that morning when he got up and started making preparations to accompany friends and relatives to a church meeting down in Johnston County. Fifteen minutes later he screamed twice, and told Mrs. Hardison he had an unbearable pain in his head. Soon thereafter he lapsed into unconsciousness, the end coming at 6 o'clock before all members of the family could be summoned to his bedside. Suffering with high blood pressure, he suffered a slight stroke last December, but he was in his usual health until his last illness.

Mr. Hardison, eagerly looking forward to a visit with friends of the church near Four Oaks, had gotten up earlier than was necessary, but fearful he would oversleep he dared not go back to bed.

The son of the late George and Mary Simpson Hardison, he was born in Griffins Township 58 years ago last October. In early manhood he was married to Miss Mary Louise Lilley, and they lived in the county until about four years ago when they moved to Washington County. After two years in that county, they moved back to Martin and located on the Station farm, near here. As an early youth he was employed by the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company and in later years formed a partnership with his brother as logging contractors. Some few years ago he withdrew from the timber and logging business and devoted his time to farming.

Mr. Hardison was held in high esteem as a citizen and friend. While he experienced hardships and adverse circumstances at times, a friendly smile was always on his face. He never burdened his friends with his troubles, accepting his fate calmly and with a determination to win at the end. The father of a large family, he found time to devote to the cares and wants of each member a friendly attention. His words of advice were always encouraging and literally packed with hope and never suggested defeat. Mr. Hardison was a devoted father and husband, a good neighbor and a thoughtful friend to all.

Besides his wife he leaves eleven children, Mrs. Paul Norwood, of Robersonville; Mrs. LeRoy Griffin, of Griffins; Mrs. Clarence Waters, Vernon, Lloyd George, Garland, Nicholas, Lloyd Saunders, Zaida and Thelma Hardison, all of the home. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Jeff Holliday and Mrs. Wilmer Barber, both of Jamesville, and one brother, Mr. W. G. Hardison, of Griffins Township.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at the home by Elder P. E. Getsinger assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington. Interment was in the Lilley Cemetery in Griffins Township.

Giants' Secretary Hurt In Accident

John S. Schwarz, secretary of the New York Giants, was painfully injured in an automobile accident near here on the Washington Highway last Friday afternoon when his car left the road, plowed down a small sapling and wrapped itself around a pine tree. Schwarz lost a tooth and suffered bruises on his knees. Patrolman Whit Saunders stating that the man was fortunate to escape with his life.

The 1940 Buick, belonging to Carl Hubbell, mound king for the Giants, was wrecked beyond repair, reports stating that possibly parts valued at a hundred or so dollars could be salvaged, that the damage will approximate \$800.

Schwarz was thought to have been driving rapidly and apparently was dozing when the car went off its course and crashed. Receiving treatment in a Washington hospital that night, Schwarz boarded a bus here Saturday and continued to his home N. 11 Avenue, Massapequa, N. Y.

Travelers, stopping at the wreck, were excited when they saw baggage bearing the names of such baseball celebrities as Hubbell, Mel Ott, Joe Moore and Hal Schumacher.

It was a bad time for car operators in the county that afternoon. While investigating the Schwarz wreck, Patrolman Saunders was called to another wreck on the same road near Williamston. M. J. Whitehead, colored man of Elizabeth City, had turned his car over, doing about \$50 damage to his machine.

Officials Uphold Order for New Registration of Voters

Hearing numerous complaints from the democratic ranks against the order calling for a new registration of voters in this county, the three members of the Martin County Board of Elections, in a called meeting at the county courthouse last Saturday, discussed a motion to rescind the order and call for a re-listing of voters. The movement to have the order vacated and a re-listing substituted was stopped in a fairly quick order when the member expressing himself in favor of a re-listing the Saturday before stated that while he had voiced an opinion against a new registration he was not in favor of rescinding the action. Regardless of what ever drawbacks or merits it may offer, a new registration will, without doubt, be the order of the day during the latter part of this month and in early May. No vote on rescinding the action

was taken at the meeting last Saturday, but it was apparent that the new proposal would have failed of passage by a margin of one.

While there may be several underlying reasons against a new registration in this county, the opposition, headed by H. G. Horton, E. S. Peel and Warren H. Biggs, pointed out that the new registration will not reflect the voting strength in this county, that disappointment will be general when citizens go to vote on primary day and find themselves ineligible because they failed to register. In the opinion of some, hardly sixty per cent of the voting strength will be recorded on the books.

It was intimated by at least one member of the board, that there'll be no voting in the primary unless legal registration requirements are met in detail.

FISHING

Interrupted by snow and cold weather last week, fishing schedules were resumed at the Jamesville plant yesterday, the owner-operator, C. C. Fleming, reporting "good fishing" at noon today. Shad and rock are being taken in quantities far larger than usual, and the run of herring is steadily increasing, a late report stated.

The outlook is far more encouraging than it was a few days ago, and the fishermen are looking for larger catches from day to day.

The number of visitors to the fishery has been small to date, but when the season gets underway on a large scale, thousands are expected to go there and view the operations.

Local School Wins Honors In District Contest Saturday

Gains Ratings in Four Events, Pupils Scheduled To Go To Greensboro

Qualifying in four events with honor ratings, Williamston High School students returned from Greenville last Saturday highly pleased with their showing in the District Music Contest. Local students competed with students from fifteen other counties in the meet which is a preliminary to the State-Wide Music Contest to be held at the Woman's College in Greensboro on April 16. Schools winning honor ratings Saturday qualified for participation in the Greensboro meet.

Competing in Class C, a class for schools of enrollments of 250 students or less, the Williamston singers, under the direction of Miss Kathryn Mewborn, with Miss Grace Talton as piano accompanist, brought the first honors of this kind to the local high school.

Contestants receiving honor ratings from Flora MacDonald College judges were:

The boys quartet: Juan Crofton, Roosevelt Coltrane, Irving Gurganus and James Willis Ward.

The girls trio: Marjorie Gray Dunn, Katherine Manning and Elizabeth Parker.

Soprano solo: Mary O'Neal Pope. Baritone solo: Juan Crofton.

News accounts coming from Greenville gave the Williamston mixed chorus of 34 voices an honor rating but this had not been verified by any official notice today. Several days will be required before it can be learned whether or not the mixed chorus is eligible for the state contest.

Plans are being made to arrange transportation of the students to Greensboro on April 16, which will be the first trip of this kind since 1937, when the Williamston High School was represented in the music contest. The local high school band made the trip in 1935, 1936 and 1937.

Department Goes After Delinquent Schedule B Taxes

Completing the round-up of income and intangible tax collections, the State Department of Revenue is now out combing for delinquent schedule "B" or privilege taxes, Deputy Collector Jack Hinton stating last night that charges are pending in the courts of this county against several business operators who are delinquent in their accounts.

Four of the five warrants now pending are against Williamston business operators, mostly small-scale business heads.

Those who have not paid the privilege tax are subject to a penalty of five per cent for each month in addition to court costs and a fine. In those cases now pending, the business operators will be required to pay a penalty

Highly Respected Citizen Passes At Jamesville Home

Last Rites Held Saturday Afternoon at 3 P. M. For Mrs. Lenora Lilley

Mrs. Lenora Jones Lilley, highly respected citizen of Jamesville Township, died at her home there last Friday noon following an illness of several days' duration. Several years ago she fell and broke her hip, but despite her advanced age, she regained her health and was able to be up until about two months ago when she was forced to her bed by a weakened heart. Her condition was not considered critical, however, until just a few days ago when she suffered an attack of pneumonia.

The daughter of the late Simon and Betty Brown Jones, Mrs. Lilley was born in Jamesville Township 81 years ago last August 9. She spent her entire life there, living the role of a true Christian character and living happily and peaceably with her neighbors and hosts of friends. She was a member of the Christian church at Jamesville for a long number of years, her religious life being marked by its sincere devotion to the finer ideals and Christian traits.

In early womanhood she was married to W. Buck Lilley, who gained recognition in the milling industry as superintendent of the old Astoria mill of the Dennis Simmons Lumber Company, near Jamesville, for 35 years.

Two sons, Messrs. Bennie Lilley, of Jamesville, and Herbert Lilley, of Williamston, survive. She also leaves a step-daughter, Mrs. S. S. Brown, of Williamston, and three sisters, Miss Nealy Jones and Mrs. Lula Spruill, both of Plymouth, and Mrs. Grady Brown, of Jamesville, and two brothers, Tom Jones, of Cottonwood, Arizona, and William Jones, of Jamesville.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the home of Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the family plot near the home.

High School Wins And Loses Debate

The Williamston High School debating teams won and lost yesterday morning in the triangular debates arranged by the North Carolina Debating Union of Chapel Hill.

Debating the query, Resolved, That the Federal Government Should Own and Operate the Railroads, the Williamston affirmative team of Billie Mercer and Joseph Thigpen defeated the Washington negative team of Reda Messick and Murray Hamilton, in Scotland Neck. The local negative team of Marjorie Gray Dunn and John Goff, Jr., lost in Washington to the Scotland Neck team, while the Washington affirmative defeated the Scotland Neck team in Williamston.

The debates which were held simultaneously yesterday morning eliminated the three schools from participation in the state contest in Chapel Hill, since to participate there both teams of a school must win in the preliminary. Judges' decisions in the debates were rather unusual, the affirmative team winning in each town by a vote of 2 to 1.

Local debaters, while winning only one decision, drew praise for their arguments and deliveries, and are being commended for very creditable representation of their school.

Arthur Bertolet, Mrs. A. J. Ossteen, and Rev. J. H. Smith judged the Washington-Scotland Neck debate held in the local high school auditorium.

School Boy Safety Patrol Enjoys Outing Yesterday

Members of the Williamston School Boy Safety Patrol enjoyed a wiener roast late yesterday in recognition for the splendid work which they have been doing during the school term. Seventeen boys enjoyed the spread but some slight difficulty was experienced in "filling up" the group. Plans were made for closing out the school year with a spread at which "plenty" will be guaranteed to all.

Tuberculosis Clinic Will Be Held in July By Health Specialist

Health Department Is Making Preliminary Tests This Week

Health departments have learned that the age most affected by tuberculosis is that called early manhood and womanhood. It is here that the disease takes its greatest toll. To prevent some of this damage we are going to offer to every senior in our high schools an opportunity to have a complete check-up regarding this disease. Every class will be visited this week and a tuberculin skin test done. If it is found positive an X-ray will be made by a specialist from the State sanatorium the first week in July.

The public has learned that early diagnosis is the most important step in the prevention and the cure of the disease and that skin test and X-ray is the only method to use in making such a diagnosis. The public has also learned there is no danger in a test in which tuberculin is used. Nurse Stanton visited the colored high school at Parmele and the white high school at Oak City Monday morning. Miss Robinson visited the Jamesville and Farm Life high schools yesterday, and the health officer visited Robersonville and Bear Grass. Wednesday morning all three will work in the Williamston high school.

A clinic will be held by the State tuberculosis specialist from the sanatorium the first two weeks in July. At this time an attempt will be made to contact all suspects referred by physicians, all arrested cases, all contacts of known cases and all who had had tuberculous skin tests which were positive.

We will keep freshly mixed tuberculin at the health department and invite all who are particularly interested in the disease to call for the skin test any Saturday morning provided they will return the following Monday morning so that results of the test can be read. All positives will be listed for further study by the specialist at the July clinic.

Funeral Services For Thomas Crisp In Oak City Today

Aged County Citizen Dies At Home of Son Last Night In Tarboro

Thomas C. Crisp, aged county citizen, died at the home of his son, W. T. Crisp, in Tarboro last evening at eight o'clock after a long period of declining health. Injured in a fall about two years ago, Mr. Crisp had experienced a gradual decline in health since that time. Going to the home of his son in Tarboro for a visit about two weeks ago, he became worse a day or two later, the end coming as a result of heart trouble.

The son of the late Thomas and Nellie Bowers Crisp, he was born in Pitt County eighty years ago. He spent his early life there, marrying at an early age Miss Willie Ann Whitehurst, of Pitt County. A number of years ago he moved to Martin locating in Parmele where he spent many years of his life. He was a builder by trade, and an industrious citizen. Held in high esteem by all who knew him, Mr. Crisp was for a long period a member of the Free Will Baptist Church. He was a God-fearing man, and valued the ideals of a Christian life which were instilled by his fatherly examples and teachings in the characters of five sons.

The body lay in state at the Biggs Funeral Home here last night and will be removed to Oak City where the last rites will be conducted by Rev. M. Leggett at 4 o'clock this afternoon. The funeral procession will form at the funeral home on West Main Street at 3 o'clock. Interment will be in the Oak City Cemetery.

Besides his wife, Mr. Crisp leaves five sons, Messrs. J. F. Crisp, a member of the Martin County Agricultural Conservation Association, of Oak City; W. T. Crisp, of Tarboro; L. C. and P. R. Crisp, of Parmele, and G. O. Crisp, of Emporia. He also leaves several grandchildren.

Louisburg Glee Club To Appear Here Sunday

Rev. S. J. Starnes, pastor of the Methodist Church, announces that the Capella choir of Louisburg College will present a sacred musical program at the Methodist Church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

The choir consists of 39 young people under the direction of Prof. Byerly. Dr. Walter Patten, president of the college, will accompany the choir here, and remain over and preach at the evening service at the local church.

Either the choir or Dr. Patten will also preach at 3:00 o'clock at Holly Spring Methodist Church.

The public is cordially invited to all these services. The Wednesday evening prayer service will be held at the church tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Work On Census Gets Underway Here Today

Mrs. Rose Gurganus Starts Work In The Home Of A Neighbor

Census To Know All When Count Is Completed In Nation

Mrs. Rose Gurganus, census taker for the Federal government, launched the count of noses and a survey of important facts here this morning when she called at the home of a neighbor and filled in a form about a yard wide and almost as deep. During the remainder of this month Mrs. Gurganus will visit every home in Williamston, seeking information not for personal reasons but to formulate a mass of data that might be used in determining the course of government during the next few years.

Ten other census takers were to have started the work in the county this morning, unofficial reports stating that delays were being experienced in some cases. The cooperation of all the people in Martin County is earnestly solicited for the enumerators.

Anxious to avoid errors and fill in the forms properly, Mrs. Gurganus was off to a fairly slow start this morning, the first two returns requiring well over an hour. While the forms appear a bit complicated, it is believed the enumerators will soon master the questions and handle the job efficiently and with dispatch.

The population schedule will dominate the census in the towns along with a housing survey, but in the rural communities the agricultural census is proving quite a task for the census people. The population census asks: address, number in family, value of home, names, ages, color, sex, marital status, education, place of birth, place of residence on April, 1935, employment status, occupation and allied questions.

The housing survey calls for a description of the home, number of rooms, baths, facilities and allied questions.

The agricultural census is all-inclusive, and the farmer will save the census taker much time if he counts his chickens, places a value on them along with all livestock. In fact, the agricultural census wants to know everything about the farm, its value, number of acres cultivated, acres lying idle, size of pastures, woodlands, value of buildings, ownership, value of tools and machinery, debt status, number of days farmer worked off farm for income, farm expenditures, number of workers, crops harvested

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Water Tank Bottom Almost Falls Out

Town authorities acted just in time last week to keep the bottom of the municipal water tank from falling and wrecking the system. Bringing in a special crew from Memphis, Tenn., the authorities are having the tank repaired with a twenty-year guarantee. At their regular meeting last evening, the commissioners discussed the cost and made arrangements to withstand the shock. The cost will exceed \$1,000 possibly.

The regular board meeting last evening was an uneventful one, the commissioners discussing old business and considering very few new matters. A request to pave Park Street from Williams to Warren and to pave the street to the graded school building, and an appeal for an improved sidewalk on East Academy Street were received. Committees were named to consider the requests.

No material progress has been made during recent weeks in advancing the cemetery project here, but titles to the land are being cleared and work on the project will go forward as soon as possible. The board was advised that an application will possibly be filed with the Reconstruction Finance Corporation to finance a proposed water-sewer project here.

Work Progressing On Basket Factory

Work on the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company's new plant near the Roanoke River here is progressing rapidly. Building Contractor F. B. Birmingham stating today that construction work on the first unit will be completed within sixty days.

Plant Manager C. E. Williams stated this morning that machinery would start moving just as soon as a road to the site can be completed. No date for starting operations has been definitely mentioned, but plans call for the completion of the project within the next three and one-half months.

The concrete for the foundation is being poured today. Several men are said to have already applied for jobs in the plant.

ORPHANS COMING

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class, offering an entirely new program and a changed personnel, will appear in annual concert in the high school building here on Friday evening, April 26, it was announced today by a member of the Skawarke Lodge, sponsoring organization.

A thoughtful people is urged to keep the date in mind, avoid as far as humanly possible any conflicts and hear the youthful singers when they come here the latter part of this month.

Work Of Chamber Of Commerce Is Reviewed Friday

Committee Named To Make Plans For Summer Trade Event

Holding their quarterly meeting in the agricultural building last Friday evening, members and directors of the local Chamber of Commerce heard a review by the secretary of the organization's activities since it was created several months ago.

In a brief outline, the organization through its secretary and respective committees was instrumental in getting an improved mail service. The local postoffice will receive out-going mail until 6 o'clock each evening.

Appeals for improved parking regulations received prompt attention when the commissioners had parallel line painted on Washington Street.

A very encouraging report on the dollar days held last month was heard.

Considerable work has been done in inviting tourists to this section, and some results are now being observed.

The organization sponsored the Boy Scout Campore here during the past week-end and made many young friends for the town.

A vote of thanks was extended Mr. G. H. Harrison, president of the Chamber of Commerce, for handling the requests and working with the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company in locating their plant here.

An unusual trade event is being planned for the early summer months here by the organization, and Messrs. Charles Bowers, D. R. Davis and F. J. Margolis were named on a committee to advance plans for the event.

The organization instructed Secretary Billie Clark to get in touch with the Goldman Package Company authorities and help them meet any needs that might arise for rooms and houses.

Education Board In Regular Meet Here

The Martin County Board of Education met in regular monthly session here yesterday with all members present. Aside from receiving an appeal from Everetts citizens to have their high school re-established, the board handled very few business matters.

A resolution was passed authorizing the chairman to direct a petition to the Works Progress Administration for the construction of a vocational agriculture building in Oak City. The board proposed to construct a building similar to the one recently completed for the vocational agriculture group in Robersonville. The building at Robersonville was constructed for about \$5,500, the WPA and the county sharing about equally in the cost.

Agronomist Will Address Farmers Thursday Night

Agronomist Collins, of State College, is scheduled to address the Farm Bureau Federation forum in the county agricultural building Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, the office of the county agent announced today.

Mr. Collins, who recently addressed Bertie farmers, will center his talk on peanuts, it was stated. In addition to the peanut topic, the forum is expected to consider the proposal to adopt a one-variety cotton for Martin County. Both of these topics are quite timely and should prove of considerable interest to Martin County farmers.

Definite plans have been advanced for pushing the one-cotton variety movement in the county, and a review of the progress made in that direction is expected at the meeting Thursday. All farmers are invited to attend.

Everetts Citizens Work To Get Back Their High School

Will Carry Appeal To State School Commission at An Early Date

Supported by a large majority of the patrons in the district, interested Everetts citizens will at an early date appeal directly to the North Carolina State School Commission for the reestablishment of a high school in the Cross Roads metropolis. Preliminary plans for carrying the appeal before the commission were advanced as a mass meeting of more than 100 people in the Everetts School auditorium last Wednesday. Strong support was given the movement there, and yesterday a special delegation appeared before the county board of education in the first official step to get a hearing in Raleigh. Messrs. Gordon Bailey, Herman Williams, Herbert Roebuck, W. F. Crawford, Jesse Keel and J. Q. Patrick, appeared before the board and asked that arrangements be made for a hearing before the commission.

T. B. Atmore, of this district, will be contacted immediately by county school authorities in the interest of arranging a meeting date with the state commission for the Everetts delegation.

T. B. Atmore, district member of the commission, is being asked to arrange a hearing for the Everetts delegation. According to unofficial information reaching here, preliminary plans advanced by the Everetts citizens call for a strong appeal to the State commission. "We are planning to take every high pupil in the district with us when we go to Raleigh to place our case before the State school authorities," an Everetts citizen was quoted as saying.

Everetts citizens frankly admit they are battling against possible odds, but they reason that the wishes of the patrons and most, if not all the pupils, should be given much consideration.

At the present time, the district is sending around seventy high pupils to the Robersonville school daily. Several others are attending school in Williamston. "We have an average-size seventh grade this year, and we believe we can boost our enrollment to almost 100 pupils," a spokesman for the movement was quoted as saying. It is also contended by the instigators of the movement that the school will rank in size ahead of Farm Life and Bear Grass, that the attendance requirement of sixty pupils could be met with pupils to spare.

A movement was started several years ago to have the high school department reestablished in Everetts, but it failed. Now the Everetts citizens are claiming a larger number of pupils, and pointing out that the request is not unreasonable.

Commissioners In Uneventful Meet

The Martin County Commissioners were in an uneventful but long drawn-out session here yesterday when they heard a varied program of motions, discussed a number of matters but took action in such a small number of cases that a single page would hold the minutes. Commissioner C. C. Fleming was held at home by urgent business, but the other commissioners, R. A. Haislip, R. L. Perry, C. Abram Roberson and J. E. Pope, were present and rode out the long session.

A goodly portion of the morning was spent hearing reports submitted by the various departmental heads. No startling revelations were found in the monthly recordings.

Proving unusual character and supported by citizens of the community, J. C. Council, colored man of the Hassell section, had his beer license restored. The commissioners revoked the license a month ago. In restoring the privilege to retail beer, the commissioners directed Council to close his dance hall and turn off his nickelodeon each Saturday midnight and keep them silent until the following midnight.

The board went on record as recommending that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over and maintain a certain road in Williams Township, leading off Highway No. 64 and continuing via Williams Colored School, Clinton Jones', Katie Lanier's, Wiley Lanier's and others to Griffin Island Road, a distance of one and one-half miles. There are ten families living on the road.

Charlie Moore was said to have asked appointment as constable for Williamston Township. Action was deferred.

Drinks Liquor, Oak City Woman Goes Nearly Crazy

Said to have drunk some poisoned liquor Sunday night, Lucy Mae Dickens, young Oak City colored woman, was reported almost crazy yesterday. Two persons found it difficult to hold her at times, the victim screaming with pains in her stomach and begging permission to roam the woods. It was stated that Berthena Station, colored, gave the Dickens woman the liquor.

No warrant had been procured in the case late yesterday, and officers had not completed an investigation of the case.