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## Native Of County Dies At Daughter's Home Last Tuesday

### Funeral Services Held Near Jamsville Wednesday for Mrs. J. W. Roberson

Mrs. J. W. Roberson, well-known Martin County woman, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Stubbs, in Dunn last Tuesday following a long period of declining health. Infirmities of age and complications were given as the causes of her death.

The daughter of the late Wrighter and Emma Davis, Mrs. Roberson was born in this county, near Jamsville, on February 23, 1853. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Roberson, lumber company superintendent, who was killed in a railroad accident 31 years ago. She spent most of her life in the old home community, but in recent years she had lived with her children and visited extensively with other relatives in this State and in Virginia. Up until the death of her son, Elmer, in Hopewell, Va., last February, she made her home with him in the Virginia city. Since that time she had lived near Jamsville and had spent much time visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hardison in Williamston. About three weeks ago she went to Dunn to live with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Stubbs, and grand-daughter, Mrs. James W. O'Dell. Weakened by her advanced age of 87 years, her condition became worse a few days ago, the end coming gradually.

When a young girl she joined the church at Jamsville, her life being marked for its true and Christian-like character. Mrs. Roberson, in addition to the numerous duties in the home which she handled so ably found time to administer to needy humanity.

Her work as a thoughtful neighbor is tenderly recalled as it was handled during times of stress and adversity in the years that have gone. Though her experiences were trying during the war and in the construction period that followed, Mrs. Roberson never complained, but looked on the bright side of life, encouraging the weak and reserving any criticism of others. Her walk through life was humble in the sight of the Almighty and before her fellowman.

Funeral services were conducted at the old homeplace, near Jamsville, Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. D. W. Arnold, of the family burial ground near the home.

Mrs. Roberson, the last member of her immediate family, leaves three daughters, Mrs. A. S. Brown, of Jamsville; Mrs. W. E. Stubbs, of Dunn, and Mrs. C. G. Bailey, of Washington. She also leaves sixteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Among those from out of the county attending the last rites were, Mrs. Ben Riddick, of Gainesville, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Spruill and son, Robert, of Creswell; Mr. and Mrs. Cushion Roberson, Mrs. Elmer (Continued on page six)

## Robbers Break Into Dixie Motors Plant Here Tuesday Night

### Attempt Made to Move Large Iron Safe From the Company's Office

Robbers, apparently ignorant of the weight of iron safes and working after a rather crude and careless fashion, broke into the Dixie Motors Company's garage on Washington Street some time during last Tuesday night. The entrance was gained through a rear window, the robbers breaking out a window light and reaching through to release the lock.

Going to the office, the robbers tackled the company's big iron safe. They moved it from the wall and rolled it about ten feet across the floor where they abandoned it. Officers, investigating the robbery, are of the opinion that the robbers had planned to roll the safe into the repair shop and burn a hole through the door with a torch. They are believed to have tired themselves out and quit. Apparently afraid to use the torch in the front part of the building, the robbers then turned to other items. One of the first things they made away with was a nice-sized watermelon which Manager William Everett was planning to take to his home. The rind and seeds were found in the middle of the floor of the repair shop. One of the investigating officers, was of the opinion that the robbers had planned to steal a truck, load the safe on it and carry the heavy money box away. A strong hoist is used in the building, and it is possible that two men could have loaded the safe had it been in reach of the lift.

The only thing missed from the building was a machinist's coat. It is possible that a few parts were stolen, but they could not be missed immediately. Manager Everett said, and added that daily deposits are made and that little cash was carried over in the safe from day to day.

## Californian Seeks Local Man With Unusually Long Name

In doing research work for his "Strange As It Seems," a nationally syndicated newspaper feature, John Hix ran across way out in California the unusually long name of a Martin County man. Anxious to verify the name, the curator directed an appeal to the Bureau of Vital Statistics here this week asking a certified copy of the man's birth certificate. Apparently the man was born before the bureau was established back in 1914, but reports state that a colored fellow in the county did bear or still bears the long name of "Frank Harrison President Of This United States Eats His Lasses Candy And Swings On Every Gate Williams."

Anxious to feature the odd name in his syndicated releases, Hix is asking the man or his relatives to appear before Register of Deeds J. Sam Getsinger at their earliest convenience and offer supplemental information. He also wants Williams' picture. Any information offered on Williams and his name will be acceptable.

Hix could also feature in his syndicated releases the carelessness surrounding the haphazard and incomplete methods of reporting vital statistics. Hundreds of birth certificates are incomplete because the district registrars did not or could not get the full names. Coming from all over the United States requests are received in numbers by the Vital Statistics Bureau for certified birth records. In many cases the records are incomplete and the information cannot be had, meaning possibly that someone could not get a job because his place of birth and age could not be established.

## Market Reports From Georgia Are Pleasing

### Legion Committee Makes Plans For County Fair Here

Meeting here last Wednesday evening a special committee of the John Walton Hassell Post of the American Legion advanced plans for holding the annual county fair here the first week in October. A. J. Grey, underwriter and a prominent member in Legion circles, will manage the 1940 exposition. The fair this year will have no connection whatever with the old North Carolina Fair Operating Company which has handled the annual event during the past five years.

The fair this year will be operated on a non-profit basis and will be strictly a home event, a member of the committee pointed out following the meeting held last Wednesday evening in the Legion Hut here.

Members of the committee attending the meeting were J. R. Winslow, the new commander of the post; Mack Wynn, Hugh G. Horton and J. E. Boykin.

## Judge H. O. Peele Hears Eight Cases In County's Court

### Colored Population Turns Out in Numbers for Monday's Proceedings

Judge H. O. Peele's county recorder's court attracted a large representation from the colored population last Monday when eight cases were cleared from the docket. Hardly more than half a dozen white spectators were in the courtroom for the proceedings. The session was fairly short, the judge and court officers clearing the docket and adjourning the session within two hours. No fines were imposed, but the judge threatened the defendants with road sentences.

Appearing in court on a former order, Andrew Minor, charged with non-support, was directed to pay \$3 a month for the support of his child during the next twelve months.

Charged with buying and selling scrap metal without proper license, W. K. Parker was directed to buy the required licenses, the court taxing the defendant with costs which were classed as simple by order of the judge.

The case charging James Joshua Meeks with violating the motor vehicle laws, was continued under prayer for judgment until the third Monday in October.

Pleading guilty in the case charging him with larceny and receiving and operating a motor vehicle with an improper license, James Warren (Continued on page six)

## Joint Installation Of Officers On Monday

The John Walton Hassell American Legion Post and Auxiliary are making extensive plans for a successful year in both the organizations during the new year getting underway next week.

## Former Hero Now Ranked As Chief Of Fifth Column

### United States Senate Doubts Lindbergh's Capacity As Defense Expert

Upholding Hitler tactics and urging the people of the United States to cooperate with Germany, Lindbergh fired off a bomb in the United States Senate with his Sunday speech in Chicago. On the same day General John J. Pershing who saw service in France, appealed to the American people to awaken to the grim situation facing the world and to send immediate aid to Britain.

Senator Claude Pepper, of Florida, pleaded with his colleagues in the Senate to evaluate the advice offered by the "ancient" hero and by General Pershing. His comments before the Senate with Senators Matthew Neely, of West Virginia, and Sherman Minton, of Indiana, offering contributions, follow:

Mr. Pepper—Mr. President, even for a period of a very few minutes I would be reluctant to take the time of the Senate in the consideration of the pending bill, which I realize, after all, is the best practicable way of getting toward the objective for which I feel such very serious concern, but I do not want this day to pass without making some comment upon an address which was made yesterday from the great city of Chicago on a great subject over the radio by Col. Charles A. Lindbergh.

As I understand the colonel's address, he started off fundamentally with the proposition that the action of the German government was largely justified because of the fact that Germany and the Central Powers were poor while the British Empire was rich and there had been a treaty of Versailles which gave also just cause for the course which has been followed by the German Chancellor and the German government.

Thereafter the colonel proceeded to the further point that it was pretty obvious that Germany was about to win the war and that the United States should adapt itself to a world in which Germany stood supreme so far as the continent of Europe was concerned.

Then the colonel suggested to his country that it should be willing to participate in some measures that would tend to bring about world peace.

Mr. President, I attribute to every other person in the whole United States the same patriotism and the same sincerity which any Senator upon this floor, or any other person, would claim for himself. It is perfectly understandable that men will have differences of opinion which are equally honest. I am not at all surprised that Colonel Lindbergh should find in the German people and in the attitude and policy of the German Government many things that claim his wholehearted admiration.

I regard the colonel as one of the men of remarkable genius that this generation has produced; but I suggest that it is a mechanical genius, a dispassionate genius, which has never been particularly noted for its sentimentality, its sympathy, or its human qualities. So I can well understand how the colonel might have been vividly impressed with the meticulous methods for which the German people are famous; that the marvelous organization which has been exhibited by the ruthless German military machine must have had a great hold upon his affection and his admiration; and that the thoroughness and the scientific attitude with which the German official mind approaches every problem and brings it into harmony and synchronization with other things certainly must have seemed to him as almost human perfection. But I was somewhat astonished that a man holding the position which the colonel holds would venture to say to the American people that the course of the German Government was justifiable and to give, by implication at least, his benediction to their brazen efforts to do what they aspire to do. He gave, as a suggestion of justification, the Versailles Treaty.

Mr. President, when Bismarck provoked the war with Schleswig-Holstein and took that nation's territory upon his own initiative there was no Versailles Treaty; when the same Bismarck, a little later, provoked an unjustifiable war with Austria, there were no Versailles Treaty; and when, in 1870, the German Chancellor, Bismarck, wilfully and cold-bloodedly, for the purpose of bringing on war with France, forged a telegram in order to inflame his people so that they would support war, there was no Versailles Treaty and Central Europe then was not a glaring example of poverty, while France and Great Britain were very glaring examples of bloated wealth and riches.

So, Mr. President, I can see running throughout the whole course of the German Government since Bismarck's day but one national ambition, namely, empire, conquest, gain, expansion by one doctrine alone—force; in all that time I have never seen the German Government stand before the world as an advocate of anything but force in the councils of men except for a short time while that government was a (Continued on page five)

## Local Interests Purchase The Modern Plant of the Columbian Peanut Company Here This Week

### Plight Of Britain Precarious As Aid Is Sought In India

The plight of Great Britain continues to grow as attacks continue to increase in intensity over a wide front, reaching from its home base on the Isles to far-away Egypt. The seriousness of England's plight is now expressed in a bid for India's aid in fighting off the attacks that are directed at the Empire units. India, with its teeming millions and her distorted economic conditions, has been offered free and equal dominion status if she will come to the aid of the British. The first bid is not being well received by Indians, and it is possible that England will have to continue alone in fighting everybody everywhere. There'll be the usual criticism and friendly advice coming from others who are hiding behind the last bulwark of humanity and freedom between the aggressor and this country.

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Other activities along the defense line are increasing. The Senate yesterday having approved the National Guard bill by a vote of 71 to 7. The bill empowers the President to call out the National Guard for service of twelve months.

The conscription or universal military service bill will go before the house next week, its passage being expected by the latter part of that period. The universal training will require every man between the ages of 21 and 31, inclusive, to register. It is estimated that twelve million men will fall into the draft, acceptance being limited to certain groups and relieving those of physical disability and those having dependents or whose services at home are vital to the defense program.

## Everetts Citizens Appeal For School

Appearing before the State School Commission in Raleigh yesterday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock, 12 or 15 Everetts citizens directed a strong appeal in behalf of having their high school re-established. While the outcome of the appeal will not be known within the next few days, one member of the group appearing before the commission stated that a strong case was laid before the school authorities and that the argument offered by Attorney Clarence Griffin, Paul Bailey and J. T. Barnhill was well received. The commission members were said to have been very attentive during the entire twenty minutes that the case was being heard.

Among those attending the hearing were Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Riddick, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Barnhill, Messrs. Paul and Gordon Bailey, J. T. and Garland Barnhill and Miss Thelma Peel.

An unofficial report maintains that the request has been denied, but school authorities in the county have not yet been notified of any such action. (Continued on page five)

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William D. Carmichael, Jr., who this summer assumed office as the new controller of the University of North Carolina, will get his first introduction to former students in northeastern Carolina counties and Tidewater Virginia when he will attend a luncheon round-up in Maneto, Saturday, August 17, as part of University of North Carolina Day on Roanoke Island. Carmichael will be the principal speaker at the luncheon. President Frank D. Graham will make a pre-curtain talk at the evening showing of "The Lost Colony" at Fort Raleigh, a performance to be dedicated to the University. Graduates of the University at Chapel Hill, N. C. State at Raleigh, and Woman's College at Greensboro are cooperating.

## Mrs. Stuart Taylor Dies After A Long Illness Near Here

### Last Rites Are Conducted At Roberson's Chapel Wednesday

Mrs. Stuart Taylor, respected citizen, died at her home near here on the McCaskey Road last Tuesday evening at 6 o'clock following a lingering illness. Mrs. Taylor had been in declining health during the past eight or nine years, spending much of that time in bed. Her condition became worse a few weeks ago, the end coming gradually.

Miss Laura Nicholson before her marriage, she was the daughter of the late Joseph F. and Martha Keel Nicholson. She was born near Williamston 45 years ago next month and lived in this county all her life. In September, 1914, she was married to Mr. Taylor and located in the Roberson's Chapel community where they lived for 24 years, moving back to her old home community about two years ago.

Mrs. Taylor was the first person to join the Presbyterian Church at Roberson's Chapel which was organized in 1931. She was a devoted member there, and attended services regularly and was loyal in its service until ill health forced her to retire. She was held in high esteem by all who knew her, and she was an understanding mother and a thoughtful wife.

Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs. Claudia Keel, four brothers, Messrs. Will, Luther, Eli, Joe and Grover Nicholson, all of Williamston, and two sisters, Mrs. Effie Gardner and Miss Myrtle Nicholson, both of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at Roberson's Chapel by her pastor, Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, assisted by Rev. J. W. Vinson. Interment was in the Taylor family burial ground in Williamston Township, not so far from Bear Grass.

## Pension Check Is Allegedly Stolen

Muriel Rascoe, 17-year-old colored youth, was arrested here this week for the alleged theft of an old-age pension check belonging to Mrs. Sallie Jackson Coltrain. Issued in the sum of \$16, or almost double the average for the county, the check was taken from the pocketbook of Mrs. Juanita Holliday Coltrain, an employee of the Martin County Welfare Department and daughter-in-law of Mrs. Coltrain. Rascoe is believed to have slipped into the office where the welfare department employee works and stole the pocketbook and check last Saturday during or just before the noon hour while she was out.

Apparently forging an endorsement, Rascoe cashed the check at the Martin and Elliott Wholesale Company store. Rascoe, at one time employed by the J. A. Leggett Grocery, went to the wholesale and stated that Mr. Leggett had sent him for a box of candy. He had made previous purchases and nothing wrong was suspected until the sheriff's office started an investigation and traced the check back to the boy.

## Plans Go Forward For Operating the Plant This Season

### Williamston Peanut Company Incorporated by Whitley, Green and Harrison

Organized this week by Messrs. Jesse Whitley, N. C. Green and G. H. Harrison, the Williamston Peanut Company is purchasing the local properties of the Columbian Peanut Company and making preparations for operating the large plant this coming season. It was officially announced today by one of the incorporators. Plans for operating the plant have not been completed in their entirety, but everything will be in readiness by the time the season gets underway in October. The operating personnel of the new firm will be announced within the near future, one of the incorporators stating that the company is making every effort possible to build up the marketing facilities for peanut farmers in this section and operate the large plant to full capacity.

Recognized as one of the best in the Columbia system and one of the largest in the South, the local plant is in excellent shape and ready for operation. It was constructed in 1930 and under the direction of Captain W. S. Pritchard it has been maintained in an unusually good state of repair. Captain Pritchard is retiring following a long period of service in the peanut milling business.

During the past few seasons, the Columbian company did not operate the local plant to capacity, and last year operations were limited to only a few weeks. Milling activities, for some unannounced cause, were handled in the company's various other plants. "We plan to enter the market in a big way this fall and handle around 200,000 or more bags of farmers' stock during the coming season," Mr. G. H. Harrison, one of the firm members stated.

Located in one of the best peanut sections in the country, the plant is recognized as one of this section's greatest assets. It employs over 100 workers, mostly women and offers a livelihood for numerous families who find employment virtually closed to them in most other industries.

Returning to a full-time operating schedule, the plant is certain to have (Continued on page six)

## Seek Aid Of Local Police In Curbing Fifth Column Work

### Peace Officers of This and Other Eastern Counties Attend FBI Meeting

That the fifth column and spy activities are far more numerous in this country than the average person suspects was indirectly intimated at a meeting of sheriffs, police officers and highway patrolmen held with Federal Bureau of Investigation representatives in the federal building at Elizabeth City yesterday afternoon.

Held behind closed doors, the meeting was said to have dealt with the spy problem and its possible solution, one unofficial report indirectly stating that it was beyond the power of the Federal Bureau to handle the enormous task without the help of local and county officers and highway patrolmen.

The meeting yesterday dealt with a cooperative plan for advancing a drive against fifth column activities and spy rings in the country. Local officers can tender a valuable service in running down clues and then contacting FBI agents for a complete investigation. It will be impossible for FBI agents to investigate every rumor and delve into the records of every suspicious person, the local officers were told in so many words at the secret parley. The local officers can make preliminary investigations and in those cases where there is cause to believe that something is wrong an agent of the government will be dispatched immediately to make a thorough investigation. Representatives of the government are being increased as rapidly as possible and a tentative working arrangement was said to have been effected by the FBI and local officers at the yesterday meeting.

It is understood that the meeting yesterday advanced the first plans for home defense, reports stating that soon after the passage of necessary laws, home-guard units of about 40 men in each county will be formed. Meetings similar to the one held at Elizabeth City are being held throughout the nation this week and next.

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