

Mrs. T. S. Hadley Dies At Her Home After Long Illness

Last Rites Are Held at Biggs Funeral Home Here This Morning at 10:30

Mrs. Tom S. Hadley, well-known citizen, died at her home on West Main Street here Sunday night at 11 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Unusually active for her advanced age, Mrs. Hadley experienced declining health a year or more ago, but the will to do something enabled her to remain by the simple home tasks that she cherished until about two months ago. Since that time she was confined to her room. Only a strong heart enabled her to combat the infirmities of age week after week, the end coming gradually following a relapse suffered the latter part of last week.

The daughter of the late Horace and Alvina Gurganus Ray, Miss Willie, before her marriage, was born May 29, 1859, on the vast Concho estate owned by her father at the time. When a young girl she moved with the family to Williamston and was married at an early age to George Taylor. A home was established in the old Biggs School House community where she spent a greater part of her life before returning to Williamston to spend her remaining days. Sometime after the death of her first husband, she was married to Mr. T. S. Hadley, who survives.

Mrs. Hadley was a faithful member of the Christian Church for a long number of years. A devoted mother and wife, she was a kind and thoughtful neighbor, giving freely of her time for her loved ones and others and asking little in return. Her life was marked by her gentle demeanor.

Besides her husband she leaves one son, Frank Taylor, of Richmond, by her first marriage, and two daughters, Mrs. H. Craig Chapman, of Chesterfield, S. C., and Mrs. George Steele, of Goldsboro, and one son, John Hadley, of Williamston, by her second marriage. She also leaves three brothers, Messrs. J. D. Ray and Sam C. Ray, both of Williamston, and Paul Ray, of Roanoke Rapids.

The last rites were conducted from the Biggs Funeral Home this morning at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville, a former pastor in the absence of Rev. J. L. Goff. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Local Lions Plan Active Club Year

Recently reorganizing their club, local Lions are anticipating an active year under the presidency of J. S. Starnes.

Following is a list of the officers and personnel:

President, S. J. Starnes; first vice president, D. V. Clayton; second vice president, Charles A. Leonard; third vice president, W. L. Howell; secretary, J. H. Edwards; treasurer, Irving Margolis; tail twister, Eugene Rice; lion tamer, B. F. Courtney.

Board of directors: Roy H. Ward, John W. Manning, and K. P. Lindsey.

Committees: Membership: Eugene Rice, Fred Taylor, Henry Manning. Attendance: Edwin Peele, W. L. Howell, Roy Ward.

Publicity: Charles A. Leonard, J. W. Manning, J. H. Ward. Program: W. H. Everett, E. M. Trahey, Ben Courtney.

Sight Conservation and Blind (Health and Welfare): Dr. E. T. Walker, Charles A. Leonard, A. J. Manning.

Finance: D. V. Clayton, Irving Margolis, J. H. Edwards. Entertainment: K. P. Lindsey, George Sfetos, Dick Elliott.

Boys and girls: Fred Taylor, K. P. Lindsey, D. L. Hayman. Community Betterment and Civic Improvement: Ben Courtney, C. A. James, Irving Margolis.

Tentative work programs and plans of action are being formulated by the new president and his fellow officers.

Unemployed Paid \$3,851.00 In July

Raleigh—Benefits to unemployed eligible workers in North Carolina amounted in July to \$505,486.61, included in 93,809 checks, distributed through the 46 white and 10 colored branch employment offices in the State—less 1,541 checks for \$13,930.50 sent to residents of other states who had previously established wage credits by work in this State, Chas. G. Powell, chairman of the N. C. Employment Compensation Commission, announces.

Cumulative benefits in the 31 months of distribution, through July amounted to \$15,408,734.85, included in 2,400,939 checks, of which 26,178 checks for \$287,576.82 went to former North Carolina workers later residing in other states.

The Williamston employment office distributed \$3,851.49 included in 736 checks in the month of July, while in the 31 months of distribution, 29,118 checks for \$169,381.59 were delivered through this office.

Denied High School of Their Own, Pupils Consider Strike

In a brief, stereotyped form, the North Carolina State School Commission yesterday denied Everetts citizens their request for the re-establishment of a high school in their midst. "After full consideration of the matter, the Commission denies the request for re-establishing a high school in Everetts," the short official note received by the county school authorities read.

The action of the commission closes all avenues, for the present at least, leading to the re-establishment of a high school in the county town and is in keeping with the policy of the State to maintain a strong consolidation program for its schools. The request was denied after the patrons had been assured the county would provide quarters for

the higher grades in the auditorium. Learning unofficially that the request would be denied, some of the pupils in the district last week-end were quoted as saying they would strike. The extraordinary action, according to rumors heard here, will be based on action of the group rather than on the action of a few. County school authorities offered no comment on the possibility of a students' strike, but it was pointed out that bus schedules will be arranged in accordance with the commission's announcement.

Indirect reports state that the commission, while supporting the general consolidation program, was of the opinion that the facilities available in the Robersonville plant would prove of greater value than an incomplete unit at Everetts.

Georgia Tobacco Averages Firm As Season Advances

Prices on Georgia tobacco markets continued firm as the selling period extended into a new week yesterday, late reports stating that averages over 18 cents a pound were common throughout the belt.

Official reports, released yesterday for the first two selling days of the season, state that the average was 18.94. Nearly thirteen million pounds were sold on the fifteen Georgia and two Florida markets during the first two days of the season.

Fancy sales were apparently few and far between, the price ranging from four to thirty cents. Most sales were made between 17 and 20 cents.

Population Gains Reported In State In Past Ten Years

Martin County Figures Jump From 23,400 To More Than 26,000 In Decade

Population gains were apparent on nearly every front especially in the larger towns and cities during the past decade, according to preliminary official figures released this week. Martin County's population count jumped from 23,400 in 1930 to 26,094 this year. The State gained 391,714 people in the period to boost its total population to 3,561,990. No breakdown of the population count is yet available, but unofficial reports place Williamston's head county at four short of four thousand. Town boosters say it will not be exaggerating to say that the population now is well over 4,000 since there has been an increase in the number of new residents and in births over deaths since the count was started last April.

The increase entitles the State to an additional member of Congress, giving it 12 members of the House of Representatives, and if Congress acts on reapportionment in time, the next Legislature another job of carving the congressional districts. The 1930 census gave the State an additional Congressman and resulted in a reshuffling of Piedmont counties.

The new population figures will also bring before the Legislature the Constitutional obligation of reapportioning the State for its representation in Raleigh, which was not done after the 1930 census.

The report, subject to minor corrections, showed Charlotte again as the State's largest city and the first to exceed the 100,000 mark, the Mecklenburg County seat, with a large corporate area, having shown phenomenal growth since 1900, when it was credited with only 18,091 inhabitants.

It also revealed continued growth in the Piedmont's industrial region and a large increase in the Capital City of Raleigh despite constricted corporate area which fails to include populous residential areas recently developed. Raleigh showed an increase of 9,261 persons for a total of 46,640.

Twenty-one of the 100 counties have populations in excess of 50,000, and there are 26 cities and towns with more than 10,000 inhabitants, the compilations show.

Storm Claims Many Lives In Two States

A tropical storm sweeping over the states of South Carolina and Georgia last Sunday claimed at least forty lives and left thousands homeless. Reaching a velocity of 75 miles an hour, the storm isolated whole sections, and the first authentic estimates of the damage are now just beginning to trickle out. There are quite a few sections yet unheard from, and it is feared that the life toll will mount as later reports are received.

Crops were wiped out in their entirety in some sections and in others the damage will exceed fifty per cent, early reports stated.

Candidate Wendell Willkie, Republican, Favors "Free Press"

Yet Same Presidential Nominnee Kills the "Chattanooga News"

An open letter to Wendell L. Willkie, Republican candidate for President, addressed to him by the Philadelphia Record at his home on Fifth Avenue, New York, reads:

"Who killed the Chattanooga News?"

"Published by George Fort Milton, the Chattanooga News was one of the foremost liberal newspapers in the country, and one of a very few papers in the South which opposed you and your Commonwealth and Southern Corporation in your fight with the TVA.

"Mr. Willkie, we ask you 'who killed the Chattanooga News' for two reasons.

"First, because at Cheyenne, Wyo., on July 23, you declared that a free and untrammelled press is one of the guarantees of democracy.

"Second, because the Tennessee Utilities Commission found your power company, Tennessee Electric, guilty on 917 counts of 'using unlawful devices' to destroy the Chattanooga News by illegally helping its competitor, which was 'friendly' to your interests. Tennessee Electric was a subsidiary of your Commonwealth and Southern.

"What is the truth, Mr. Willkie? 'Do you believe in freedom of the press for all of the press?'

"Or only for those newspapers who do not stand in your way or in the way of your corporations?'

"The public is entitled to a clear answer.

"You naturally know all the facts in this case, because the killing of the Chattanooga News took place while you were president of Commonwealth and Southern.

"Milton's paper first supported TVA, then favored a publicly owned power plant for Chattanooga. What followed? We refer you to the records of the Tennessee Utilities Commission, which show:

"(a) That your company withdrew its advertising from the Chattanooga News after a competitor, the Free Press, had been set up in business by a group of men whose chief stockholder was Silas Williams, an attorney for your Tennessee Electric Power Company.

"(b) That your company was found guilty of turning over to this Silas Williams the sum of \$10,000 'under the guise of counsel fees . . . all of which the said Williams shortly turned over to the Free Press in ostensible consideration for the issue to him of certain shares of stock.'

"(c) That your power company bought \$19,303 worth of advertising in the paper set up to fight the Chattanooga News, and paid an advertising rate 'far in excess of the regular rate' (about 25 per cent higher)—the only conclusion being that your company paid more than it had to as a subsidy.

"(d) That your company granted a 5 per cent discount on the power bills of the Free Press, even after they had become delinquent, and when, according to your company's advertisements, they were not subject to discount.

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County Officers Win Over Drunks

In their last week-end skirmish county and local officers scored a win over the drunks, the jail record showing six arrests. Four of the six were charged with public drunkenness, one for alleged drunken driving and another for possession.

A week ago, the drunks are alleged to have scored over the cops, one report maintaining that half a dozen staggered out of the path of the law during the period.

Activities along the general crime front were limited. A filling station robbery was reported at Robersonville and thieves were reported to have stolen a quantity of kerosene and gasoline from a road contractor between Robersonville and Parmele and between Robersonville and Everetts.

Triple-A Announces Conservation Rate Of Farm Payments

Increased Participation in the 1940 Program Necessitates Small Reduction

The Agricultural Adjustment Administration today announced the rates at which conservation payments under the 1940 AAA farm program will be computed.

Rates of payment and deductions under the Agricultural Conservation, Range Conservation and Naval Stores programs will be 10 per cent less than the tentative rates indicated last November. Those adjustments are necessary in order that the payments will not exceed the available funds.

The revision of rates was made under the provision that the rates of payment are subject to the appropriation available and to the upward or downward adjustment for participation by as much as 10 per cent.

In 1937, on the basis of similar provisions, rates of payment were increased 10 per cent; in 1938, no adjustments were necessary; and in 1939, rates were decreased 10 per cent on certain crops.

The use of a portion of the appropriation for the 1940 program for the completion of payments under the 1939 program was authorized by Congress. This transfer of funds was made necessary by larger than anticipated participation in the 1939 program and to cover advances in connection with the grant of aid and crop insurance programs for that year. The result was to decrease the amount available for 1940 program payments. This decrease in available funds and participation in the 1940 programs, somewhat larger than estimated, makes the rate revisions necessary.

Payments which are under \$200, after being computed at the revised rates, will be increased in accordance with the small payment provisions of the Agricultural Adjustment Act.

Parity payments which are made under a separate appropriation are not affected.

Will Hold Second Annual Pilgrimage To Moratock Church

Big Program Is Planned for Special Event August 18 Near Plymouth

Primitive Baptists and their friends from over a large territory are expected to attend in large numbers the one hundred fifty-fifth anniversary and second annual pilgrimage to the old Moratock church in Washington County on Sunday, August 18. Restored by popular subscription not so long ago, the old church forms a historic spot for this section of the State, and in addition to its religious appeal it is attracting much attention in the historical field.

A timely and unique program has been planned for the day by Elder W. M. Stubbs, pastor of the church, assisted by members of the Moratock Restoration committee. Elder Robert H. Boswell, moderator of the Black Creek Association, Wilson, will deliver the main sermon that morning at 11 o'clock. Lunch will be served at 12:15. John W. Darden, chairman of the restoration committee, will report on the progress in restoring the old church and improving the grounds to their former state of condition.

One of the features of the afternoon program will be an address by Colonel Joseph Hyde Pratt, of the University of North Carolina. Robert L. Thompson, news bureau manager of the Department of Conservation and Development, will also appear on the program. The principal address of the afternoon will be an address by Dr. C. C. Crittenden, secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission.

A general invitation is being extended the public throughout this section of the State to attend the event.

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SAFE?

Looking into the broad expanse of the Atlantic Ocean last Sunday for the first time, Farmer Herman Harrison of this county heaved a sigh of relief when he was informed that it was some 2,500 or 3,000 miles across. Heretofore admitting fear that Adolf Hitler would attempt to cross the "pond," Farmer Harrison is now of the firm opinion that the madman and his hordes will never be able to cross over and get us.

But just to Mr. Harrison's back was the Wright-Beacon, giving mute evidence to the airplane's invention. What appeared to be an obstacle in front might be overcome by the invention and other modern war methods in the rear. And Mr. Harrison and the rest of us may not be so secure, after all.

British Put To Test By Latest Nazi Raids

Great Destruction Reported As Nazis Increase Warfare

Battle of Britain Is Believed Now Headed For Final Showdown

The possibility of a German invasion of the British Isles was seen anew by some military observers today as Germany continued a relentless attack from the air and Channel coast batteries. While the claims have been conflicting, it is an established fact that both sides have suffered great losses, and that destruction in Great Britain is far greater than the British reports would indicate.

Flying in waves of 500 or more, German planes this morning struck at England from every direction, inflicting heavy damage upon vital military points, including naval bases and munitions plants.

Small towns in southeast England are said to have borne the brunt of the attacks, one report stating that a small town, the identity of which was not disclosed, had been virtually wiped off the map. British planes have caused considerable damage, but their activities are spread over a large area while Nazi raiders are centering their attacks along the Channel coast and on strategic military posts.

Unconfirmed reports state that land batteries, located between Calais and Boulogne, are taking part in the attack but without any great degree of success so far.

Attacks on shipping continue, and the plight of England can be readily seen there as she battles with one-tenth the number of destroyers in service during the last war.

There has been no hint from Berlin as to whether an invasion is to follow the growing air blitzkrieg, although the scene of the fiercest encounters in the Dover-Portsmouth sector of the channel coast indicated that it might possibly be the opening of a continuous air-bomb barrage to pave the way for invasion.

It is in that sector that Britain's army and navy are concentrated especially. Repeated Nazi attacks on England's major naval bases on the channel well might mean final preparation for an attempt to land troops.

Germany's objectives appeared to be three-fold:

To damage naval harbors and shore establishments in an effort to challenge Britain's sea control of the English Channel.

To weaken Britain's aerial defenses by damaging airdromes, destroying balloon barrages, silencing ground guns and attempting to wear out British pilots by forcing them to maintain 24-hour patrols.

And to bolster the morale of the German people.

This last aim was indicated by elaborate running accounts of the fighting carried by German radio stations.

Reports filed at 3 o'clock this afternoon stated that British fighters had downed eleven German planes today and lost three. Germany claimed that 64 British planes had been destroyed, twelve balloons shot down and six airplane hangars badly damaged. Germany also claimed that she had silenced ground defenses near Dover and had the supremacy of the air in that territory. In spite of all reports England maintained she was holding her own.

In Egypt, the British today claimed they had checked an Italian advance.

Over in Spain sentiment against England was increasing and some sources intimated that possibly a Spanish attack on Gibraltar could be expected shortly.

The seriousness around the Nation's capital today when there was strong talk of including Canada in the Pan-American union and selling Britain fifty or more destroyers.

Furious debate is being held on the conscription bill, and a vote on the question is not yet in sight.

Mount Olive Men Working In Plant

Forced out of employment when a plant closed down in Mount Olive recently, fourteen young men entered the employ of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company here yesterday. The additional workers, coming here with experience in basket-making, will materially step up daily production at the local plant one report stating that new jobs were created for the men and that replacements were not effected.

The names of the new workers are: Willie Davis, Lettis Mazingo, Jas. T. Davis, D. E. Davis, J. E. Ezzell, Edward Odum, Robert Herring, Jos. Kennedy, Raymond Gurganus, Alton Pope, Richard Godwin, Irving Padgett, Atwood Harris and Tommie Connor.

SPECIAL SPEAKER



Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina, will be the featured speaker at a special performance of Paul Green's "The Lost Colony," at Fort Raleigh on Roanoke Island Saturday night, August 17. The occasion will mark the 4th annual University of North Carolina Day, sponsored by Dare County graduates of the consolidated institution. The day's program gets underway with a luncheon at 1:30 o'clock in Manteo, and President Graham's talk will precede the evening performance, to be dedicated to the university. University graduates in northeastern Carolina counties and Tidewater Virginia are expected to attend in large numbers.

Peanut Program Will Be Discussed In Nation's Capital

Nearly 150 Representatives Will Attend Meeting in Washington

Edenton, Aug. 8.—R. C. Hoiland, president of the Peanut Stabilization Cooperative here, received word on Monday inviting him to meet with nearly 150 representatives of the peanut industry in Washington August 15, to discuss with Department of Agriculture officials the peanut situation and a possible diversion program for the 1940 crop.

Invitations to attend the conference were extended to members of four large cooperative marketing associations—Independent Growers, Millers, Shellers, peanut oil mill operators, and peanut product manufacturers.

These grower organizations have cooperated with the Surplus Marketing Administration in conducting diversion programs for the 1937, 1938 and 1939 peanut crops. Under the diversion programs, the grower organizations bought surplus peanuts from growers at prices designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and sold them to bidding crushing mills for the manufacture of peanut oil and meal.

Last year approximately 34,000 tons of 1939 crop peanuts were crushed for oil under the program at a total cost to the government of about \$700,000. Officials of the marketing division estimate that, as a result of the program, there was an increase in the income of peanut growers amounting to about \$8,000,000 for the 1939 crop. They also estimate that the diversion program in 1938 increased peanut growers' income between \$15,000,000 and \$18,000,000, and that in 1937 growers received about \$12,000,000 more for their peanuts.

Positions Filled In Local Faculty

The search for teachers to fill those positions made vacant in the local schools by resignations is about ended, Principal David N. Hix announced today.

Miss Madge Glazener, of Hendersonville, is to succeed Miss Irene Mizelle as home economics teacher, and Miss Kathleen Strickland, of Rocky Mount, is taking the place of Mrs. C. H. Godwin, Jr., as fifth grade teacher. Miss Glazener is a graduate of Meredith College and received special instruction at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, and comes here highly recommended. This is her first year of actual teaching. Miss Strickland is an honor graduate of East Carolina Teachers College, Greenville, and is teaching this year for the first time.

"We are still looking for a manual arts teacher and a mathematics instructor, but they are hard to find," Principal Hix stated, adding that the faculty would be complete with the election of those two teachers.

Legion Speaker In Favor of Universal Military Training

R. C. Godwin Addresses Martin Legionnaires Here Last Evening

Speaking before a large number of Martin County Legionnaires and members of the Woman's Auxiliary in the legion hut here last evening, R. C. Godwin, department vice commander, stated that he was in favor of the conscription bill now being debated in Congress. Mr. Godwin made it clear, however, that he was expressing his own personal views and not those of an official of the Legion. It was quite apparent that the personal stand taken by the speaker was endorsed by the Legionnaires.

Centering his remarks around the topic of general American Legion principles, Mr. Godwin said, "I have a boy 48 years old. I had rather see him drafted into service and trained rather than see him called into immediate service and sent to war untrained as many of us were more than twenty years ago."

Continuing he said, "Members of the American Legion through their training and experience gained in the last war are in a position to lend valuable aid in preparing an adequate defense for this country." He clearly intimated that the Legionnaires could be depended upon to do their part in any eventuality.

The joint installation of officers was interrupted, but the new Legion Post officers entered upon their duties last night. The installation service for the Legion Auxiliary officers will be held later.

Mr. Joe R. Winslow, of Robersonville, will head the Post as commander, succeeding Chief William Gray, of Robersonville. Other officers are Charles Davenport, Joe Ayers and J. E. Boykin, vice commanders; W. E. Dunn, adjutant; Arthur Roberson, sergeant-at-arms; Hugh G. Horton, service officer; H. U. Peel, guardianship; M. A. Elice, chaplain; P. M. Holliday, historian; Bill Gray, athletic officer; Bob Taylor, club welfare; J. A. Ward, Americanism; J. S. Gelsinger, graves registration; W. O. Griffin, employment officer; Mack Wynne, membership chairman; J. A. Ward, chairman, sons of the legion; Hugh G. Horton, publicity officer.

Legionnaire Cunningham, a visitor in the county from Wisconsin, attended the meeting and briefly addressed the group.

Get Tots Ready For School Term

A timely warning was issued this week by Health Officer J. W. Williams to parents who are entering their children in the county schools next month. The new term opens on Thursday, September 5, and the time is short for the parents to get their children ready.

In connection with the health of school children, Dr. Williams said: "In about one month the school term begins. October, November and December are the months in which most of our cases of diphtheria occur. It is a state law that every child be protected against the disease by the time it is a year ago. Our school authorities are going to demand a certificate before admitting the pupil and the Board of Health is demanding at least two doses of toxoid before giving a certificate.

To begin the immunization now, the parent will not only have the child protected when our worst months come but they will save school days by having the certificate ready.

The treatments are free at the health department in Williamston every Saturday morning and every Wednesday morning at the health department in Robersonville. The toxoid is furnished free to the physician, if you prefer him to administer it for a small fee. Remember, every child a year old must have it.

You save time, money, school days and perhaps life by acting now.

Fire Bug Reported On Warren Street

Lou Moore, colored woman, and members of her family were smoked out of their Warren Street home last Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. Packing a burlap bag with straw, someone had fired the sack and placed it under the small home. The burning bag had filled the house with smoke and heated a small portion of the floor when volunteer firemen reached there.

The woman's daughter and husband had separated a few days ago and she had returned to her mother's home. It was intimated that he had planted the burning bag under the house. The theory was readily discredited by police. Another report intimated that the burning bag had been planted under the house in an effort to make trouble for the estranged husband.

While thankful they did not have to lay a long line of hose, fire department volunteers voiced the hope that if there was any grudge to be nursed it could be nursed at a more decent hour.