

Mary E. Thompson, 91 Years Old, Passes At Home Of Her Son

Was Widow of Late Englishman and Sea Captain During the Civil War

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Latham Thompson, well-known citizen of Robersonville and Martin County, died at the home of her son, Mr. Joe Thompson, Sunday, April 8th, at 3:45 p. m.

Mrs. Thompson had been quite ill for the past three weeks. She was 91 years old and her death was attributed to complications resulting from old age. Unusually active until last fall, she made her home with her son, Mr. Joe Thompson and daughter, Mrs. John Whitchard.

"She was a native of Martin County. In 1850, she was born in Williamston, and at the age of 13, married the late Captain Thomas P. Thompson, an operator of sailing vessels which plied the waters along the Atlantic coast during and after the Civil War. At the time of their marriage, Captain Thompson was 46 years old. He was an Englishman and the son of a prominent family of the British Isles.

For the past 50 years, Mrs. Thompson made her home in Robersonville. Despite her age, she was especially active and enjoyed the respect and friendship of a wide circle of friends. She was a loyal and faithful member of the Christian Church and attended regularly every service until illness prevented her active participation in religious activities.

Funeral services were conducted at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John Whitchard, Tuesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. Rev. J. M. Perry, her pastor, officiated. Interment was made in the old cemetery here.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. John Whitchard and Mrs. Ed Roberson, of Robersonville; three sons, Joe Thompson, of Robersonville; Andrew Thompson, of Rocky Mount; and John Thompson, of Scotland Neck.

Williamston residents who remembered Captain and Mrs. Thompson, stated that Captain Thompson was a very prominent Mason being directly responsible for the organization of Skewarkee lodge in Williamston. He was also instrumental in organizing the Masonic lodge in Hamilton.

Bids For Surfacing Several Streets To Be Received Soon

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and other facts subject to approval by the State Board of Health. If an adequate supply is not available there and health requirements cannot be met, the contractor will continue at his own expense to make as many tests as are necessary in finding a proper location for the well.

The new well is to have a capacity equal to that of the three combined wells now being used at the municipal water plant.

Town engineer, Henry Rivers, was instructed at the Wednesday meeting to prepare cost estimates and advertise for bids for surfacing several local streets, including Warren, Ray, Smithwick, Grace and a block on Elm Street and Marshall Avenue.

The bids will be advertised within the next two weeks, and it is planned to launch the project as soon as possible thereafter.

Preparations for the street improvement project are now underway. WPA and town forces are making individual connections ahead of the pavers. A water line on Grace Street is to be lowered and a sewer line will be laid on one block in Smithwick Street. Grading work will likely be started within the next week or ten days, according to R. E. Manning, superintendent of the water and street departments.

Alfred Strawbridge, of Norfolk, is here spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Strawbridge.

Good-Will Beauty



Elected "First Lady of El Salvador" in a popularity and beauty contest, Ethel Canessa will represent her country on a good-will tour of other Central American republics. She is a member of one of El Salvador's richest families.

Mrs. Cunningham To Head Woman's Club

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Club Wednesday, Mrs. E. P. Cunningham was elected president. She has been one of the most loyal members ever since the club's organization and the membership was greatly gratified that she accepted the presidency for the coming two years. Mrs. F. M. Manning was elected second vice president, and Mrs. Daisy W. Pope, corresponding secretary, unanimously.

The treasurer reported \$82.00 on hand and Mrs. W. K. Parker reported \$14.65 cleared on the recent art exhibit. This money will be spent for a picture for the grammar school.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, retiring president, brought up several questions to be discussed by the club and it was decided to sponsor clean-up week with Mrs. N. C. Green and Mrs. Cunningham, chairmen. They suggested a program of beautification, on which is planting of dogwood and honeysuckle on approaches to town. They reported that the A. C. L. and State Highway had agreed to assist whenever they could.

Members were asked to carry magazines to the club rooms to be sent to Fort Bragg. The key can be gotten from Mrs. L. T. Fowden to get in the room. Every member of the club is asked to do this and others may bring them and the club will be responsible for getting them there.

Mrs. H. L. Swan was appointed to see the WPA about redecorating the club rooms, to report at the next meeting.

An appeal was made to those who have any club dishes, especially the blue plates and cooking utensils belonging to the club to return them at once as the supply is so low it causes a great deal of borrowing to serve a supper.

Norris Tin Shop Moved To Old Buggy Factory

Mr. J. C. Norris, who for several years operated a tin and plumbing shop on Washington Street, recently purchased the old Martin County Buggy Factory, on Smithwick Street near the local Christian Church.

The building is being renovated, a cement floor has been laid and an office is being constructed, giving Mr. Norris all the floor space needed for a modern tin, plumbing and general repair shop.

Mr. Norris will, as in the past, make tobacco flues for the farmers of this section.

Mr. Iverson Skinner was in Richmond this week attending to business.

Messrs. Henderson Mizell and Henry Clyde Walters, of Jamesville, were business visitors here today.

Crowded Calendar Awaits Attention Of Superior Court

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was critically hurt in the accident. She is asking \$10,000 personal and \$5,000 punitive damages.

The next big suit is that of Willie Lee Chesson against the Town of Robersonville. Suffering a broken neck and other injuries when his car plunged into an allegedly unmarked or unguarded canal or ditch across a street of the town, the plaintiff is asking \$350 doctor's and hospital bill and \$10,000 personal damages. The accident took place on the night of October 15, 1940. A similar suit growing out of the same accident has already been settled in the courts.

There are quite a few damage suits on the calendar as a result of automobile accidents. Nellie Jones is suing for \$1,000 and Malinda Jones is asking \$5,000 damages of John W. Bellflower as a result of an automobile accident on May 2, last year.

Harvey Williams and wife, Naomi Williams, are suing William H. Roebuck for \$775 damages as a result of an automobile accident near Robersonville on September 1, 1940.

D. G. Matthews is suing M. M. Mills and Dr. Q. H. Cooke for \$500 damage alleged to have resulted from a woods fire carelessly started by Mills.

J. H. Manning and others in their case against Lela Williams Coburn is petitioning the court for sale of certain lands in Robersonville Township for division.

In the case of W. G. Peele against W. F. Upshaw, the plaintiff is suing to recover \$560.78 on an insurance contract.

Mrs. Sarah Copeland is suing W. R. Copeland for alimony.

Ollie Belch is appealing to the court in his case to recover \$60 on a note from Monroe Holliday.

Henry Brown and others are suing Jasper Anderes for possession of property belonging to the Church of God in Christ at Robersonville.

A boundary line dispute is involved in the case of D. G. Matthews against D. W. Downs, E. G. Anderson and F. U. Barnes.

J. K. Barrow is suing Nicodemus Barrow and the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company for the price of logs sold the lumber company by Nicodemus. J. K. Barrow is said to have deserted his family about 30 years ago. His son sold some timber to the lumber company. J. Knowlledge Barrow returned home and is now suing the company in an effort to get it to pay for the timber a second time.

In the case of C. B. Rogerson against C. H. Jenkins and Company, the plaintiff, a minor at the time, bought a car from the defendant, is asking that the contract be rescinded.

W. M. Long is suing Roy Clark, administrator, over a will or to recover \$1,475 spent in improving property formerly belonging to the late Mrs. Delia Clark.

Considerable time will likely be spent in hearing the case of Haywood Rogers who is seeking to have the will of his late father set aside. Lester Rogers is the proponent.

Lloyds of America is suing J. H. Everett for \$269.91.

The case of Goldie Hyman against Peter Hyman was calendared in the "big" court when a justice of the peace awarded the plaintiff a judgment in the sum of \$108.40 and the defendant appealed.

Dink Page, "allowing" he was poisoned by allegedly spoiled meat sold by the defendant is suing the Colonial Stores for \$1,000.

Henry Salsbury is suing John H. Everett in an effort to recover certain lands. Salsbury alleged he gave the defendant a deed to the land with the understanding that he was to get it back when he repaid a certain debt. He further alleges that he offered to pay the money, but was refused the land.

And then there's a case involving a cow. Mrs. Allie Taylor, according to the complaint, gave the defendant, G. D. Grimes, a cow with the understanding that she, the plaintiff, was to get the calves. The mamma cow finally died, and the claim is now advanced for the last calf. The case has been heard in the lower courts.

In the case of J. C. Miller against Sam Godard, the plaintiff claims that the defendant is in wrongful possession of a Boston bull terrier. A claim and delivery proceeding was instituted. In the justice of the peace court, Miller was declared owner of the dog. The defendant appealed and the dog case will be aired in the superior court.

Joe Bunting is suing Ben Roberson on a \$75 note and claiming interest thereon from December, 1939.

John R. Coltrain is suing George E. Roberson for \$30 damage, alleged to have been caused by the defendant's hogs. The plaintiff was awarded a judgment in a J. P. court and the defendant appealed.

Harry Jones is suing W. H. Carstarphen for breach of contract, the plaintiff alleged that he was directed to repair damages done to the river wharf by flood waters. Jones seeks to recover \$400 on the alleged contract, \$92.50 for the purchase of certain equipment, and \$108 for time lost while waiting on the defendant for definite instructions.

Banks To Observe Easter Monday As Holiday Here

While no general holiday will be observed, the two local banks will suspend activities for the day. The offices of the Virginia Electric and Power Company will close for the afternoon only. No holiday will be in effect in the schools and general business will continue as usual. The Williamston public library will observe Monday as an holiday.

IN UNCLE SAM'S ARMY



Leaving the county April 1, nine of the colored boys pictured above are now working for Uncle Sam in his army at Fort Bragg. Grandy Pemberton was rejected. The names, kneeling, left to right, Wesley Moore, Herbert Louis Peel, Samuel David Slade; standing, Ordele Litt, Thomas Lee Hawkins, Pemberton, Benson Swanner, John D. Gainer, Jesse Walston and Louis Riddick, whose face is partly hidden behind Walston's head.

U. S. Seizes Italian Ships



Following discovery that their crews were disabling the engines to make them useless in event of seizure, the Coast Guard placed armed guards aboard twenty-seven Italian vessels in U. S. ports from Boston to Portland, Ore., and the Panama Canal Zone. This airview shows four of the Italian vessels berthed in Port Newark, N. J., with Coast Guard ships in background. The ship in right foreground is the *San Leonardo*. The others are the *Brennero*, the *Alberto* and the *Aussa*. The action was taken under the 1917 Espionage Act, permitting seizure if foreign ships are wrecked, tying up American harbors.

PLANTING DATES

Dr. G. K. Middleton, professor of field crops at State College, has prepared a Spring Planting Calendar for the State, and he lists April 10 as the best planting date for corn in the Coastal Plain. For cotton, the best planting date is April 20 in the Coastal Plain. Peanuts, a Coastal Plain crop, can be set from April 15 to June 1, but the best planting date is May 5th.

British Are Facing Another Dunkirk In Balkans Today

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toward both of them and asked why they should wait longer to act. It was a gloomy picture Mr. Churchill painted, and he added that it was now fairly apparent that the war would finally be decided on the Atlantic.

Simultaneously with the Balkan blitzkrieg came a renewed drive from the air on England. However, the British were paying back blow by blow, the Germans admitting serious damage to the heart of Berlin.

Kiel and other German naval centers have been battered by the Royal Air Force. The big puzzle yet unexplained is the escape of the Rumanian oil fields. Possibly it is more advantageous for the British to destroy the output of the fields before it has been manufactured and stored in Germany.

In this country there has been an over-night push for hurrying up defenses and increasing aid to Britain. Greenland has been taken in under the wing of protection of the United States. A great deal of talk has been heard about the transfer of ten small coast guard boats to the British.

President Roosevelt today declared the Red Sea open territory, allowing American ships to carry supplies as far as the Suez Canal without violating the law restricting shipping to designated areas.

Families Improve Appearance Of Homes By Landscaping

Farm families are greatly improving the appearance of rural Lincoln County by landscaping their home grounds properly, reports J. W. Webster, assistant farm agent.

Grains

The combined acreage of four feed grains planted in 1941 will approximate 149,000,000 acres, a decrease of one per cent from the 1940 planted acreage if farmers carry out their March 1 intentions.

Columbus James, Martin County colored man, is receiving orders to report to the Baltimore board for service.

Series Of Meetings Will Explain Plans For Peanut Control

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ments and for diversion into oil of peanuts not needed by the edible trade. However, there was no regulation of marketings, and the acreage planted to peanuts increased steadily so that the 1940 crop was by far the largest in history. About one-third of this crop was diverted to oil in order to protect the price for edible peanuts. This made the cost of the diversion program excessive. Without the diversion program the farm price for the 1940 crop would have dropped sharply to about the level of the oil market price. It became evident that the diversion part of the program could not be continued without regulation of marketings, the recently approved legislation was requested by peanut growers and their representatives.

The main provisions of the law are: 1. Marketing quotas are in effect only if two-thirds or more of the peanut growers voting in a referendum approve quotas.

2. If quotas are approved a loan or diversion program, or both, will be used to stabilize prices.

3. If quotas are not approved, the law provides that there shall be no loan nor diversion program.

4. The marketing quota for each farm will be the actual production on the acreage allotment under the ACP program.

5. Peanuts marketed in excess of the quota will be subject to a penalty of 3 cents per pound, but payment of this penalty will not be required if the excess is delivered to an agency designated by the Secretary of Agriculture and sold at the current market price for crushing for oil.

Sunday School Class Has Fish Fry On The Roanoke

Members of the Junior adult class of the local Methodist Sunday school held a very enjoyable fish fry and muddle Thursday afternoon on a high bluff overlooking the Roanoke River near Hamilton.

Fried white perch and rock muddle, with all the necessary trimmings were prepared by and under the supervision of tobaccoist, Jimmie Taylor.

Approximately thirty members and guests of the class enjoyed the occasion.

Congressman and Mrs. Herbert Bonner, of Washington, visited here a short while last evening.

Mrs. Emmett Edwards and Miss Louise Edwards, of High Point, are spending the Easter holidays here with Mrs. W. A. Knox and family.

LIKE OLD-FASHIONED APPLE jacks? Try the Martin Open until 12 p. m.

Opening Fish And Seafood Market Here Next Monday

G. F. Fulcher, wholesale fish dealer of Bayboro, Pamlico County, will open a modern fish and seafood market in the building to the rear of Lawrence Peele's Jewelry Store, on Washington Street, Monday, April 14th.

Mr. Fulcher says he is coming to Williamston and opening a retail market as an outlet for the fish he buys and catches on the coast.

WANTS

WE PAY 70c CASH FOR CORN.—Williamston Hardware Co. a8-1f

MEN WANTED—18 TO 35. WORK in Southern Airplane plant. Must have finished 7th grade. Must take 8 to 13 weeks schooling. Must pay part tuition in advance, balance payable out of pay on job while earning 50c an hour and up. Write E. P. Hefner, Carolina Hotel, Raleigh, N. C. a11-25

BABY CHICKS—LARGE HUSKY chicks from N. C. and U. S. approved flocks only. All popular breeds. Hatches each Tuesday from modern electric incubator. Reasonable prices. Phone 307-6. Lancaster's Hatchery, Windsor. j24-1f

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wanted at once. Apply to Lilley's Laundry, Williamston. a11-15

BRUNSWICK STEW, BARBECUE, hamburgers, hot dogs and hand-made sandwiches. Try The Martin. Exum Ward.

COKE'S COTTON SEED FOR sale: 35 bushels on hand. Cleaned and treated. Price reasonable. W. M. Green, Robersonville.

FOR MAYOR

To the voters of Williamston: I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-nomination for mayor of Williamston subject to the convention to be held on the 17th day of April at the court house. If nominated and elected I promise to the people of Williamston to serve them to the best of my ability and take this means to thank you for your loyal support in the past. J. L. HASSELL.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE Having qualified as executor of the estate of W. H. Rawls, deceased, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before April 9, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment. This the ninth day of April, 1941. WILLIAM ALBERT RAWLS, Executor of the estate of W. H. Rawls, Deceased. a11-6t

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