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## FUNERAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. NANNIE Y. LEWIS

### Highly Esteemed Woman Succumbed To Long Illness, Thursday

Hundreds of relatives and friends gathered at the country home of the late James Thomas Lewis, Saturday afternoon, at 3:00 o'clock, to pay a last tribute of respect to the passing of his widow, Mrs. Nannie Yelverton Lewis, 68, a beloved and highly esteemed citizen of this community.

Mrs. Lewis died early, Thursday evening, after a period of five and a half years spent in a state of complete helplessness and a critical illness of a week's duration.

Final rites were conducted by Elder E. L. Cobb, of Wilson, pastor of the White Oak Primitive Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. E. S. Coates, Presbyterian minister of Farmville.

Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery, beneath one of the largest and handsomest floral tributes seen here.

Active pallbearers were nephews; P. D. Yelverton, of Selma; William Brake, of Rocky Mount; B. M., Sam and Albert Lewis and B. L. Lang.

A choir, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert C. Holmes, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt, Miss Patricia Corbett, Bill Morton and Charles F. Baucum, with Mrs. J. M. Hogood as accompanist, sang "How Firm A Foundation," "Rock of Ages" and "It Is Well With My Soul" at the home, and "Safe In The Arms of Jesus," at the graveside.

Mrs. Lewis is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Ellen Lewis Carroll, of Falkland, Miss Nancy Williams Lewis, of the home, and Mrs. Leonard O. Crawford, of Hot Springs, Ark.; two sons, James T. Lewis, Jr., of Washington, D. C., and B. F. (Jack) Lewis, of the home; three foster children, Miss Mary Ellen Yelverton, of Norfolk, Va., Jack and Billy Yelverton, of the home; a sister, Mrs. Gertrude Y. Lewis, of Farmville; four brothers, J. B., of Fremont, T. J., of Princeton, R. L., of Goldsboro, and G. I. Yelverton, of Selma. A son, Thomas Raymond Lewis, of Washington, D. C., died in 1935.

Mrs. Lewis was born August 14, 1877, the daughter of the late John Wright and Ellen Peacock Yelverton, of Fremont.

She was married April 29, 1902, to the late James Thomas Lewis, who died January 10, 1928. As a worthy and devoted helpmeet to her husband, she reared a family of six children and three foster children to occupy useful positions in this and other communities, exemplifying throughout the years the noblest characteristics of Christian motherhood.

She became a member of the Primitive Baptist Church, of Fremont in early girlhood and was among the most faithful members and loyal attendants of Damascus Primitive Baptist Church here, of the Meadow and White Oak Churches until her illness, and though an invalid, she often listened to the services from a car near a church window.

Gracious and hospitable in her manner, she had a host of friends in all walks of life.

### Betty Joan Walston Buried Here Saturday

Betty Joan Walston, 8, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Walston, of near Farmville, died Thursday, May 2, in Duke Hospital, Durham, as a result of severe burns received on Christmas Eve.

Funeral services were conducted, Saturday afternoon, at 4:00 o'clock, from the home, by Rev. James Evans, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Orphanage, Middlesex, assisted by Rev. M. L. Johnson, Free Will Baptist minister of Lenoora. Interment took place in Forest Hill cemetery here.

Surviving are the parents and a brother, Charlie Walston.

Betty Joan was a patient in the Pitt General Hospital, Greenville, for a period of four months following her accident, and during that time endeavored herself to the entire staff of doctors and nurses and many of the visitors and patients during her extended stay there.

### CAMPORER HALTED

Wilson, May 5.—Boy Scouts of the East Carolina Council who pitched their tents here Friday for a three-day camporee broke camp Saturday and headed for their homes, following cancellation of the event due to a continuing cold, drizzling rain.

Many of the Scouts, some 1,350 strong, quit their tents last night for the shelter of local tobacco warehouses, while a number spent the night in hotels.

Scout officials called off the event in the interest of the boys' health.

Real estate is going up rather rapidly, according to the experts, who believe that something happened when land values got too high. Those who were alive in 1933 know.

## CLOSING EVENTS SCHOOL PROGRAM BEGIN TONIGHT

Events connected with the closing exercises of the Farmville Public School will begin tonight with the presentation of a play, "Miss Westfield High" by the eighth grade under the supervision of Miss Bertha Lang, in Perkins Hall.

Events scheduled for next week include the presentation of pupils in a piano recital by Mrs. Haywood Smith, teacher, on Thursday night, May 16, and a Patriotic Pageant by the grammar grades on Friday night, May 17.

### Final Rites Held For Benjamin Bynum

Benjamin Bynum, 73, a life long resident and prominent farmer of Greene county, died early Monday morning at his home near Farmville, following an illness of several months duration.

Final rites were held from the late home, Tuesday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, by Dr. H. S. Hilley, president of Atlantic Christian College. Interment was made in Forest Hill cemetery.

Active pallbearers were; E. L. and W. A. Barrett, L. W. Andrews, Joe Henry Bynum, Jimmie Nanny and Bob Hinson.

A choir composed of Mrs. C. R. Townsend, Mrs. E. C. Holmes, Mrs. A. W. Bobbitt and Bill Morton, with accompaniment by Mrs. J. M. Hogood, sang "Sun Of My Soul, It Is Well With My Soul, and Safe In The Arms of Jesus."

Mr. Bynum, a son of the late John T. and Harriet Hines Bynum, was well known through Greene and Pitt counties. He was a member of the local Christian Church. He was never married.

Surviving are a sister, Mrs. Moses Turnage, of Bath, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Jack Wood, a niece, has lived in the home with Mr. Bynum for a number of years. Her mother, Mrs. Moses Turnage, of Bath, and Mrs. William Andrews, a niece, and a registered nurse, of Detroit, Mich., spent the past two weeks at his bedside.

Out-of-town relatives and friends attending the funeral were:

Mrs. William Andrews, of Detroit, Mich.; Mrs. R. B. Havens and sons, Dick and Jack, of Tarboro; Mrs. Hugh Sheppard, of Wilson; Mrs. Moses Turnage and daughters, Misses Margaret and Hattie, and son, James Turnage, of Bath; Misses Lucy and Christine King, of Louisburg; Mrs. Sallie Wood, and Mrs. Z. T. Lyons, of Goldsboro; Mrs. J. C. Exum, Mrs. W. W. Whittington, Mrs. Herbert and Mrs. Bill Sugg, and Mrs. W. Hart, of Snow Hill; Collier Turnage, of Washington; Mrs. Jack Shutter and Mrs. Charlotte Forrester, of Richmond, Va.

Woman's Missionary Society. The devotionals were given by Mrs. A. J. Melton and the program, by the Circle chairman, Mrs. J. W. Miller, and Mrs. Carol W. Modlin.

Plans were made to have red and white flowers placed at the Church entrance on Mother's Day.

The hostess, Mrs. Robert Fields, served a jello dessert with cake and hot tea.

Mrs. J. M. Melton, of Jacksonville, who is visiting her son, A. J. Melton, was a special guest at each of these meetings and received a cordial welcome.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary began its Monday evening meeting with prayer by the president, Miss Elvira Tyson. Mrs. Herbert Moore gave the devotionals from Matthew 25.

The program topic, "A Demonstrated Democracy," was developed by Mrs. M. L. Brock.

Plans for Focus Week, which begins Sunday, May 12, were outlined, with a special observance each day, a feature of which will be the Mother-Daughter banquet, scheduled for Tuesday evening at the Church.

The home of the hostess, Mrs. H. B. Humphrey, was attractively decorated with roses and sweetpeas.

Pecan pie, topped with cream, were served with leaf tea. Sweetpeas made lovely plate decorations.

Visitors included Mrs. Sam Hogood, Mrs. George W. Davis, Mrs. Robert Joyner and Mrs. E. W. Holmes.

### Christian

"Holy, Holy Is the Lord" was used as the opening hymn at the Woman's Council meeting, Monday afternoon, followed by prayer led by the president, Mrs. A. C. Turnage.

Members of Group 3, who presented the program, were Mrs. Robert Lee Smith, and Mrs. Clarence Moys, who gave the devotionals from the subject, "We Prove Ourselves."

The program theme, "Cycling Supervisors," was developed by Mrs. Ted L. Albritton, Mrs. H. D. Meye and Mrs. Ernest Russell.

At the next regular monthly meeting, which is the final one for the church year, new officers will be installed.

It was announced that Mrs. Jesse Meye will teach the Mission Study Class in June.



### Confederate Memorial Day will be observed here Sunday afternoon, May 12, under sponsorship of the Rebecca Winbourne Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Services will be held at Forest Hill Cemetery at 5:30 o'clock. Rev. E. W. Holmes will speak and Mrs. Haywood Smith will have charge of the music. Graves of Confederate veterans will be decorated by members of the Chapter.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

### June Rose Speaks To Legionnaires

Farmville Post American Legion held its regular monthly meeting in the Legion Hall Friday evening with 100 members present. A delicious barbecue supper was served by ladies of the Auxiliary.

Commander Carl A. Tyson called the meeting to order and turned it over to Comrade Paul E. Jones, chairman of the entertainment committee, who introduced Comrade June Rose, of Greensboro, past Department Commander of North Carolina, speaker of the evening.

Comrade Rose took us back over the past twenty-seven years, highlighting some of the accomplishments of the Legion especially in our own community and State. He urged as many of the young legionnaires as possible to attend the convention in Winston-Salem in June, that they may know, first hand, some of the principal things for which the legion stands. He also admonished the young men to prepare for leadership in the legion and in their communities in the near future.

Rose said "We did not lose faith in America after Pearl Harbor nor during any dark days during the war, we must not lose faith in her now." DEMOCRACY MUST LIVE. Comrade Jones also introduced Comrade Arthur B. Corey who spoke briefly saying, "We must re-weld our unity as Pearl Harbor welded us and must not allow our Democracy to fall apart."

Comrade R. D. Rouse, chairman of the nominating committee, presented for officers the following who were unanimously elected: Commander, L. P. Yelverton, of Fountain; 1st Vice-Commander, R. O. Lang, Jr.; 2nd Vice-Commander, Joseph D. Joyner; Adjutant, C. H. Teasberry; Finance Officer, C. F. Baucum; Chaplain, Rev. E. W. Holmes.

It was moved and carried that the present commander and the three newly elected vice-commanders become delegates to the convention at Winston-Salem and that they secure other delegates to make a total of seven for the post.

### THE BASEBALL CLUB OPENS '46 SEASON

The Farmville Baseball Club which has been active in the sports life of the community for the past three years has recently opened its 1946 season, the first game having been played at Red Lions.

Roland Butts is manager of the Farmville Club and Sam Hogood, assistant. Leading pitchers are Andrew Newman and Carl Shirley, Jr. The approximate 15 members are largely returned Service Men.

No gate admission is charged for the games. Basic expenses are defrayed by voluntary contributions.

This week end the local team will play Macleesfield, in Macleesfield Saturday afternoon and in Farmville, Sunday afternoon. Both games will begin at 2:30.

### LOCAL GOLFERS TRIM TARBORO

Farmville's golf team defeated the visiting Tarboro men 83-24 in the tournament play here Wednesday.

Liles shot low for the locals with 73, and Mohler for the visitors with 77.

The following Farmville men won 3 points: Bradham, Pollard, Pierce, Copenhaver, Ewell and Liles.

Arrangements for the match were made by Frank Allen, Captain of the day.

A fried chicken dinner was served in the club lounge, prior to the te-off.

Farmville golfers will play in Rocky Mount, next week, with Lath Morris in charge.

It is estimated by U. S. economists that this country will be able to meet only about 65 percent of foreign demand for American products this year.

The public can apply its own price control by buying slowly and wisely.

## CPA Recommends Seizure Coal Mines By Government

### Small Says Truman Now Considering Such Action; Also Pondering Request That Miners Return to Work for 30 Days to Replenish Vanishing Coal Stocks

Washington, May 9.—Civilian Production Administrator John D. Small said tonight that he has recommended federal seizure of the soft coal mines to head off an imminent industrial collapse, and that the government now is considering that action.

Another government source said that President Truman was considering asking for a 90-day moratorium in the mine strike to permit rebuilding of the nation's vanishing coal reserves. Under that plan, it was said, the union-management negotiators would continue their efforts to reach a settlement, and any agreement made would be retroactive to the date the miners went back to work.

Small said his seizure proposal was submitted to reconstruction Director John Snyder last Saturday, but that it neither has been rejected nor accepted so far.

Under Study. It was indicated that the question was being studied by President Truman, who sidestepped all direct press conferences earlier today. But Chicago's Mayor Edward J. Kelly emerged from a private meeting with the President and announced that Mr. Truman has worked out a "program" for settling the dispute in a "comparatively short time."

The President, Kelly told reporters, is prepared to take "militant action" if he cannot get the mines open by other means.

Kelly admitted, however, that he had no details of the President's plan.

Forceful View. But Small was blunt and forceful in his view that only federal seizure and operation of the mines could head-off a national disaster of the first magnitude.

He said he was confident that if the government seized the mines enough miners would go back to work to keep essential services functioning.

"I can't conceive our people striking against the government," Small told a press conference after issuing a detailed report on the widening effects of the strike on industry.

His report revealed that more than 1,000,000 workers already are jobless as a result of the coal shutdown, that scores of plants in all the basic industries are being forced to close and the complete collapse is not far distant.

"The drastic freight embargo effective tomorrow quickly will force the wheels of American industry to grind to a rude stop," he said.

He also recommended a six or seven months respite from strikes in basic industries, warning that the only alternative is higher prices, inflation and more governmental controls.

Breathing Spell. "Industry cannot operate on stop-and-go production. We've got to have a breathing spell—a holiday—from strikes . . ."

Small confirmed steps already taken by his office to limit use of electricity and manufactured gas in the Eastern states, and he cited those measures as evidence of the critical nature of the coal strike.

"We have reached a juncture where the coal mines should be seized," he said. "The government then should appeal to the miners to keep the mines in operation. The tragic effects of this continued strike are beyond belief."

Asked what should be done if labor refuses his strike-holiday plan, Small said he favored legislation to force its acceptance. He did not specify what type of legislation.

He conceded that the miners have some justified complaints in the present dispute, but asserted that their strike has reached the stage where it jeopardizes the entire country.

Small's opinion was echoed by other top administration spokesmen, including Undersecretary of Commerce Alfred E. Schneider, who said he believed UMW President John L. Lewis should submit all his demands to arbitration immediately.

The current stand of saw timber in North Carolina exceeds 41 billion board feet, approximately the yearly requirement of lumber in this country.

There are very few women who will not believe your assertion when you tell them that they look "stunning."

The fever of speculation is abroad in the land and before it is over there will be some patients in Farmville.

## CAMPAIGN STARTS MONDAY TOWARDS A CLEANER TOWN

### PROCLAMATION OF CLEAN-UP WEEK

J. W. Joyner, Mayor of the Town of Farmville, do herewith proclaim the week beginning May 13th, Clean-Up and Rat Eradication Week for the entire Town of Farmville.

Whereas, we have secured the services of Mr. H. A. Hendrix of the Pitt County Health Department to assist us in this worthwhile campaign, I hereby call upon every citizen of the Town of Farmville to support and assist in its efforts to make our town more beautiful and clean than ever before.

I further proclaim that a clean-up and rat eradication campaign would be of great benefit to the Town of Farmville, more especially the eradication of such rodents as rats for the prevention of disease carried by such pests.

Signed: J. W. JOYNER, Mayor, Town of Farmville.

### Kiwanians Entertain Ladies At Dinner

A fine spirit of fun and fellowship marked the semi-annual ladies' night observance given by the Kiwanis Club Friday evening.

The club lounge was attractively decorated with lovely roses in mantel and floor basket arrangements, bowls of panicles used with trailing ivy and lighted white tapers on the tables, and arrangements of peonies. A delicious turkey dinner followed by ice cream and cake was served at seven o'clock.

President Charles S. Hotchkiss presided and opened the program with the group singing "America," led by Edgar Barrett with Mrs. Elbert C. Holmes as piano accompanist, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The invocation was offered by Lewis W. Allen and a moment of silence was observed in memory of Kiwanian Jack Lewis' mother, Mrs. Nannie Y. Lewis, who passed away the previous day.

Words of welcome, expressed by W. Alex Allen, were responded to, in her usual charming manner, by Mrs. R. E. Pickett.

Frank K. Allen, program chairman, spoke briefly after which the group sang "The More We Get Together." Mrs. Sam D. Bundy, of Farmville, and Mrs. Jasper Hicks, of Henderson, wives of the guest speakers, were recognized after which Mr. Bundy, immediate past governor entertained with a number of humorous anecdotes.

Continuing along this line, the present Governor, Jasper Hicks, spoke briefly and then concluded his remarks in a more thought provoking mood bringing out the strong points of Kiwanis, what it means to its members, the privilege of being a member of this organization and noting some of its outstanding accomplishments.

Following a brief intermission dancing was enjoyed. Arrangement committees for the evening were Mrs. E. C. Copenhaver, Mrs. Robert Monk, Mrs. Ernest Petteway, Mrs. George Allen, decorations; Charles Edwards, Bill Garner, Sam Lewis, house; Louis Williams, Ben Lewis, Ben Lang, Rod Williams, food; Robert Monk, George Allen, Ernest Petteway, dance; Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Zeb Whitehurst and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Copenhaver, reception.

### ATTEND DISTRICT MEET

Among those attending the annual meeting of the Seventh District, Carolinas Kiwanis, held Monday evening, in Goldsboro, were the following local Kiwanians, Hubert Joyner, Louis Williams, Alex Allen, C. S. Hotchkiss, John D. Dixon, George Allen, Ernest Petteway, Frank Allen, Bill Garner, Seth Barrow, Rev. Earl Holmes, Zeb Whitehurst, Lewis Allen, Howard Mays, Ted Albritton and R. C. Copenhaver.

Lt. Gov. Harvey Gurley, of Goldsboro, presided. The address of the evening was given by Gov. Jasper Hicks, of Henderson. C. S. Hotchkiss, president of the Farmville Club, responded to the welcome.

### RECEIVES DISCHARGE

First Sergeant J. T. Windham is at home, having received his discharge at Fort Bragg May 1, following two years service, eleven months of which were spent overseas, where he saw duty in the Philippines and Japan.

He arrived in the States, April 28, at Seattle, Wash.

Virtually all North Carolina cattle packers have discontinued meat slaughter because they contend that present price controls prohibit any profit.

The average American gets 2,300 calories per day per person. The average European now receives less than 2,000 calories in food each day.

### Plans Based On Cooperative Efforts of Town Officials and Citizens

Officials of the town administration have announced that the week of May 13th has been designated as CLEAN UP WEEK FOR FARMVILLE, and Mayor J. W. Joyner has issued a proclamation in this connection. Extensive preparations are now being made in regard to Clean Up Week, and the Board is appealing for cooperation by the entire citizenship, a very necessary prerequisite for the success of the campaign.

The assistance of H. A. Hendrix, Greenville Sanitarian, has been secured for Farmville's Clean Up drive and the town pledges its best efforts in a general campaign and in keeping Farmville clean.

Householders and business men are requested to clean up their premises and place trash and other debris in containers so that they may be collected by the street department. Attention is called to the fact that overloaded garbage and trash containers cause street cleaners and collectors double work and so the use of adequate containers will be one way in which individuals can speed the campaign and further the Clean Up plan.

Water-tight garbage cans with close fitting lids are the only safe solution to the home garbage problem.

Street Supervisor Berry Taylor invites cooperation from the public and pledges the best efforts of his department in keeping Farmville clean.

Believing that along with the eradication of breeding places for flies and mosquitoes, the extermination of rats is of prime importance to the people of Farmville, the Board has ordered a supply of poison for this purpose.

Check your premises and see if you can answer "yes" to the following questions:

1—Is your garbage in a covered can?

2—Do you keep garbage receptacle clean?

3—Are your premises free of weeds, tin cans, rubbish, rat harborage?

4—Do you consider your premises in a clean and tidy condition?

If you cannot answer "yes" to every question, see that you do so by next Saturday and you will have done your bit towards making Farmville a healthier and more beautiful town.

Make your premises so clean that you will welcome the inspection committee and be pleased with its report of conditions noted.

### At The Rotary Club

The Rotary Club had as guest speaker, Tuesday evening, Mrs. B. E. Fields, who talked on Home Demonstration Work, a timely subject in keeping with the state wide observance of the week as Home Demonstration Week.

Mrs. Fields, a former member of the Farmville Home Demonstration Club, told in her own inimitable manner, of the progress of this work and the phenomenal increase in membership in the last few years. "The program," she said, "is designed to fit every farm family for the task of home making, and through the Home Demonstration Clubs, thousands of farm women have had their outlook on home life changed completely."

Mrs. Fields took the occasion to express appreciation to the Farmville people for their assistance in the building of the club house on the Fountain highway and bespoke a continuation of this cooperative spirit.

The speaker paid a lovely tribute to Miss Verona Lee Joyner, Pitt County Home Demonstration Agent, who has rendered a signal service in this section during the years she has held this position.

"Turkey" Willis, as program leader, presented Mrs. Fields.

Frank A. Williams presided and called for reports from John Mewborn on activities in connection with the beautification of the school grounds; from Ed Nash Warren in regard to the Boy Scouts and their recent Camporee, held in Wilson, and from Paul Ewell on attendance averages.

Rotarian Martin Swartz, of the Greenville Club, was a special guest.

### FREE CLINIC

The local Health Officer wishes to call attention to the fact that a free Tuberculosis Clinic will be held in Dr. R. T. Williams' Office in Farmville, Friday, May 17, from 2 to 4 o'clock.

The Clinic will be conducted by Dr. Williams. Patients both white and colored from any part of Pitt County are eligible to attend the clinic.

This is one of the regular monthly clinics held in Pitt County and is made possible through the Tuberculosis Christmas Seal Sale.

Everybody thinks the anti-trust laws should be amended to include whatever they happen to be doing.