

Hoke leader, Mrs. Cameron dies

Mrs. Florrie Cameron, who is credited with initiating the school lunch program in the Hoke County schools, died Sunday at the age of 92 after a long illness.



Mrs. Florrie Cameron

Mrs. Cameron was also instrumental in getting the Hoke County Health and Social Services departments started. She was named Mother of the Year in 1963 by the Raeford Woman's Club. She was a founding member of the club.

Although she was born in Moore County, she was a true native of Hoke County, moving to what is now Raeford in 1898 at the age of seven, 13 years before the county was formed.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 4 p.m. by Rev. Arthur Winstead in the Raeford United Methodist Church, which she helped to rebuild after it was destroyed by fire in the 1950's. Burial was in the Raeford Cemetery.

She was the widow of the late Hugh Archibald Cameron.

"Miss Florrie" as she was affectionately called by her close associates as well as the rural population with whom she worked, served as president of the County Council Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), chairman of the Welfare Department and president of the newly organized Woman's Club. Mrs. Cameron also instigated and promoted the idea of serving hot soup to all the hungry school children of the county.

The project took roots and grew rapidly. By 1928 every school child in the county was getting a free bowl of hot soup for lunch.

The improvised "soup kitchens" were a forerunner of the present day school cafeterias.

Hoke County was one of the first two counties of the state to introduce "soup kitchens" in their schools.

Under her leadership community canning centers for the schools were organized throughout the county. Thousands of cans of vegetables were canned annually for the use of the schools and welfare clients.

Every summer for more than a decade, Mrs. Cameron hauled a steel drum on the bumper of her car which was loaded with pots, kettles, pans, cans, and all of the utensils needed for her "open air cannery" and traveled to the various communities where canning was to be done.

While "Miss Florrie" supervised the canning projects, she didn't go into a community as a "white collar boss" - she went with her shirt sleeves rolled up and ready to tackle the job at hand.

Mrs. Cameron whose work was contributed to the people of the county out of the goodness of her heart, also worked for children through and with the Health Board.

1936 and a fully organized Health Department around 1942."

Today every school in the county has a "A" grade cafeteria, and the county has a well organized and fully staffed Welfare Department and also, a well-equipped Health Center.

During the war years "Miss Florrie" served as vice-chairman of the county chapter of the American Red Cross, and for a number of years she led the membership drive for the organization. She sponsored several first aid classes and served as chairman of the Sewing Room. In addition to these she organized two USO units in the county.

Mrs. Cameron was the daughter of the late Thomas Benton and Mollie Johnson Upchurch of Raeford, but originally of Wake County. She was a descendant of Joel Lane.

She was the oldest child in a family of nine children.

"Miss Florrie's" father was in the lumber business, but through the years his interests grew and included farming, real estate and industry in several other states as well as North Carolina.

Mrs. Cameron's parents helped build the first Methodist Church in Raeford which burned a few years ago. Her family have been leaders in church work through the years.

When the new Methodist Church was built "Miss Florrie" according to her former pastor, the Rev. P.O. Lee under whose ministry the new church was built, contributed her time and abilities unselfishly in directing the work connected with dinners and other projects which the church held to raise money for the building fund.

Through the years she has served her church in various capacities from Sunday School teacher to the Board of Stewards.

She is survived by three sons: Tom U. Cameron of Raeford, Hubert A. Cameron of Raeford and Donald B. Cameron of Raeford; two daughters: Mrs. Marie Cameron Brown of Raeford and Mrs. Florence Cameron Weaver of Raeford; one brother: T.B. Upchurch Jr. of Raeford and two sisters, Mrs. Maude U. Lewis of Raeford and Mrs. Bennie Lee McGee of Raleigh; 14 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Crumpler Funeral Home assisted the family.



Not for long
Over two weeks of beautiful, warm weather put spring into motion in many places in Hoke County and in the area. Last Thursday, the cherry trees at Hoke County High School were in full bloom, but that may not last long if the 20° cold weather that hit the area Monday night stays around. Soon we will be seeing leaves, but the flowers will have died.

Deaths & Funerals

Margaret E. Smith
HAVELOCK -- Margaret Elizabeth Smith, 16, died Sunday, March 17, in an automobile accident in Havelock.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Annunciation Catholic Church in Havelock by the Revs. Henry Witten and Alan Leach.

Burial was at the Martin Memorial Gardens in Williamston. Survivors include: her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Smith, formerly of Raeford, and one brother, Paden, of the home.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to the Margaret Elizabeth Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund

at the Havelock High School where Miss Smith was a junior.

Damaris Ferguson

Funeral services for Mrs. Damaris Ferguson, 28, of 796 Bunce Road, Fayetteville, who died March 14, in N.C. Memorial Hospital Chapel Hill, were held Sunday, March 17, in the Reilly Road Church of God of Prophecy. Rev. Rayfield Thomas officiated.

Burial was in Silver Grove Cemetery.

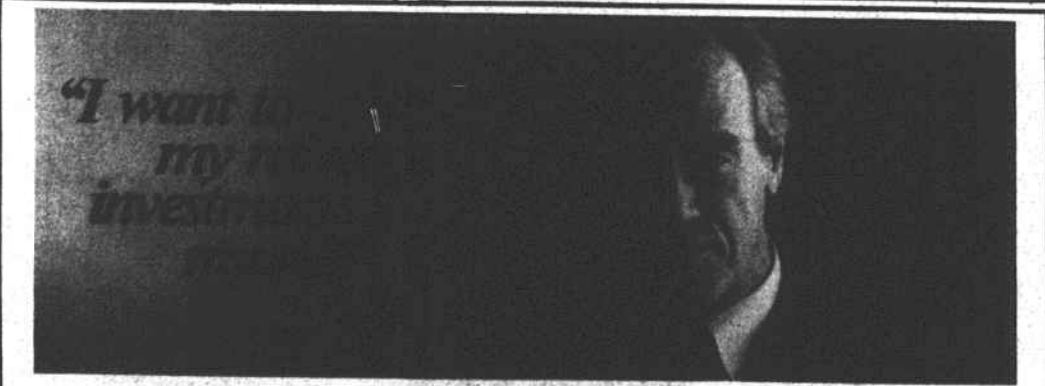
Buie Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. She is survived by her husband,

Rex Jackson and one daughter and one son, Sheree Jackson and Rex Jr. of DuFuniac Spring, Florida; Six sisters, Alice Dales of Alexandria, La., Teru Johnson of Raeford, Spec. 4 Michele Suo of Germany, Marcia Alexander of Fayetteville, Nicole Ferguson of Nashville, Tennessee, Eva Ferguson of the home, five brothers, SSgt. Elzabad Ferguson Jr. of Elsworth AFB, S.D., Dr. Deonessus Ferguson of Ft. Campbell, Ky., Ivan Ferguson of Rapid City, S.D., Sp4 Harold Ferguson of Ft. Bragg, and Stephon Ferguson of the home and her grandmother, Mrs. Rosa Monroe of Raeford.

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