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## Future Farmers Hosts At Banquet

Nearly Hundred In Attendance at Affair Held in West Edgecombe

With nearly 100 persons in attendance, members of the West Edgecombe chapter of the Future Farmers of America entertained their fathers and guests at a father-and-son banquet at the West Edgecombe high school.

Those heard on the program included N. E. Gresham, Edgecombe county superintendent of schools; N. B. Chestnut, district supervisor of agriculture; Leslie Calhoun, Edgecombe county, and Dr. W. W. Green, Tarboro, both of the board of education; M. A. Capps, chairman of the local school committee; Dr. C. H. Peters of Rocky Mount; and G. Peacor, principal of the West Edgecombe school.

"We're following the right course toward solving the problems of the country today," declared Superintendent Gresham. "We are developing a better and more scientific group of farmers... than we have ever had before in the history of the nation."

Mr. Chestnut pointed out the enrollment of 10,000 vocational agriculture students in the state and 150,000 in the nation as evidence of the steady growth of the Future Farmers of America, saying that "our boys need to be trained to solve our problems."

Mr. Calhoun, prominent Edgecombe planter and member of the board of education, in praising the school, averred, "We cannot all go to college and be professors, but we can become good farmers."

## John Wesley Bone Succumbed Tuesday

John Wesley Bone, a well-known retired farmer of the Oak Level community, died Tuesday afternoon of pneumonia, at home, in spite of his 83 years, he was active until a few days before his death.

Funeral services were held from the Oak Level Baptist church, Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by Rev. Guy E. Moore, pastor, assisted by Rev. L. D. Hayman of the Nashville Methodist church.

Bone was the last Confederate veteran of Nash County. He was a member of Company 1, 30th regiment. He enlisted at the beginning of the war and surrendered at Appomattox. During the war he was wounded twice, once in the hand, and once in the chest.

In 1868 he was married to Zillah Prigden of Nash County, who preceded him to the grave 23 years ago.

Surviving are two sons, J. M. and R. E. Bone of the Oak Level community; two brothers, J. M. Bone and T. A. Bone of the same community; and the following grandchildren: Walter J. Bone, Nashville; Charles Wesley Bone, Raleigh; Elsie Bone, Whitakers; Elaine Daughtridge, Belmont; and John A. Daughtridge, a student at Wake Forest College; and five great grandchildren.

## Mrs. J. H. Lanier Passed Away Sat.

Mrs. J. Henry Lanier, 66, Edgecombe County resident of the Pleasant Hill section, died at home shortly after midnight Saturday morning.

Mrs. Lanier, who before her first marriage was Molly Boyd, of Nash County, was buried in the Brako Cemetery in Edgecombe County Sunday. Funeral services were conducted from the home at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon with Elder A. B. Denson, Primitive Baptist minister, officiating.

Surviving are her husband, J. H. Lanier, five sons, James L. Joe S. and Bernice Lanier; one son by a former marriage, John Harper, and one stepson, Ed Lanier, all of Rocky Mount; two daughters, Mrs. A. M. Daughtridge, here, Mrs. G. C. Daughtridge, New London, Conn. two brothers, John and Will Boyd of New Bern, and one sister, Mrs. Laura Harrell, of Goldsboro.

## Mrs. Hoblitzell Died Monday

Nashville.—Following funeral services conducted here from the home of her nephew, Bruce J. Downey, Miss Stella A. Hoblitzell, 86, who died Monday, was laid to rest in her native State, the Green Mount Cemetery of Baltimore, Maryland.

Although a native of Maryland, Miss Hoblitzell had made her home here for the past fourteen years.

She is survived by one niece, Miss Marianne Nelson of Lynchburg, Va., and three nephews, Bruce K. Nelson of Covington, W. Va., Bruce Hoblitzell of Louisville, Ky., and Bruce J. Downey of Nashville.

Funeral services were in charge of Rev. Francis Craighill of the Rocky Mount Episcopal church, Rev. L. D. Hayman of the local Methodist church and Rev. S. T. Habel, Jr., pastor of the Enfield Baptist church. Pallbearers were: L. L. Davenport, W. J. Bone, J. N. Sills, P. H. Bunn, S. C. Cockrell and C. L. Benson.



Here is a view of the City of Rocky Mount float as it appeared in the 1935 Gallopade parade. The float was the grand sweepstakes prize winner. The Queen of Gallopade rode in this float.

## Stunt Night Staged Here

Eighteen Special Performances Given For South Edgecombe Association.

Macesfield, April 13.—Eighteen stunts were given Stunt Night just held here for the benefit of the South Edgecombe Athletic Association.

Five outside organizations competed, namely, the Presbyterian Auxiliary of Pinetops, Presbyterian Auxiliary of Macesfield, Methodist Missionary Society, of Pinetops, Christian, Missionary Society of Macesfield and the Pinetops Book Club. The Christian Missionary Society of Macesfield presenting "The Kitchen Orchestra with the Chorus Sextet," was chosen winner.

The seniors, juniors, sophomores and freshmen were in competition, the sophomores winning with "The Haman Ford."

Individual stunts were presented by Evelyn Webb, Frank Batts, Norris Crisp, William Phillips, Agnes Dunn, Joseph Owens, and the Pinetops Toy Orchestra. William Phillips giving Mrs. Jot Harper's Favorite Selection" was judged best.

Judges were R. L. Corbett of Macesfield, Will Cobb of Pinetops, and W. W. Eagles of Crisp. Miss Ruth Roberson of the high school faculty was supervisor.

## Francis Williams Dies In Hospital

Former Newspaper Editor And One Of Davidson's Oldest Alumni Succumbs Here

Francis Marion Williams, 81, former newspaper editor and publisher at Newton and more recently an Asheville resident, died at a local hospital where he had received treatment for about ten days.

Mr. Williams, a native of Gaston county and editor of the Newton Enterprise until some years ago, was believed to have been one of the oldest living alumni of Davidson college. He was graduated there in 1897, and went to Newton shortly afterward where he ran a newspaper for about 35 years.

A short funeral service was conducted from Bulluck's undertaking parlor with Reverend Norman Johnson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, officiating. Final services were conducted at Newton Tuesday at 3 P. M., and Rev. Mr. Johnson was one of the officiating ministers there.

Mr. Williams had prostatic hypertrophy, and entered the local hospital March 30.

He was engaged in newspaper work for more than a quarter of a century and was postmaster at Newton during the administration of the late President Woodrow Wilson. He lived there from 1879 to 1928 when his wife, the late Mrs. Fannie Ransom Williams died. Some time afterward, he went to Asheville to live with R. R. Williams, well-known attorney who is his son.

He had been spending part of his winters here and had come to Rocky Mount this time about December, 1935, entering the hospital March 30.

Two of Mr. Williams' editorials found their way into the democratic party national handbook about 1916.

Besides R. R. Williams, Mr. Williams leaves five other sons and daughters, M. M. Williams, Lenior city manager; D. M. Williams, of Durham; Mrs. H. L. Hicks and Fannie Williams, both of Rocky Mount; Mrs. Carl Thompson, of Davidson; and Mrs. M. B. Adderholt, of Shelby, Mississippi.

He was the last of a large family, offspring of the late William Williams and Susan Williams, of Gaston county, and was a widower.

## Not Above Criticism

The two Parties of this country, Democratic and Republican are made up of the individual voters of this country, and while the parties may be right, as we have always thought and believed, that the great principles of the Democratic Party are eternal and right, yet we know at times the individual gets out of line, and we do not agree with the thought expressed by some Democrats and some Republicans that if a man says he is a Democrat, his acts should not be criticised by a Democrat or if a man is a Republican, that his acts should not be criticised by a Republican.

The life-giving and vitalizing spirit of the Democratic Party is that Democrats disagree among themselves on principles, and in this contention, neither one has the right to read the other out of the Party. Neither one of the Parties are above criticism because they are run by human beings and at times these human beings need criticism—constructive criticism.

## NEED SPECIAL SESSION—NOW

While we have urged heretofore that the Legislature should be called into extra session immediately to meet the requirements of the new Agricultural Act, we deem it of sufficient importance to call to the attention of the public again, the necessity of the Governor calling an extra session of the Legislature immediately.

The farmers should not lose this year's tobacco and cotton crop by failure of taking advantage of this law. With quick action, there is plenty of time.

## Commerce Body Young People To Hold Banquet

League Convened At New Bern; Plans Made For Summer Conference

New Bern, April 13.—Miss Peggy Zerbach, of Rocky Mount, was elected president of the Young Peoples League of Albemarle Presbytery at a meeting here attended by 90 representatives from the Presbyterian churches in the region.

Miss Zerbach succeeds Miss Virginia Hayes, of Wilson, who was elected last April for a two-year term but who resigned because of the pressure of her private duties. High tribute to Miss Hayes and also to Miss Eleanor Shelton, of Washington, also retiring from young peoples leadership after five years of active service, was paid by Rev. Z. T. Piephoff, of Wilmington, chairman of the committee to direct young peoples work in the presbytery.

Plans were made for the summer conference of young people to be held at Neuse Forest near New Bern Reports were given of the local organization. Chief speaker was Dr. B. K. Tenny, of Atlanta, secretary of stewardship of the Presbyterian general assembly, who spoke on stewardship upon his introduction by Rev. R. E. McClure, local minister.

Presiding was Miss Hayes, who also responded to the address of welcome extended by Miss Catherine Latta, local president. Short talks were made by Misses Faith Whitlock of Tarboro; Mary Herring of Wilson; and Shelton, of Washington. Luncheon was served in the Sunday school building.

The banquet will be held in the banquet hall of the parish house of Calvary Episcopal church, starting at 7 o'clock.

From "Under the Dome" News & Observer

WAGON—Wake County has voted for only one winning candidate for Governor in a Democratic primary since 1916, and that one was unopposed. In 1932, Wake backed Richard Tillman Fountain. O. Max Gardner had no opposition in 1928. Further back, in 1924, the county went for Josiah William Bailey by a small majority; Angus W. McLean was elected. And in 1920, Wake supported Gardner, who was defeated by Cameron Morrison. It was in 1916 that the county backed a winner, Governor Bickett.

## Tarboro Girl Is Struck By Truck

Tarboro, April 11.—Anne Rhodes, 14, of this city was in a critical condition with injuries received when a truck hit her late Friday. Confined to a local hospital, the girl took a turn for the worse today after being thought at first not seriously hurt. Physicians planned to X-ray her skull which they said possibly was fractured.

John H. Everette, Conetoe youth and driver of the truck, was ordered to police court Monday morning to answer reckless driving charges. State Highway Patrolman Otley Leary, who investigated the case, said although the truck had good brakes, it traveled 210 feet after striking the girl. She was struck as she attempted to cross a street on the outskirts of town.

## Negro's Body Is Recovered In Tar

David Leach, Alleged Still Operator, Dead Several Months, Found In River: Here

A Wilson county Negro identified as one who jumped into Tar river at Coopers township January 21 as two Nash ABC board employees were endeavoring to arrest him as an alleged liquor still operator has been taken out of the Tar river at the dam at Rocky Mount mills here, drowned.

David Leach, the Negro, was discovered only Friday evening by Glyde Blanchard, a local boy, who saw a body floating, face downwards, down the river. He notified police and later Chief O. P. Hodges and Police Officer R. L. Rogers went to the river bridge to attempt to identify him.

The swollen condition of the river prevented anyone's reaching him at first, although efforts were made to recognize him by using field glasses.

Finally Sunday afternoon, as a crowd variously estimated at from 1,000 to 2,000 came and went, the Negro's body was taken from the river at the dam where a small body of rocky land came above water level.

Fire Chief J. R. Sorsby, aided by several firemen, got in a boat and went to the little strip of land to get the body which the wife of the dead man later identified apparently.

Assistant Police Chief P. C. Zimmerman and Police Officers Rogers, H. N. Hedgcock, and Motorcycle Officers J. B. Robinson and G. N. Williams were at one time engaged in handling the crowd and keeping the road cleared. The crowd was composed of both Negroes and whites and was said by officers to have totaled at one time between 1,000 and 2,000 persons.

A corner's jury, empaneled by Nash Coroner M. C. Guley, of Nashville, came to the verdict that no evidence of foul play existed, that the Negro, a former employe of the Norfolk-Southern railway company, had come to his death by drowning.

On the jury were P. D. Yates, here; G. E. Yarboro, here; G. M. Shaw, near here; Jerry Smith, Nashville; Eddie Edwards, between Red Oak and Nashville; and Millard Braswell, Castalia.

It was understood the body was rather badly decomposed, but the jury indicated it found no signs of violence having been exhibited on the Negro, who was 38.

On January 21, M. A. McLin and Cuthrell Cooper were raiding in Coopers township, came on a 80-gallon outfit and several hundred gallons of beer. They saw the Negro, whom they were going to arrest as the operator of the still. He was ordered to stop reportedly but as they tried to get him he jumped into the river, which was unusually high following heavy rains. This, so far as was learned, was the last time he was seen until the local youth saw him Friday.

## Samuel E. Perry Is Buried Here

Former Local Architect Died In Norfolk, Va. Hospital

Samuel E. Perry, 56, former local architect and a first class telegraph operator, was laid to rest in a local cemetery following Christian Science services, held here.

The service was a Masonic funeral.

Mr. Perry who until four years ago made Rocky Mount home, died early Sunday morning in a Norfolk, Va. hospital where he had been for about sixteen years.

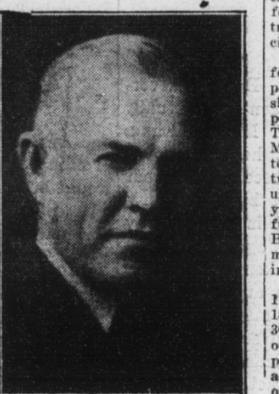
He belonged to the Memphis, Tenn., Blue Masonic lodge and had received some higher Masonic honors at Wilmington.

Services were conducted from the home of Mrs. Eva S. Harris, mother of Mrs. S. E. Perry, who was May Dee Harris before her marriage.

Besides Mrs. Perry, Mr. Perry leaves one child, little Ava Louise Perry, and a sister, Mrs. Thomas Bass, of Nashville.

## Gallopade Dates Are Set 1936 Edition May 27-28-29

## J. W. Grissom To Run For Judge



Mr. Grissom, when seen by the reporter, stated: That in announcing his candidacy for Judge of the Recorder's Court of Nash County he does so of his own volition and not at the behest or urge of friends as is so often stated by candidates in announcing for public office. He states, however, that he would not be so ungrateful as not to express here his very great appreciation for the many offers of support that they have come to him from friends throughout the county since indicating his intention to seek the nomination. He states that he is seeking the office for two reasons, namely: (1) honor that it carries and the salary that it pays.

If nominated and elected he promises to endeavor to try and to decide each case by the evidence introduced from the witness stand according to the rules of law and evidence then prevailing, and will at all times refrain from usurping the powers of the legislature by attempting to amend the laws or change the rule of procedure. He states that it is his understanding of the law that no person can be brought in court to stand trial for crime except under warrant duly issued or by bill of indictment found by the grand jury, and most certainly not by motion as now practiced in some of our courts. He does not believe that the machinery of the criminal courts should be used for the collection of money for civil debts; neither does he believe that it should be used as a 'club' to prevent any person from availing himself of a civil remedy at law. He states further that he believes, and it shall be his purpose, if elected, to dispose of the cases coming before the court with as much dispatch as possible, in order to relieve both litigants and witnesses of the tremendous loss of time now experienced in many of our courts.

Mr. Grissom says that his qualifications to discharge the duties of the office are, of course, to be decided by the voters in the primary. He was born and reared on a farm in Vance County, North Carolina, moved to Nash County in early childhood, where he continued to work on the farm until grown. His education was acquired by his own efforts, having read law under private instructors for sometime, completed his law course at Wake Forest College, and located for the practice of his profession in the city of Rocky Mount, where he has had experience in both State and Federal Courts.

Mr. Grissom was married in 1911 to Miss Ethel Cooley of Nashville. They have one child, Miss Nellie Grissom, who is at present a member of the High School faculty of Leggett's, North Carolina.

## Pitt Farmers To Ask Compact

Greenville, April 14.—Pitt County farmers will meet at the courthouse here this afternoon at 2 o'clock to make plans for a mass delegation to call on Governor Ehringhaus at the Capitol in Raleigh to ask when he will call a special session of the Legislature to enact a State tobacco compact bill.

E. F. Arnold, county farm agent, who returned here today from Washington, reported that Senator R. R. Reynolds had joined the Pitt County Tobacco Production Association, becoming the 1,901 member.

More than 1,000 farmers are expected to attend the meeting tomorrow.

## Interest Is Seen In Yard Improving

Mrs. Effie Vines Gordon, Nash home demonstration agent reports great interest is being shown in the yard improvement work in the county.

She said, "Great interest is being shown in the yard improvement work in Nash County as is being demonstrated by the men and women of the county. The women have studied laying off the yards, making lawns and screen and foundation plantings. Many excellent results are in evidence. It is also interesting to see a greater appreciation of the native blooming trees and shrubs shown by the quantities that are being planted."

"During the last two weeks 195 Nash county men and women have gone on tours to view the lovely garden at Williams' Manor in Franklin county. There were five tours with 15 clubs participating."

## E. L. Vick Is Dead At Woodland

E. L. Vick, father of Mrs. O. K. Joyner, teacher at the Rocky Mount high school, died suddenly at his home in Woodland friends learned here.

Mr. Vick was buried Tuesday following services at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at Woodland Baptist church.

He had been in ill health and had a heart attack.

Several children survive besides Mrs. Joyner, and Mrs. Vick his wife, also survives.

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