

### WILLIAMS RITES HELD AT OAKDALE

#### Services For Prominent Businessman Held Saturday Morning

Funeral services for James C. Williams, secretary-treasurer and general manager of the Belk-Williams company here, who died at his home, 308 South Front street Thursday morning at 11 o'clock from the First Presbyterian church, with the Rev. William Crowe, Jr., D. D., officiating. Interment followed in Oakdale cemetery.

The 58-year-old merchant was a past president of the North Carolina Merchants Association.

In addition to Belk-Williams here, Mr. Williams was part owner of Williams-Belk at Sanford, Belk-Williams at New Bern and Belk-Williams at Clinton.

He was a member of the board of directors of the People's Building and Loan association, a member of the board of trustees of Community hospital and a director of the State Merchants association.

Mr. Williams played an active role in business and community affairs during his life here. He was active for many years in the YMCA and was a past president of the Rotary club. Golf was his hobby.

He was an active member and an elder of the First Presbyterian church.

The son of the late Hugh McRae Williams and Nannie Lynn Crockett Williams, Mr. Williams was born at Waxhaw, N. C., on March 22, 1885.

He first went to work for Belk-Brothers in Charlotte in 1903. After serving as a salesman, he was sent to Sanford as partner and manager of the Belk-Williams company there where he served for 10 years before coming to Wilmington to organize Belk-Williams.

Surviving is the widow, Mrs. Henrietta Steele Frizzelle Williams; five daughters, Mrs. Andrew Hoyt Borland of Durham, Mrs. G. W. Barrett, Mrs. C. B. Davis, Jr., Mrs. Addison Hewlett, Jr., and Mrs. O. E. DuRant, Jr., all of Wilmington; one brother, the Rev. John R. Williams of Atlanta; four sisters, Mrs. Lee S. Jones, Mrs. Seabrook Jones and Miss Hat Williams, all of Sanford, and Mrs. Arch Nutall of Indianapolis, Ind.; a step-mother, Mrs. Della Williams of Sanford; and by five grandchildren.

Active pallbearers for the Williams funeral were E. F. Beale, T. A. Nisbet, Hugh Newkirk, William Godfrey, Avon Divine, and S. O. Guyton.

Honorary pallbearers were elders of the First Presbyterian church, members of the Wilmington Rotary club, the board of directors of the Peoples Building and Loan Association, and the following: Dr. H. W. Moore, Dr. G. P. Barefoot, Dr. J. B. Sidbury, W. H. Belk, G. F. Matthews, W. B. Berry, T. T. Kennedy, W. L. Starling, W. L. Simmons, Eugene Johnson, N. L. Foy, Alex. Foxvielle, H. T. Newland, W. E. Curtis, H. W. Wells, Sr., E. W. Carr, and D. H. Krenshaw.

### ALEXANDER SEEN LEADER CHOICE

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nel. Alexander burned his car, obtained bicycles and pedaled the rest of the distance under fire to take charge on the beaches.

"He was cool as a trout," Wells recalls. "He never took cover even when the bombing and shelling was at its height."

Alexander is the third son of the fourth Earl of Caledon. Educated at Harrow and at Sandhurst, Britain's famous military academy, he came out of the first World War as a Lieutenant Colonel.

He won the French Legion of Honor at the Marne, the military cross at Loos and the Distinguished Service order at the Somme. He was twice wounded and five times mentioned in dispatches.

**TAKES COMMAND**  
CAIRO, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Air Chief Marshal Sir William Sholto Douglas assumed command today of the Royal Air Force in the Middle East, succeeding Air Marshal Sir Arthur William Tedder.

Announcement of the impending change, made in London November 28, said Sir Arthur would become vice-chief of staff of the air forces.

The speed of sailing yachts generally varies according to the square root of their length.

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## Volokonovka Captured In Russian Offensive

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a total of 17 Axis divisions had been smashed since the offensive below Voronezh began in mid-January.

Last summer's Axis line, the highwater mark established in the 1941 push, extended from a point east of Kursk and Kharkov down to Taganrog on the Sea of Azov.

The capture of Armavir was a great strategic victory for the Russians who are compressing the Germans into the northwestern Caucasus. It fell after "a determined assault," the communique said.

Armavir is the pivot for the entire German position in the Kuban river region. A spur line runs west to Tuapse, Black Sea port, and in between lie the Maikop oil fields with a normal annual output of 2,500,000 tons. The Germans, if they ever got the wrecked wells working again, now have lost access to this oil with the fall of Armavir.

The Russians now probably will strike west and southwestward into the Maikop region in an effort to join forces with their troops holding Tuapse on the Black Sea. Another column will drive on northward toward Rostov. The next major goal is Kropotkin.

Rostov at the upper end of the Caucasus already is being menaced

ed by the Red army on three sides. On the north the Russians last were reported only 70 miles away after crossing the Donets river; on the east the Red army yesterday took Konstantinovskaya - on the lower Don river and were reported within 56 miles of Rostov.

One hundred miles to the southwest the Red army has taken Salsk which is connected by rail with Rostov.

Now a fourth threat to the Germans at Rostov has developed in the Voroshilovgrad sector. The Russians reported the capture yesterday of a point only ten miles east of Voroshilovgrad and a place beyond it to the northwest. The capture of the Donets industrial center would put the Russians on a railway winding south to Taganrog behind Rostov.

Taganrog was the southern anchor for the Red army when last summer's Nazi drive began.

Moscow dispatches said the Germans were making desperate efforts to hold the Russians on the approaches to Rostov, hurling fresh tank reinforcements into battle.

Russian tanks themselves have played a major role in the amazing Red army offensive that has left Stalingrad more than 200 miles behind, but the Russians use of artillery probably has been the most effective weapon, these dispatch said.

## Mussolini's Empire Idea Shattered By 8th Army

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## NAVY OFFICERS REPORTED LOST

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Helen L. Thomas, now lives at 2828 40th avenue, West, Seattle, Wash.

Capt. Donald C. Godwin, attached to the Twelfth Naval District, San Francisco, whose usual address is 505 West Main street, Williamston, N. C. His wife, Mrs. Hazel M. Godwin, lives at 4626 Seventh avenue, Los Angeles.

Commander John J. Crane, assigned to duties at sea. Usual address: 1907 Miami street, Toledo, Ohio. His wife, Mrs. Imogene St. Clair Crane, lives at 103 Bella Vista way, Vallejo, Calif.

Commander Francis L. Black, attached to the staff of the commander in chief, Pacific Fleet. Usual address: 1861 Moore street, San Diego, Calif. His wife, Mrs. Anna G. Black, lives at 7 Dana street, Cambridge, Mass.

Commander William G. Myers, commanding officer of a Naval vessel. Usual address: 2709 Nichols avenue, S. E., Washington. His wife, Mrs. Susan Gladding Myers, lives at 1327 Monroe street, N. E., Washington, D. C.

Lieut. Commr. John O. R. Coll, gunnery officer of submarine force, Pacific Fleet. Usual address: 625 East Maple street, Jeffersonville, Ind. His wife, Mrs. Margaret Coll, lives at 3133 Front street, San Diego.

Lieut. Commr. George R. Stone, attached to the 14th Naval District at Pearl Harbor. Usual address: 303 Marion avenue, Big Rapids, Mich. His wife, Mrs. Jean Richards Stone, lives at 925 Kinston avenue, River Forest, Ill.

Lieut. (JG) Edna Owella Morrow, Navy nurse assigned to duty in the South Pacific. Usual address: 45 South Greenwood street, Pasadena, Calif.

The nine members of the crew: Robert McNair Ezley, captain, 229 Lenox street, Palo Alto, Calif. Orvan K. Judd, first officer, 2414 California street, Berkeley, Calif.

John R. Maynard, second officer, 508 Lincoln avenue, Alameda, Calif.

George H. Aabel, third officer, 1255 Crane street, Menlo Park, Calif.

Leo A. Mackota, first engineer, 418 Bosworth street, San Francisco, Calif.

John J. Eagen, senior, second engineer, Apt. 211, 916 Union street, Alameda, Calif.

Clarence P. Thompson, first radio officer, 1477 Navy street, San Leandro, Calif.

George W. Angus, second radio officer, 1462 Trestle Glen road, Oakland, Calif.

John G. Hill, flight steward, 1108 Cordilleras avenue, San Carlos, Calif.

The fact that the big transport seaplane, which presumably was commercially operated under Navy control, was missing was announced by the Navy late yesterday when it was stated that the craft was more than 24 hours overdue on a flight from Pearl Harbor to San Francisco.

The first word of the importance of the passenger complement, however, was not forthcoming until today, when it was disclosed that Admiral English and other high Naval officers in the Pacific were aboard.

English, who became 55 years old only a week ago today, is a native of Warrenton, Ga., and has been in the Navy since 1911, when he was graduated from the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

During the World War he had duty at the New London Ship and Engine company, Groton, Conn., and later helped fit out the submarine O-4 at the Fore River Shipbuilding company plant at Quincy, Mass. He commanded the O-4 from May, 1918, until March, 1919, and was awarded a Navy Cross for his work in operating in enemy waters.

After the war he had various commands at sea and ashore, not only on submarine duty but in various other vessels and types of service. In May, 1933, English was assigned as chief of staff and side to the commander of the submarine force, U. S. Fleet, and held that duty until June, 1939, when he was brought back to Washington for a second tour of duty in the Office of the Chief of Naval Operations.

He was made director of the fleet maintenance division of the Office of Naval Operations in August, 1940, and remained in that assignment until 1941, when he was ordered to a command at sea. Subsequently he was made commander of the submarine force of the Pacific Fleet.

**PRISONER OF WAR**  
DAVIDSON, Jan. 23.—(AP)—Colonel Charles L. Steele, former assistant professor of military science at Davidson college is a prisoner of war of the Japanese government, the War department reported.

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