

Notes From The Senate

# Missing Children Center Bill Passes

By JAMES E. EZZELL, JR.

The bill that recently passed the Senate to establish the Center for Missing Children has been referred to the Appropriations Committee in the House, following the approval of the House Committee on Children and Youth. This move is not meant to kill the bill but rather to make sure that sufficient funds are available for its implementation. The bill would enlarge the missing children office and establish a 24-hour toll free telephone number to receive reports. It would serve as a statewide clearing house for reports, pass information to the various police departments, and to the national center. In addition, it would publish a directory of agencies and groups that provide assistance to the families of missing children. I feel sure that bill will survive, but it must go through the proper legislative steps.

A lot has been said lately about our governor not having the veto power. This issue has been fought for a number of legislative sessions prior to this one. It is generally felt by the legislature that our governor is already one of the most powerful governors in this country. He has approximately 3,000 committee and commission appointments that he makes without legislative approval. He also has control of the budget as soon as the legislature leaves town. If he had the veto power, he would be more powerful than any other governor in this country I expect. Frankly, I don't think the legislature will ever give up some of the other powers that he currently has.

The General Assembly has finally passed the bill raising the drinking age from 19 to 21. The bill goes into effect September 1, 1986. It would impose a \$25 fine and any violation of this law will not cause a criminal record. A lot of pressure was placed on legislators to pass this so that the state would not lose an estimated \$30 million annually in highway funds.

The House has approved and sent to the Senate a bill calling for some tax reliefs involving an estimated \$190 million in cuts during the next two years. This is less than the governor's package recommended. However, it is a fairer package. The House plan removes the intangibles tax on bank accounts, cuts the inventory tax by 25 percent for industries and 15 percent for retailers and wholesalers, gives the poor tax breaks on the money they spend on food tax, increases the deduction parents can use for day care expenses, repeals the gift and inheritance taxes, repeals the sales tax on funerals, and gives some income tax relief. This looks like a good arrangement and I plan to support it when it comes to the Senate for a vote.

I was wrong on the seat belt bill. I did not think it would pass the senate, but it did. Some strong lobbying and the legislative process at work enabled the sponsor to get this bill passed. However, it will take a lot of lobbying to get it out of the House. More later from the legislature.....

# Warren County, Area Deaths And Funerals

**ELMER B. DAVIS**  
Funeral services for Elmer Buchanan Davis, 72, of the Afton community, were conducted at 2 p. m. Friday at the Norlina Baptist Church by the Rev. Malcolm Hutton, son-in-law, of Richmond, Va., and the Rev. Jack Little, pastor of the church. Burial was in the Warren Dale Cemetery in Norlina.

Mr. Davis died last Wednesday at Leigh Memorial Hospital in Norfolk, Va. He was born in Warren County, the son of the late Peter Randal Davis and Nellie Buchanan Davis.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Magnora Gupton Davis; three daughters, Mrs. Ann D. Hutton of Richmond, Va., Mrs. Nancy D. Alexander of Virginia Beach, Va., and Mrs. Nell D. Stegall of Lake Gaston; six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Pallbearers were Ray Shearin, Jim Davis, Sears Bugg, Harold Stegall, Larry Gupton, Robbie Shearin, Don Bolton and Charlie Davis.

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for the occasion. Mrs. Bessie Bartholomew was the minister who was to perform the ceremony.

Mrs. Hazel Harris was the reformed groom who thought he had been divorced by his first wife, Zora King. Mrs. Martha Draffin was the bride who was about to be married to the reformed groom. Mrs. Ophelia Pierce was the train bearer. Dennis Harris and Oscar Baker were the two mischievous boys and Pauline Robinson and Sadie Yancey were the two bashful daughters. Rosa King was the forward 16-year-old daughter who was upset with her mother because she wasn't allowed to date. The bride to be was brokenhearted at all that took place, but was later comforted by Charles Ball.

The group was then served delicious refreshments from a lovely decorated table of snowballs and iris. Dennis Harris returned thanks.

The next meeting will be with the Afton group in Providence Methodist Church social hall on May 23 at 2 p. m.

**CEASAR J. CAWTHORNE**  
Funeral services for Ceasar J. Cawthorne, 94, will be conducted at 1 p. m. today (Wednesday) at All Saints Episcopal Church by the Rev. Dr. G. R. Selby. Burial will be in the Warrenton City Cemetery.

Mr. Cawthorne died Monday in Franklin Memorial Hospital in Louisburg after a lengthy illness. He was a retired United States postal worker in Warrenton and a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

Surviving is one daughter, Mrs. Mabel Bryant Davis of Warrenton and East Orange, N. J.

**WILLIAM TABRON**  
Funeral services for William Henry Tabron, 67, of Littleton, were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Littleton by the Rev. C. E. McCollum. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Tabron died Monday, April 22, at his home. He was a native of Halifax County.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Maggie Tabron; seven daughters, Mrs. Nellie Taylor of Littleton, Mrs. Letha Terry of Lakewood, N. J., and Mrs. Doretha Ivory, Mrs. Evelyn Brown, Mrs. Leola Ivory, Miss Ceola Tabron and Miss Mildred Tabron, all of Baltimore, Md.; three sons, Bobby Tabron and Charles Tabron of Littleton, and Henry Lewis Tabron, Jr. of Baltimore, Md.; three brothers, Walter Tabron, Bennie Tabron, and Thomas Tabron of Littleton; two sisters, Mrs. Laura Hooker of Norfolk, Va. and Mrs. Hattie Mitchell of Littleton; 31 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

**GRACE VAN LANDINGHAM**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Grace Van Lanningham, 77, of New York City, were conducted at 12 noon on Friday, April 5, at House of Hills, Inc. in Brooklyn, N. Y. by the Rev. Paul William Hayes. Burial was in Rosedale Cemetery in Linden, N. J.

Mrs. Van Lanningham died on Monday, April 1. She grew

up in Warrenton, the daughter of the late Oscar Van Lanningham and Ada Van Lanningham.

During World War II, she was employed by the United States Government at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. She was later employed by the New York City Department of Public Works until her retirement in 1973.

Surviving are two sisters, Mrs. Vivian Isler and Mrs. Hazel Laws; and a cousin, Robert Van Lanningham.

**JAMES WORTHAM**  
Funeral services for James Wortham, 78, were conducted at 1 p. m. Saturday at Greenwood Baptist Church by the Rev. George Dixon. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Wortham died Sunday, April 21. He was born in Warren County, the son of the late Jonas Wortham and Millie Wortham.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Lizzie Seigler of Jamaica, N. Y., Mrs. Cornelieus Joyner of Warrenton, and Mrs. Dozie Thompson of Brooklyn, N. Y.; and two adopted sisters, Mrs. Virginia Perry of Warrenton and Mrs. Cora Zimmerman of Jamaica, N. Y.

**THOMAS D. BURWELL**  
Funeral services for Thomas Dixon Burwell, 58, were conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at Oak Level United Church of Christ in Drewry by the Rev. R. D. Bullock, Jr. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Burwell died on Saturday, April 20, at his home. He was born in Richmond, Va., the son of Mrs. Susan Anna Burwell and the late Keyvan Burwell.

Surviving are three daughters, Mrs. Jennie Branch of Raleigh, Mrs. Lena Williams of Chesapeake, Va., and Mrs. Shirley Howard of Virginia Beach, Va.; three sons, Thomas Junior Burwell of Goldsboro and Bobby Burwell and Glen Burwell of Atlanta, Ga.; two sisters, Mrs. Louise Valentine of Ridgeway and Mrs. Thelma Spring of Richmond, Va.; and three brothers, Raymond Burwell of Manson, Leon Burwell of New York, and James Burwell of Richmond, Va.

Pallbearers were Daniel Howard, June Rainey, Sam Watkins, Alvin Howard, George Hunt and Clarence Davis.

**ROSA R. TERRY**  
Funeral services for Mrs. Rosa Reed Terry, 93, were conducted at 3 p. m. Saturday at Bethlehem Christian Church in Manson by the Rev. Jim Hargrove, Jr. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mrs. Terry died on Tuesday, April 23, in Maria Parham Hospital in Henderson. She was born in Mecklenburg County, Va., the daughter of the late Frances Reed and Gabriel Reed.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Caroline Thomas of the home; a son, Harry Junior Terry of Richmond Hill, N. Y.; three adopted daughters, Mrs. Mary Frances Fowles of Philadelphia, Pa., and Mrs. Delores Mayfield of Middleburg; 20 grandchildren; and 34 great-grandchildren.

**GEORGE BURTON**  
Funeral services for George Burton, 85, were conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at New Bethel Baptist Church in Macon by the Rev. George Dixon. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Burton died Tuesday, April 23, in Jamaica Hospital,

Jamaica, N. Y. He was a native of Warren County, the son of the late Friday Burton and Ella Burton.

He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Della Bolton and Mrs. Pannie Hargrove of

Warrenton and Mrs. Flora Green of Richmond, Va.; a son, George Burton, Jr. of Warrenton; 25 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren and 14 great - great - grandchildren.

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Julius Fulmore, assistant superintendent for Greensboro City Schools, addresses the staff and faculty of Warren County's six elementary schools and central office at an accreditation banquet held last Tuesday in the Warren County High School cafeteria. Fulmore has served as the schools' self-study consultant for the past two years, as they have prepared for a tenth-year re-accreditation visit by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Seven visiting teams of education professionals spent two days in the county last week, taking a thorough look at the Central Office and all six elementary schools, studying their strengths and needed improvements, in order to make final recommendations to the Southern Association.

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