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J. H. WILLIAMS DIES AT BEACH

Taking Early Morning Plunge In The Surf

Heart Failure Was Immediate Cause Of His Death

Early Tuesday morning word came to Zebulon that "Buddy" Williams, the well known rural carrier, was drowned at Fort Fisher at an early hour.

However, another report stated that he with other parties, were just starting in the surf, and Mr. Williams had not gone very far before his friends noticed him in a peculiar position floating on his face, and not even moving a muscle. The friends at once observed that something was wrong, and reaching Mr. Williams they saw he was unconscious. It is said that they pulled the body from the water and summoned help, and also secured a doctor, but it is said that he had died immediately after having heart attack, and the real cause of his death was heart failure.

Another story was to the effect that he was standing on a pier and was seized by heart attack and fell overboard. This story proved to be untrue.

It is stated that at an early hour on Tuesday morning Mr. Williams, accompanied by several other parties were in the surf, and while Mr. Williams seemed in the best spirits and enjoying the morning bath, was seized all at once by an attack of heart trouble, and without a word of complaint fell face forward and began to float, being perfectly unconscious and was dead before he was taken from the water.

Mr. Williams was known as "Buddy" Williams by all his acquaintances. His initials were J. H. Williams, and he leaves five brothers, two of them living in this city, and three sisters.

The funeral services were held from the Baptist church Wednesday evening, and was attended by the largest number of friends ever seen in Zebulon. It was said that there were three times more people present than could get in the church.

The secret orders that took part in the ceremony were, Masons, Shriners, Juniors, and K. K. K's. The services were very impressive.

Those of the immediate family who survive Mr. Williams are five brothers: Messrs Oscar, Sherwood Williams of Zebulon; Bennie Williams, of Salisbury; Fred Williams of Raleigh; Jerome Williams, of near Pilot and three sisters: Mrs. Edward Moody, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Wiley Perry.

The entire town and community was shocked when the news was spread over the town that "Buddy" Williams was dead near Fort Fisher.

Mr. Williams, with other friends left Zebulon Sunday morning to spend a few days on the Beach. He was in the best of health, and no one thought that he was suffering from anything that would cause his death to come so sudden.

Mr. Williams has carried mail in this section for several years, and before he came here he was carrier out of Spring Hope. He was one of the most popular rural men anywhere in the country, and was widely known and loved and respected by all who knew him.

He was about 52 years of age, and was secretary of the Baptist Sunday school of Zebulon; also a member of the same church.

The body reached Zebulon early Wednesday morning, and was accompanied by several friends, who went to Rocky Mount Tuesday afternoon to meet the corpse there, and accompany it to Zebulon. Among those who met the body at Rocky Mount were many Masons, which lodge Mr. Williams was a member.

The funeral service of Mr. Williams was held from the Baptist church Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock.

The largest congregation ever assembled in Zebulon at a funeral was present. Probably not over half the people got into the house. The services were conducted by the pastor, Rev. Theo. B. Davis, assisted by Rev. Mr. Hall, pastor of the Methodist church. The Masonic order took charge of the funeral service at the church and concluded at the grave with the very impressive burial ritual of masonry. The Ku Klux Klan, after the benediction by Rev. S. W. Oldham, of Wendell, came with two floral designs and left them at the grave.

Mr. Williams died in the surf at Fort Fisher near Wilmington early last Tuesday morning. We understand that he and Mrs. Alonias Hinton and her sister were in bathing when three large waves came close together and the bathers were swept out beyond their depth. Miss Davis swam to the shore. Mrs. Hinton could not swim and Mr. Williams either pushed or told her to try to get to land. He immediately turned on his back and seemed about to sink when Mrs. Hinton caught hold of his bath suit and clung to him until some one on shore came with a rope by which she got to land, still holding to Mr. Williams. It is supposed when he found that they were in deep water, and knowing Mrs. Hinton could not swim, that the excitement brought on heart failure. A doctor arrived soon after his death, and pronounced it heart failure.

Mr. Williams, who was popularly well known to most people as "Buddy" was 53 years old. He spent most of his life in Johnson, Franklin, Nash and Wake counties, having lived in both Selma and Spring Hope for some time. For several years he has made Zebulon his home, being the popular and efficient rural mail carrier on route 8. He was a very active member of the Baptist church, being a deacon and general secretary of the Sunday school. He was also an active member of several fraternities, among them are the Junior Order, Odd Fellows, blue lodge masons of which he was past master in the local lodge, Knights Templar, Royal Arch and Shriner.

"Buddy" Williams will be greatly missed in the community life of Zebulon and the surrounding country. He took a great interest in the social, fraternal and church life of the community, and will be missed by both old and young. He leaves several brothers and sisters to miss his love and jovial spirit, besides a host of friends from miles around Zebulon. The sympathy of the community goes out to his family in his unexpected death. A useful life has ended here.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

In the bulletin of the Baptist church last Sunday morning were these very prophetic words: "As we must all face the end and meet God in judgment, should we not make ready to surrender up our spirits to him unafraid and joyfully? May we this morning prayerfully worship 'that I may know mine end' and be ready when He shall call us to go perhaps without a good bye." On Tuesday morning following, Mr. Williams, faithful member of the church, was taken without a good bye to any one—friend or loved one.

At the twilight service at 7 o'clock Sunday evening on the steps of the church, the congregation will hold a short memorial service for Mr. Williams. The subject will be "The Christian's Good bye and Good night." Dr. L. M. Massey is asked to speak of him as a citizen and Mr. M. B. Humphrey to speak of him as a Christian.

Pastor Davis will speak at the morning worship on The Choice of Moses. Since the Sunday school lesson studies for sometime have been very vitally related to the life and work of Moses, it is well that Christians consider his reasons for choosing Israel and God for time and eternity.

There was an increase of more than 12 per cent in the number of local and long distance calls last year in the state of Louisiana.

ATTEND MEET FARM LABOR ASSOCIATION

Local Men Attend Meeting Columbia South Carolina

Farmers Are Saving By Borrowing Thru. Assn.

L. C. Liles, Vice-President and D. D. Chamblee, Secretary-treasurer of the Zebulon National Farm Loan Association attended the meetings of the 515 local associations of the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida last week held at the Columbia Federal Land Bank for the purpose of discussing the business of making long-term farm loans. Howard C. Arnold, president of the bank, told the delegates that farmers in these four states have borrowed more than \$77,000,000 from these associations since the bank was established nine years ago.

"This means that more than 33,000 farmers have been served with first mortgages running in most instances for 33 years, at the lowest rate of interest prevailing in the southeast. Most borrowers have gotten their money at 5 1-2 per cent, the rate prevailing at present. Further, the fees for inspection, searching of title and other work incident to making a loan are the lowest charged anywhere in these four states.

"It has been conservatively estimated that borrowers are saving at least 2 per cent. annually which means a total of more than \$1,500,000 each year.

"I am glad to say that farm land in these states is again beginning to sell. We have sold about 100 farms and still have some for sale on very easy terms—20 per cent down, 60 per cent carried on a long-term federal land bank loan at 5 1-2 per cent, and a second mortgage at the same low rate of interest. A tenant or other farmer can buy these farms on these terms, operate them and pay for them more cheaply than he can rent. The farms are almost all located in Georgia and South Carolina, but we have a few in Florida and North Carolina."

RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY NORTH CAROLINIANS, INC.

The following resolution North Carolinians, Inc., passed in the interest of North Carolina's progress, F. M. Tate is president, with headquarters at Greensboro. Resolutions follow:

Whereas,—North Carolina through the vision and energy of her own citizens has made phenomenal progress during the past few years, and

"Whereas,—The State of North Carolina has spent millions of dollars to perfect a system of good roads and unexcelled schools in accelerating its program of progress and is attracting serious attention of other states, and

"Whereas,—This investment of North Carolina capital in the development of North Carolina has created attractions of interest to worth-while people and should be capitalized by making Nationally known the advantages and opportunities to be found in this State, to investors, manufacturers and scientific farmers, and

"Whereas,—The plans and purposes of North Carolinians, Incorporated, are to publicize North Carolina through a well directed National advertising campaign to sell North Carolina to the world, and

"Whereas,—North Carolinians, Incorporated, is essentially a North Carolina Forward Movement, projected by North Carolinians from the border of Tennessee to the Atlantic Ocean, without regard to locality or sectional favor, therefore

"Be It Resolved,—that, North Carolina's representative business men be invited to lend their endorsement to the movement inaugurated by North Carolinians, Incorporated, to the end that our State's combined resources may, through National advertising, be brought to the favorable attention of interested home-seekers, producers and investors."

J. H. SANDERS DIED SUNDAY

Middlesex, August 9.—Several hundred relatives and friends gathered at the cemetery near Middlesex to pay their last respects to Mr. John Herbert Sanders, who died in Richmond Sunday afternoon.

The funeral being one of the largest ever held in Middlesex and all respect paid to Mr. Sanders possible. The funeral being conducted by the Masonic Order which our beloved Brother was master and one of its most beloved. Just as the burial was almost over twelve members of The Knights of The Ku Klux Klan paid their respects to their brother Klansman by visiting the grave, leaving an American flag which the emblem of the order was beautifully placed. A beautiful wreath was left on the left side of the grave by the visiting Klansmen in which there last words placed in their token was "Only a Klansman Heart Possesses a Klansman Soul."

The entire community has their greatest sympathy for the family and are willing to help carry the burden of sorrow.

Active pall bearers were Shriners of which the deceased was an active member.

EXPECTING MILLION BALES OF COTTON

While less than a month and a half ago North Carolina's cotton crop appeared to fall nothing short of complete failure, indications now are that with a 70 per cent condition report for August, the State will produce more than a million bales. This prediction is based on a study of the fields of 1,000 of the state's farmers made by the Crop Reporting Service of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Despite a ragged stand, the rains of latter July came just as the crop was beginning to bloom, points out the Crop Reporting Service, and since that time the plants have done more growing and blooming. In the main the cultivation has been good and the plants themselves have been able to utilize a maximum of the artificial plant food supplied them in the form of fertilizer.

This year's crop will be appreciatively later than those of other seasons, points out the service. Despite the good rains of the past 30 days the crop had already suffered such a setback that it has been impossible for the crop to register a complete recovery. It was estimated that the first grown boll would be made on an average date yesterday, while the first boll will not open before September 1.

The best stands are found in the northeastern areas of the State, while the poorest conditions exist along the South Carolina border, extending up into Cumberland County. The stands here are very poor and the development of the plant is weak and small, says the report of the Crop Reporting Service. Although Johnston county usually has one of the best conditions in the State, continues the report, this year it is not nearly up to par, and the crop from Wake county northward is very poor.

Rather than the boll weevil, it is expected that the weather is the controlling factor in the cotton crop this year. The boll weevil does not appear now to offer sufficient signs for undue alarm. The effects of the cotton hopper, or flea is very limited, and will probably not menace appreciable areas of the State. Continued rains, says the report, will reduce the production, while dry weather for a limited time will mean a crop of more than a million bales.

North Carolina has 2,057,000 acres in cotton this year, it is estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

American girls who marry titles are sometimes disappointed to find that they got less than they bargained for. But Bebe Daniels, film star, became engaged to Charlie Paddock, famed American sprinter, only to learn later that he is a real knight, the order of knighthood having been conferred upon him by the king of Montenegro in Paris in 1919.

ZEBULON TO HAVE BEST TOBACCO MARKET

ATTENDED TOBACCO SALES OPENING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Mr. R. M. Sanford has just returned from some of the opening tobacco sales in South Carolina. Mr. Sanford is proprietor of the Center Brick warehouse in Zebulon and every year he makes visits to the markets in South Carolina on the opening days. Mr. Sanford, in speaking of his visit to the markets in South Carolina said in part:

"I visited Mullins, Florence, Tompkinsville and Lama on the opening day of the tobacco market in South Carolina. I was well pleased with the prices paid for the tobacco on all the markets, which was approximately 20 cents per pound average. Some of the tobacco was of a very poor grade, but it sold well. I see no reason why the smokers should not sell well this season.

"While in Florence I met with representatives of all the old line companies, and was assured that Zebulon would have a good set of buyers this season." He said that all the buyers for the Zebulon market this season were new men, except one, and this particular one is well known and is liked here by all the farmers.

Mr. Sanford was well pleased with the South Carolina opening, and said that this State would open with high prices, and that Zebulon would give good prices this season.

BARACA'S OF BAPTIST CHURCH

The Zebulon Baptist Baraca Class has doubled its attendance. Mr. Barrow, our new president is very enthusiastic about the growth and development of the class and is working hard to reach every young man who should be in the class.

Last Sunday our attendance was 34. Let every one work hard to try to get at least forty next Sunday. We are going to have a picnic some time next week. Be sure to come next Sunday and learn more about what we are doing.

Mr. Albert Medlin, vice-president, is offering a valuable prize to the one who will suggest the best slogan for the class. Be present promptly next Sunday with the slogan you wish to offer and help to show the officers we appreciate the interest they are taking in the class.

Mr. Wilbur Bunn in addressing the class last Sunday suggested that we were aiming too low in trying to reach 50, he said we ought to have 75. Mr. Bunn's talk was very inspiring. He is coming back again in September. Let us show him when he comes back that 50 was merely a temporary goal.

As our president said a few Sundays ago, "We have one of the best teachers in Eastern North Carolina." We owe it to ourselves and our Sunday school and church to be present every Sunday morning if possible.

We are glad to see every committee and every officer working hard to build up the class.

LIGHTNING WON'T HIT MAN WHEN HE'S DOWN

"Lightning is a gentleman and observes the rules of the Marquis of Queensbury—it won't strike a man when he's down," according to electrical engineers who have experimented with man-made lightning.

The possibilities are that a man standing directly under a storm cloud would be struck fifteen times in one hundred strokes, while a man flat on the ground would be struck only once in a hundred strokes, they say.

Two million volts of electricity having characteristics of lightning have been made by the engineers, for experimental purposes. Lightning has a voltage of 100,000,000 or about one million times the voltage of a house lighting circuit. A bolt of lightning represents enough energy to drive an automobile five miles or to operate a toaster for one day, the experiments have disclosed.

There was an increase of more than 6 per cent in the number of local and long distance calls made last year in the state of South Carolina.

Zebulon To Make Effort To Surpass All Years

Business Men Behind The Market With Solid Front

"Zebulon will have the best tobacco market the town has ever had," was the remark of one of Zebulon's business men Tuesday.

"The business men of the town are back of the warehousemen and they are going to see that the market is well advertised and that the townspeople will show the farmers that they will do everything they can to help get good prices on this market.

"We have been promised the best buyers, and we have a good auctioneer—one that will stay with a pile of tobacco until it brings its full value.

"Mr. F. A. Cheatham, one of the best tobacco men in North Carolina, he will have charge of the farmers warehouse. Mr. Cheatham will do his part. Every person in the Yoppsville tobacco district that grows tobacco knows Mr. Cheatham, and you will find the Franklin tobacco farmers coming to Zebulon from the Yoppsville section by the scores. For they know that Mr. Cheatham will see that they get the best prices obtainable."

"Then, again, every one in this section knows R. M. Sanford. He is a man that works hard for his farmer friends. He knows every tobacco farmer within fifty miles of Zebulon, and every one that has sold tobacco at a warehouse where Mr. Sanford is in charge, knows that he will do the BEST for them. Mr. Sanford never gets tired of working. He goes from early morning to late at night, and he believes in talking "tobacco." He loves the work and he has his whole heart in the business. His past years in the business stands out as a monument to him.

The Stephen Bros.—R. B. and M. D. Stephens, are men that can be depended on. When they tell you they will do a thing, they will go the limit to fulfill their promise. They have promised to make the Wiggs warehouse one of the best selling houses in Eastern Carolina. These men are men of experience in the tobacco business and they have a reputation that is envied by tobacco men all over North Carolina. The farmer that carries his tobacco to the Wiggs warehouse this year will be pleased and will return home satisfied.

The above was given out by one of Zebulon's best business men, and he knows all of these tobacco men. He knows the farmers also, and he believes that the farmer who sells on the Zebulon market this season will be better pleased than any year since Zebulon had a tobacco market.

STRICKLAND REUNION

At their home near Emit, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Strickland celebrated their birthday most happily with a host of friends and relatives, who came early and stayed late to enjoy the occasion with them. The crowd ran well over the fortieth mark. A splendid dinner was served out in the grove in picnic style. The table was loaded with the best eatables to be found in the country. Ice cream and sherbit was served in the afternoon. The youngsters especially enjoyed the games that were selected.

Those present with families at the happy gathering were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hinton, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Hinton, Mrs. D. E. Wilder, Mr. and Mrs. J. Penny, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Lewis, and Mrs. E. H. Naron, Mrs. M. E. Naron, Miss Mary N. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Strickland, Miss Golia Johnson, Mrs. Sarah Bell and little Miss Rudeene Bell.