

JUDGE HENRY G. CONNOR DIES IN WILSON

Holds First Court Here Over Biggs' Old Drug Store

Judge Henry G. Connor died in Wilson Sunday the 23rd at 4 p. m. His death was not unexpected as he had been failing physically since February and for several days before the end came, he had rapidly declined.

Judge Connor was one of the State's leading as well as most beloved citizens. He was born in Wilmington July 3, 1852, making him more than 72 years old. He moved to Wilson in early youth where he took one of the best academic courses available in his day. After completing this course he read law and was licensed to practice at the age of 21 in the town of Wilson, where he remained until his death. The last forty years of his life was the most part used in an official capacity, serving as law maker or judge. He was the State senator from his District for some years, and served his county as representative in the Legislature and speaker of the House. He was appointed Superior court judge by Governor Scales in 1885. He held his first court in Williamston. The county courthouse had just been burned and the court was held over Biggs' drug store. An ordinary armed rocking chair was used as the "Judge's Bench." He remained on the Superior court bench for eight years. He served on the Supreme court bench of our State for six years. President Taft appointed him United States judge for the Eastern District of North Carolina while he was serving in the State Supreme court in which position he remained for 15 years. It is a significant fact that the United States Supreme court sustained every decision that Judge Connor rendered.

Judge Had Fond Recollection of His First Term of Court Held Here

Judge Connor's death was a shock to the people of the whole State, as is the death of any great and good man. He was beloved by people all over this section of the State especially by our people, he coming in contact with so many of them through the Federal court.

The "old judge" as he was lovingly called, was reminiscing with some of our townsmen only a short while ago about incidents during his first term of court which he held here. Here on the old "Coast Line" some time ago he and "Coast Line" some one stepped on the train at Tarboro and handed him a note which proved to be a message from Judge Phillips of that town. The words were to this effect, "If you want to get anything to eat while you are in Williamston, you'd better turn Cliff Bland loose."

The Judge said he did not get the full meaning of this admonition until he arrived in Williamston, and found out about the Bland affair and had seen that he was freed. But the next day when he went to the "Kirby House" for his mid-day meal, he found the biggest squirrel pie he had ever seen, which the proprietress told him was sent to him with the compliments of Mr. Cliff Bland. Another thing that the old gentleman told that day and that is always told to any of us mortals was something about the hospitality of our "home town." He said Rev. T. B. Houghton as a representative of the citizens wanted to see that "the Judge" was well fed, went down and told the mistress of the boarding-house to be sure to give him delectable food and have fruit for his breakfast each morning without fail.

The next morning 1-2 a large goose necked muskmelon, about as long as his arm, was stretched out on the table before him. And because he had heard the particular warning about "fruit for breakfast" given by the preacher, the Judge said he ate that three times larger than a court.

PLANTERS AND MERCHANTS BANK ONE OF MOST PROGRESSIVE IN SECTION

The Planters and Merchants bank of Everett is one of the most progressive banks in this section. It has made sure and steady growth from its beginning and until it now enjoys the confidence and patronage of all the people of Everett and section.

At the close of business November 19, 1923 it had on deposit \$185,696.04 and despite the scarcity of money at this time this year its deposits have increased to \$190,699.40.

On the last page of this paper will be found a statement showing the strength of this small but wide-awake bank.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

At 10:00 o'clock a. m. there will be services at the Church of the Advent. This service will be concluded by 11:00 o'clock.

Special Thanksgiving services for all the people will be held at the Methodist church on Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. R. L. Shirley of the Memorial Baptist church will preach the annual Thanksgiving sermon.

His sermon subject will be "Origin, Spirit and Purpose of Our Thanksgiving".

An offering for the orphans will be taken at this service and it is hoped that there will be many who will feel inclined to give the income of one day to help care for the orphans of our land. Those desiring their offering to go to their Church Orphanage should write the Church's name on the outside of the envelopes which will be distributed.

MANY ATTEND SERVICES AT BAPTIST CHURCH

The series of services in progress at the Baptist church are being largely attended and are arousing much interest. The pastor planned for an educational week looking forward to the completion of the "75 million Campaign" of Southern Baptists and each speaker is stressing some special phase of denominational work.

The first speaker was Dr. Charles Anderson of Scotland Neck who delivered a great message on the subject, "Our Home Base." In this he showed conclusively how that all our endeavor is dependent upon our loyalty to and support of our here and State work. His message was thoroughly enjoyed by a great congregation. He also spoke at 2:30 at Biggs school house and at 3:30 at Riddick's Grove where his services were greatly appreciated.

At night, Mrs. H. M. Finch of Rocky Mount, was to have spoken. She missed her train and the pastor on 30 minutes notice, took her place and spoke on "God's Challenge to America." Another great congregation was present.

Monday night, Rev. C. C. Smith of Windsor spoke to an interested and appreciative audience on "Training and Enlistment." He was well received and his message greatly enjoyed.

Tonight Rev. W. G. Hall of Robertsonville will speak on "Organization and Efficiency." It is important that all our people hear him. This service begins at 7:15 and will close in ample time for everybody to see "Flapper Grandmother Flap." By all means everybody ought to hear Senator Matthews of Windsor Wednesday night.

The complete program appears elsewhere in this issue of The Enterprise.

WILLIAMSTON GRADED SCHOOL NOTES

(By an Observer)

When asked to give a synonym for "activity" all the students yelled: "Seymour."

There is one member of the Faculty whose name rhymes with "licks." This is not to be wondered at, for mightily licks are being given athletes to force the grade upward.

There were so many pretty school teachers in the auditorium on Saturday, that the High School boys with one of the teachers (male) have been looking behind the doors to find if one was not left for "keeps."

Quite a number of youngsters, and older ones, too, among them the teachers, may be seen chewing the ends of pencils. Don't worry, they are just whetting their teeth for the perfect sealing of the "drum-stick" of the Thanksgiving bird.

Here's to the girl with clove-bobbed locks, who dons sport hose and pretty frocks, her English is Irish and her math cross-cross, but if you miss her smile, you suffer loss.

What is needed to make the school look up, is "Old Glory" on the campus. Where is the flag pole which once was and now is not?

The Janitor usually comes in for a great deal of discussing with the "dis" left off, but from present indications things are going very hot down in the lower regions.

This was heard on the campus: "Ricks will feed the Griffin (An English early apple), and then Stin-back while Andy's son and Robert's son are attempting to Turn-age back so they can see more of life, and live on the "Fool's Gallows."

TEACHERS MEET HERE SATURDAY

On Saturday, November 22 fifty-four Mar in County teachers met for the second regular meeting of the Martin County Teachers' Association.

At two-thirty o'clock the President called the meeting to order and asked Supt. R. L. Blake to conduct the devotional exercise. He read the 103 Psalm and led in a prayer that God direct the teachers to teach after His plan when on earth.

The Secretary then read the minutes of the previous meeting which upon approval were adopted as read.

Supt. Pope asked that the teachers in a brief way tell of their impression of the District Teachers' meeting that was held in Greenville on November 14-15. Mr. J. S. Seymour was the first to respond. Of particular interest to him was the address on "Supervision" by Dr. Thos. Alexander of Teachers' College. He left this point with a clear and accurate knowledge of the subject matter under question is absolutely necessary for any degree of successful supervision. Miss Emma Robertson explained how a Health project may be worked out in connection with the fundamental subjects taught in the Primary Grades. She insisted that such would motivate and vitalize an otherwise laborious lesson assignment and make it an engaging study. She spoke in particular of a Health project but added that other projects were available and just as productive of good results. Relative to the good to be gained in a general way from these District meetings Miss Robertson said, "There is a personal touch to be gained from the District Meeting that is not possible in the larger State Meeting." Miss Eva Peels spoke briefly of her enjoyment of Dr. Alexander's address on "Supervision" and of the consolation to be derived from his viewpoint of the "questioning" teacher. Dr. Alexander stated that a real growing teacher was forever realizing that he did not know everything necessary, was able to propose definite questions.

Headquarters for the convention will be at the Ricks Hotel, and the sessions will be held in the hotel auditorium. Public meetings are announced for both Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, December 2 and 3.

Tuesday evening's public session will be under the auspices of the Nash County Medical Society with Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, medical director of the Richmond public schools, as the principal speaker. Wednesday evening's public health session will be handled by the Fourth District Society, and the principal speaker will be Dr. Louis B. Wilson, of the Mayo clinic, Rochester, Minn., who will discuss "Our present knowledge of Cancer." Numerous social events will be sandwiched in between the business sessions of the convention.

The convention will open Tuesday evening, December 2, at 7:30 o'clock at the Ricks Hotel auditorium with a public meeting under the joint auspices of the Seaboard association and the Nash County Medical Society. The meeting will be called to order by Dr. R. H. Noel, president of the Nash society, after which Rev. H. M. North, pastor of the First Methodist church, will offer invocation. Mayor T. T. Thorne will welcome the doctors to the city, and the response will be by Dr. Cyrus Thompson, of Jacksonville, N. C. Then will follow the annual presidential address by Dr. William E. Warren, of Williamston, head of the Seaboard association. The concluding event on the program is to be an address by Dr. N. Thomas Ennett, medical director of the public schools of Richmond, on "Child Welfare as Applied to Home Life." After his address the session will adjourn and a smoker will be tendered the doctors at the Ricks.

"THE FLAPPER GRANDMOTHER" AT OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT

The "Flapper Grandmother" will be seen at the Opera House tonight by a crowded house, according to reports of those selling tickets. It is a musical comedy in three acts with forty-five of Williamston's best known actors, singers and dancers appearing on the stage. It has a laugh at every turn and the turns are frequent.

There are no reserved seats, but just one admission fee, 50 cents for the children and 75 cents for the adults.

Miss Hattie Throver spent Saturday in Behaven with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellison.

to Harrell complain about the style of a house which has all on the front instead of the rear—a situation which gives the public gaze upon the Steward while arrangements are made for meals." All this goes to show that students are not entirely interested in the land division of Goul or hanging on the "Fool's Gallows."

Mr. R. A. Phillips, in compliance with a request made by Supt. Pope, gave an extended report on "Recommendations for Martin County Athletic Association." In this report he gave the differences in opinion of the people of the past and present concerning an athletic program for the schools and submitted a constitution which followed in the main that used by the State High School Athletic Association.

Mr. Pope thanked Mr. Phillips for his zeal and earnestness in the preparation of this paper and requested a motion as to the advisability of the adoption of the constitution as drafted by him. It was adopted by a unanimous vote. Several were in favor of delaying the election of officers until later, but it was finally thought wise to elect the officers at once and let the chairman call for a meeting of the executive committee at some date to be specified by him.

Mr. R. A. Phillips was appointed chairman; Mr. J. S. Seymour, vice chairman and Mr. L. H. Hubble, secretary-treasurer.

Following this discussion, the various Reading Circle Groups met for their work and were dismissed by the teachers in charge.

SUPT. R. A. POPE, President, EVA IRENE PEELE, Secretary.

NOTE: SAVE: CABBAGE PLANTS, Early Jersey Wake Field, 20 cents per hundred. Call or write Walter Belley at Bear Creek.

THE PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the President of the United States has issued a proclamation setting apart Thursday, the 27th day of November as Thanksgiving Day and we should conform to this custom which has been handed down to us from time immemorial of assembling in our places of worship and rendering our songs of joy, praise and thanksgiving to the Giver of all good, who in His infinite wisdom has spared us to this good hour and blessed us with health, strength and a bountiful harvest.

Now, therefore, I, J. L. Hassell, Mayor, do declare Thursday, the 27th of November 1924 a holiday in the town of Williamston.

J. L. HASSELL, Mayor.

By G. H. HARRISON, Clerk.

MRS. W. G. HARDING DIED LAST FRIDAY

Mrs. Warren G. Harding, widow of the late President, died early Friday morning after being a comatose state several hours.

The end came at the home of Mrs. Clara E. Sawyer, widow of the late General Sawyer, her personal friend and physician.

The immediate cause of her death was given as nephri and microrrhia but the fact was, she had never really recovered from her illness in the White House two years ago, and the shock of the President's death and the subsequent funeral trip across the continent in August 1923.

Recently she had been depressed over the deaths of many of those close to her, Dr. Charles Sawyer, Mrs. Linbert Wark, wife of the Secretary of the Interior and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, all of whom were with her on the Alaskan trip.

She took to her bed October 30, 1923 and never rose again. The funeral and burial services were held yesterday from the home of her niece, Mrs. Longshoremen in Marion, Ohio by the same services held for her distinguished husband a little over a year ago.

BRIDGE CLUB ENTERTAINED

The Bridge club which has been recently organized, was entertained Friday afternoon by Mrs. S. E. Biggs at her home on Watts street. It was decided at this time to meet every other Thursday afternoon.

There were two tables of bridge and Mrs. H. M. Stubbs made high score and was presented with a beautiful deck of bridge cards. Mrs. C. O. Parlo, invited guest for the afternoon was remembered with an attractive china bon bon dish.

Refreshments consisting of frozen fruit salad, potato chips, saltines and olives were served by the hostess.

The club members are: Medames J. S. Rhodes, Chas. Gowain, S. H. Biggs, H. M. Stubbs, J. H. Saunders, Titus Critcher, J. G. Godard and Leslie Fowden.

THANKSGIVING DAY SERVICE Episcopal Church

Rev. C. O. Parlo, Rector Thursday, November 27—10:00 a. m. The public is cordially invited to attend Thanksgiving day service in the Church of the Advent.

The service starts at 10:00 o'clock and will be concluded by 11:00 o'clock.

Mrs. B. S. Courtney and Mrs. G. W. Hardison motored to Washington Saturday.

Mr. Frank Margolis will leave tomorrow afternoon for Baltimore where he will spend Thanksgiving with friends. He will make the trip through the country.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Allen and Son, Wesley, Jr. and Miss Elizabeth Gray Gurkin of Goldboro were the week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Hight of Washington spent the week end here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNeil.

Messrs. Bill Harrell and Crank Taylor spent some time in Jamesville last Sunday.

Mr. J. B. Nelson of Trenton, N. J. visited friends in the city last week. The Washington high school football game passed through here at noon today enroute to Scotland Neck where a game will be played between the two schools. They were riding in a truck provided by the athletic association.

RED CROSS ROLL CALL VERY SUCCESSFUL

The Red Cross Roll Call is being responded to this year by more people in this immediate vicinity than in several years past.

At this time there have been 133 enrolments.

Mrs. J. F. Thigpen as membership chairman organized the women of the town into a very successful organization and they have canvassed the entire town and county.

She was assisted by Mesdames J. D. Woodard, George H. Harrison, W. H. Biggs, C. D. Carstarphen, John A. Ward, Wheeler Martin, Jr., W. E. Warren, John D. Biggs, J. S. Whitley, W. C. Liverman, E. D. Dadd and Miss Emma Robertson, Evelyn Harrison and Margaret Everett.

WILLIAMSTON SCHOOL NEWS

6TH GRADE ENTERTAINED

On Friday last the whole school entertained at the reunion of the exercises by the fourth grade under the supervision of its teacher, Miss Eleanor Stanback. The exercises in the little folks were very interesting and greatly enjoyed. The program was rendered as follows:

America—by the school. Scripture verses—by Willie Martin, Vivian Harris, Frank and Ernest Harrison.

Prayer—by the class. A Song of Thanksgiving—by the class. Story, "The Flag"—told by Rose Cowen.

Poem, "Our Country's Flag" by Mary Grady Gurkin. Poem, "God Bless Our Flag" by Mary Davis Hardison.

Poem, "Peace"—by David Dadd. Song, "Star Spangled Banner"—by the school.

Thanks and honor to the twenty boys who donated their overalls and removed the unsightly pencil marks from the walls of our school building Friday afternoon, leaving it fresh and clean again.

This work was required because of the thoughtlessness of some other boys and girls who defaced the walls by thoughtlessly writing and making unsightly scrols on them.

A prize of \$2.00 has been offered by Professor J. S. Seymour to the pupil writing the best letter or essay on "Why Should Williamston Have Parent-Teachers Association." The winning letter or essay will be read at Chapel Wednesday morning.

The school will close Wednesday for the Thanksgiving holidays and will open again Monday, December 1st. Misses Turnage and Stewart and Mr. Ricks of the faculty will leave tomorrow for their homes to spend the holidays. Misses Eleanor Stanback and Martha Louise Anderson will visit in Durham.

JAMESVILLE LOCAL NEWS

Mr. Tatum, Miss White and Miss Hair of the Jamesville high school motored to Washington Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hardison and family of Washington were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Gurkin and family Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Hubert Gurkin, Dan Fagan and Onwood Davis visited friends in Plymouth Sunday night.

Misses Irene Harrison, Sallie and Mildred Bateman of Plymouth, will be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davis Thanksgiving day.

SHERIFF WITH DEPUTIES VISIT OAK CITY

Still Found Within A Hen's Cackle of The Little City

Sheriff Roberts and deputies, Paul and Ballard, went to Oak City Friday night in answer to a local call and found a moonshine still in a foundation within a hen's cackle of the town. The sheriff said that still had evidently been there for a long time. The operators had just finished work and put the fire out when the officers arrived. They found eight gallons of corn liquor beer which was soured out and the still brought here.

The officers started along and found the new-made product in the pressing club of a one-legged negro, named Anthony. They took the liquor and a cash bond from Anthony for his appearance before Justice Smith today. They also caught Norman Jones, another negro, with a bottle of whiskey on his person. Jones has already served a term on the liquor traffic and he has been required to put up a bond for his appearance before the Recorder's court.

The officers were somewhat surprised to find that a still had remained so long in a neighborhood and to complaint had been made before.

It is understood that women whose husbands and sons were getting drunk spilled the beans.

PEOPLES BANK BUILDING HAS NARROW ESCAPE WHEN FIRE BREAKS OUT IN CELLAR

The Peoples bank building had a narrow escape yesterday morning when fire broke out in the basement of the building. Smoke was seen streaming from the ventilators and the alarm was sent in, the volunteer fire company responding in less than three minutes. At first it was thought to be very serious, for smoke had filled the first floor to such an extent that the firemen were unable to enter by the entrance to the basement. It was found to be a pile of trash burning which in turn had first the ceiling and the floor and was brought into the room and the fire was soon extinguished.

It is thought the trash was fire that in the furnace.

JAMESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL TRIUMPHS OVER COLUMBI

The Jamesville girls' basket ball team defeated the strong Columbia team last Thursday night in a fast and hard fought game. The Jamesville girls won over their opponent by a score of 29 to 11. The Columbia team displayed much speed and skill in every part of the game but were outclassed by the Jamesville girls when it came to running up points.

Mr. Pope, Supt. of the Martin County Public Schools, spent yesterday in the city.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES AT VERNON THURSDAY NIGHT

There will be a special Thanksgiving sermon held at Vernon Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock by a delegation from the Federations of Williamston.

Messrs. Lyman Britt and Julius Purvis spent Sunday in Washington and Behaven.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Head will leave tomorrow for their home in Madison Indiana after spending the past few months in Williamston, while Mr. Head has been buying tobacco on the local market. This is the third year that Mr. and Mrs. Head have been here and they have taken an active interest in the religious and social life of the town while here and endeavored themselves to the people of Williamston.

Miss Sadie Perry will arrive tomorrow from Wilson to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Perry.

Mr. Wheeler Martin made a business trip to Norfolk yesterday.

MRS. J. W. MANNING WILL ENTERTAIN CENTURY CLUB

Mrs. J. W. Manning will entertain the Twentieth Century club at her home on Church street tomorrow afternoon at three-thirty of its regular meeting.

MASONIC NOTICE

There will be a regular communication of Shewards Lodge No. 90, F. and A. M. tonight at 7:30 o'clock. All officers are especially urged to be present and on time. All members, in good standing, are invited. C. D. CARSTARPHEN, Jr. Secy.