

JOHN D. SIMPSON DIES AT HIS HOME HERE MONDAY

Was One of Town's Oldest And Most Highly Esteemed Citizens

CIVIL WAR VETERAN

Death Caused by Pneumonia After Illness of Two Months; Was 85 Years Old

John Daniel Simpson, Civil War veteran and highly respected citizen, died at his home on Main Street here at 8:00 p. m. yesterday following an illness of almost two months, during which time he suffered attacks of grip and pneumonia. Shortly before he was confined to his bed, Mr. Simpson was active about his home, attending to his business affairs with much care until forced to abandon his daily tasks by feeble health and old age.

Born in Carteret county, October 6, 1843, Mr. Simpson was, at the time of his death, one of the town's oldest and most highly respected citizens. Before he joined the Confederate Army, he engaged in general farming in that county. On November 1, 1862, he went with Company H, 10th Artillery of the North Carolina Volunteers to champion the Cause of the South. He served throughout the war, leaving a noble service record at the end of the struggle.

Shortly after the war, he came to this county and settled in Poplar Point township where he again turned to the soil for a livelihood. After marrying Miss Mary E. Griffin, of this county, he settled on the Simpson farm, near Everett, where he succeeded in his chosen work. He gave the industry close and careful study, and was the first man in this county to plant peanuts on a commercial scale.

To the first union five children were born, Mrs. Erah Cobb, of this place, Mrs. Nell Newell, of Lenoir, and J. Dillon Simpson, of Mt. Airy, surviving, J. Paul and Lela V. Preceding him to the grave, on January 1, 1900, several years after the death of his first wife, he married Miss Bettie Clements, who survives. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Eva Bell, of Portsmouth, and several grandchildren.

During a half century, almost, he had been a member of the Stonewall Masonic Lodge, Robersonville, and for more than half that period he was the order's treasurer. Joining the Methodist Church in early manhood, he served as a member of the board of stewards here many years, continuing true to his faith and work until the end.

About twenty years ago he moved his residence here, but continued to operate his farms near Everetts. A short while ago, however, he sold his farms there and purchased another one near the Roanoke fair grounds. He gave his daily attention until a few months ago when he limited his activities. Although past the 85-year mark, he often drove his car on hundred mile trips and did so with the apparent ease and pleasure of a boy.

Catch 296 Pound Sturgeon At Jamesville Fisheries

A sturgeon weighing 296 pounds was caught at the Fleming fishery in Jamesville yesterday and was iced and shipped to New York.

The fish was one of the largest that has been caught there in several seasons and is the first to be trapped by the Fleming fishery this year. At one time the catches were frequent, but of recent years few are caught and they are generally small.

Herring are said to be running good at this time, large catches being reported at Jamesville this afternoon.

WATTS THEATRE
ALWAYS A GOOD SHOW
Depend On It!
Shows at 7:15 and 9 P. M. Daily
MUSIC BY PHOTOTONE

Surprise Ticket Appears in Election Here This Morning

With the introduction of an independent ticket right at the last minute, the town's election today is attracting much attention. With little or no interest shown only a day or two ago in the election, the independent ticket fell as a bomb in the political ring and is causing a lively contest. Voting was underway soon after the polls were opened at 8:00 o'clock in the City Hall this morning, and while heavy balloting is not expected until later in the afternoon, approximately 100 votes had been cast shortly after the noon hour.

The race was reported as being very close at one time this morning, but so many tickets are being scratched and other names substituted that the trend at this time is very uncertain. Although no record vote is expected in the election, many people are balloting who, yesterday, had no thought of voting.

Opinions offered shortly before 3:00 o'clock favored the convention ticket, however, it was believed at that time the independents were offering a strong race.

The independent ticket with Messrs.

TO HOLD CLINIC DURING MONTH

Is For Removal of Tonsils And Adenoids of School Children

The tonsil and adenoid clinic which was planned last fall will be held the latter part of this month, it was stated by Mrs. H. P. Guffy, State health nurse, who was here yesterday making preliminary arrangements for the work. The health department at Raleigh is mailing cards to the parents of those children who were examined last fall and who were found to be suffering from tonsil and adenoid trouble. These cards, Mrs. Guffy pointed out, are to be signed by the parents and returned to the State health nurse, Williamston, N. C.

Children 5 to 12 years of age will be treated at the clinic, Mrs. Guffy stated. The health nurse was here a short while yesterday making preliminary plans for the holding of the clinic, and beginning next Monday she will spend all of her time here, making final preparations for the treatment of the children.

The name of the doctor to be assigned to the clinic here is not known at this time. Just where the clinic will be held has not been settled, but it will be held in the new school building if construction work is completed in time.

Distribute 80 Cars Guano At Hassells in 24 Days

Eighty solid carloads of fertilizers were distributed at Hassells in a period of 24 days ending last month, according to a report of the Salisbury Supply company of that town. The company reports that the deliveries exceed those of former years, apparently indicating better and more thorough farming methods.

Tax List Being Made Ready for Publication

While tax monies have been received all along this week, the collectors are now busily engaged in preparing the list of delinquents for publication, Sheriff Roebuck stating that the list would be advertised Friday of this week. Town tax delinquents will be advertised at the same time, Chief W. B. Daniel stated this morning.

Settlements have been made rapidly during the past several days, and the list of delinquents will not be as large as it was first thought it would be. However, the county list will be larger than it was last year, the town list being about the same as the one last year. Collection reports are not available at this time, and the exact status of the books is not known.

Town Board Holds Meeting Last Night

After dispensing with a few minor problems in a regular meeting here last night, the board of town commissioners went into secret session.

Recorder's court here today is attracting much attention, many people attending the session. With the several county boards meeting today and the court in session, and taxpayers in evidence, it was a lively time at the court house.

M'LEAN TALKS AT OAK CITY FINALS FRIDAY NIGHT

Defines Functions of Government in Address to Senior Class

EIGHT GET DIPLOMAS

Mr. MacLean Predicts That Statewide School Law Will Be Passed in Near Future

Delivering the principal address at the closing of the Oak City schools in the auditorium there last Friday evening, Hon. A. D. MacLean described the functions of state, quoting Jefferson's theory, "The best governed state is the least governed one," as being entirely wrong in our modern civilization. Especially is the theory wrong where there are so many variations in the business and social affairs. The doctrine might hold true, however, under ideal circumstances, he continued.

The speaker mentioned the three divisions of government, legislative, judicial and executive, stating that a fourth, administrative, is now included. In the last division there are 63 different commissions in our government, the assemblyman pointing out the highway commission, department of conservation, and development, agricultural, and others. There are 19 charitable commissions, every one of which is supported by general taxation collected in the same ratio as the gas tax is raised. Forming a basis for comparison, Mr. MacLean approached the method of supporting the schools, stating that the community supported its own schools. Clay County, according to Mr. MacLean, has to pay five times as much taxes to support its six months schools as Forsyth County has to pay to support its eight-month schools. Poor counties, therefore, get poor schools at a high price, while the rich county gets good schools at a low cost. Mr. MacLean, who championed the eight-month school law in the last legislature to be supported by an equalization of the tax burdens, with the State as a unit, predicts that such a law will be passed in the near future, that all the children in the State will have equal school opportunities.

EXTEND TIME FOR FISHING

Season Will Not End On Roanoke and Chowan Until May 20

Faced by the poorest shad season in several years, commercial fishermen officials have granted fishermen an extension of ten days for taking shad and herring, Capt. J. C. Nelson, fisheries commissioner, of Raleigh, announced yesterday. This extension affects the sounds and the larger rivers of the State.

Allowing the ten-day extension, shad and herring season will end in the lower sound region on May 10 and on May 20 in the upper sounds. The season in the Cape Fear was closed on May 1 with the extension allowed. On the Pamlico and Tar rivers the season will close on May 10, and will extend to May 20 on the Roanoke and Chowan rivers.

Local Highs Win Over Scotland Neck, 10-9

The local high school baseball team won its second game of the season over Scotland Neck's nine there last Friday afternoon by a 10 to 9 score. The locals are scheduled to play Edenton this afternoon in Edenton and to close the season with a game with Washington Collegiate Institute's here next Friday afternoon.

County Commissioners Met Here Yesterday

Meeting here yesterday morning, the county commissioners handled only a few business matters before adjourning for the funeral of Mr. C. D. Carstarphen to meet again today. Yesterday the method of listing property for the current year was discussed jointly by the commissioners and list takers. Values were determined in several cases, where the market prices vary as to the seasons.

Bertie is of little concern to those paying the license fees; they are more interested in the promised return of their money.

SAYS ROANOKE ALL IN BERTIE

Attorney General's Office Says Bertie Boundaries Include River

General beliefs that the Roanoke river is proportionally divided between Bertie and this county were rendered practically unfounded last week when opinions and facts advanced by Judge Francis D. Winston and the attorney general's office, Raleigh, indicated that the neighboring district was the stream's sole owner. Although this might be true, the Bertie County Ledger states that Judge Winston was indignant when he heard about the warden demanding licenses of aged negroes fishing along the bank on this side of the stream.

The counties' dividing line came up for discussion last week when F. A. Ruffin, Bertie game and fish warden, visited here and sold licenses to hook and line fishermen on this side of the river. When one fishes in another county, he is required to purchase the proper license, and when the game warden maintained that the Roanoke was all in Bertie the subjects were compelled to buy.

Last Friday Chas. Moore, district game warden, of Washington, and J. W. Hines, county warden, of Oak City, investigated the case, giving as their opinion that it was not necessary to purchase licenses when fishing on this side of the river. Affidavits, showing that licenses had been sold, were prepared, and will be submitted to authorities in an effort to recover the fees paid by the fishermen last week.

MANY ATTEND COMMENCEMENT SERMON HERE

Held at Methodist Church Sunday; Rev. Craighill Delivers Sermon

FINALS FRIDAY NIGHT

Senior Play, "The Four Flushers," To Be Given Tomorrow Night; May Day Festival Friday Afternoon

Delivering the commencement sermon in the Methodist church here before the graduating class and a host of their friends, the Rev. F. H. Craighill, Rocky Mount minister, featured the first of the local school's closing exercises for the 1928-29 term. His sermon, carrying plain expressions of truth, was well received by the large congregation. Mr. Craighill chose for his sermon topic, "Son, go work today in the vineyard."

The second event on the closing program will take place in the new high school building tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock when the senior class presents its play, "The Four Flushers."

The May Day festival, with scores of the children taking part, is eagerly awaited by the school's patrons and friends. The event, promising to be one of the commencement high spots, will be held on the old school grounds next Friday afternoon from 5 to 7 o'clock.

The address to be delivered by W. O. Saunders, followed by the awarding of diplomas, will feature the finals next Friday evening.

TO TRY SLAYER OF CHIEF WHITE

Percy Miller Is Carried to Windsor by 8 Militiamen For Trial Thursday

Percy Miller, slayer of Chief of Police of Windsor, was returned there from the State's Prison this morning by eight militiamen, ready for trial in the Bertie County capital Thursday morning. A special venire of two hundred Bertie citizens has been ordered summoned, and should a jury fail to develop, it is believed the case will be tried in another county. Murder in the first degree is being asked for by the solicitor.

Miller, who was shot five times by the policeman, is being held in the Bertie jail.

When Judge Clayton Moore, of this place, opened court there this morning, he found automobiles parked for three blocks on both sides of the street, the people thinking that the negro would be tried today.

In a statement to Sheriff Cooper who visited the prison last Sunday, Miller stated that White shot first, that he reached for his gun and returned fire. When found exhausted in a farm house on the night of February 10, it was believed that the man would die. However, he recovered and is now apparently well, even though there are five wounds on his body.

Phillip Escoffery, colored lawyer of Durham, is preparing Miller's defense, but it is understood that he will not plead the cause in open court. It has been stated that L. P. McLendon of the McLendon and Hedrick law firm, of Durham, will argue the case. Gilliam Parke, Windsor attorney, has been called on to assist the defense in choosing the jury, since it is said the Durham attorneys are not acquainted with many citizens of Bertie.

13 PERMITS TO MARRY ISSUED

Is Smallest Number Issued In Any Month So Far This Year

A new low mark for the year was established in this county during the month just past, only thirteen couples applying for marriage licenses at the office of Mr. J. Sam Getsinger, registrar of deeds, here during the period. The number of licenses dropped from 21 issued in March and was three less than the number issued in April of last year. Several of the contracting parties were from out of the county, but even then the matrimonial stock was weak.

The list for the month just closed follows:

White
Garland W. Harris-Estelle Hampton; Lester L. Whitfield-Carrie Louise Grimes; James Robert Newsome-Bessie O. Story, of Newsome, Va.; Dwight Edward Shytle-Marjorie H. Mashburn; Allison Grady Lamm-Eva Irene Ayers; Clifton Stokes-Virginia Paul.

Colored
John H. Williams-Carrie May Whitely; Moses Davis-Henrietta Daniel; Clancy Carr-Carrie Bussey; Noah Bryant-Mary Jane Salsbury; Vance Whitfield-Della Rodgers; Willie Perry Powell-Georgia Pugh; Samuel Dawson-Polly Davis.

C. D. Carstarphen Funeral Yesterday

Fats and Leans To Play Another Game Thursday

The fats and leans of the town will meet in a second baseball game here Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the leans fully determined to reverse the order of the game played last Thursday when the fats won by a 15 to 3 count. Both sides have mustered new help and a hotly contested game is expected.

Pete Fowden will assist the fats again as umpire, and Dr. James S. Rhodes will champion the rights of the leans in that capacity.

Proceeds will be used by the athletic association in the settlement of old debts.

22 GRADUATES GET DIPLOMAS AT JAMESVILLE

Is Largest Graduating Class in History of the School

Wednesday Was Big Day on Commencement Program; Dr. Edwards Makes Literary Address

Closing last Wednesday the Jamesville schools completed one of its most successful years. With 22 members in its senior class, the school graduates more girls and boys than any other one school in the county this year. The class was the largest in the history of the school.

The closing exercises of the school were very successful and were largely attended last week. The declamation contest was won by C. A. Askew. The reading medal for the high school was won by Reba Bailey, while the prize for the elementary school was given Loretta Griffin. The medals were awarded Wednesday afternoon at the time other prizes and medals, diplomas and certificates were given out.

Tuesday evening the senior class day exercise was the only attraction of the evening. The exercises were brief and impressive. The outstanding speech of the evening was delivered by Russell Martin, valedictorian of the class.

Wednesday was the day of days, the picnic day. In the morning the seventh grade gave its class-day exercises. Dinner on the grounds was a plentiful spread for all present and plenty to spare for supper. The literary address in the afternoon by Dr. Edwards, president of Chowan College, was to the point and an excellent speech. Following the presentation of diplomas, Prof. A. L. Pollock made a few closing remarks. He thanked the community for cooperation, its fine spirit and impressed upon the seniors the importance of realizing their full duties in life.

STILL AFTER NEW INSURANCE RATE

Lower Rate Being Held Up On Account of Technical Changes

Recommended by the Southeastern Underwriters Association, Atlanta, Ga., the second-class insurance rating for property here has been practically established, according to Mayor R. L. Coburn, who visited the office of Insurance Commissioner Boney in Raleigh a few days ago. While at the commissioner's office, Mayor Coburn was told that the new rating had been recommended by the underwriters association and that it would be established as soon as a few technicalities could be properly handled.

While the extent of the reduction is not known at this time, it is understood that a saving of 15 to 20 percent will be effected by the change. It is also understood that policies written on or after the first of last month will be included under the new rating once the change is firmly established.

It was not mentioned just how long it would require to have the technicalities handled, but Mayor Coburn was assured by the commissioner that the matter would be attended to as soon as possible.

The change in the insurance rate here is made possible by an increase in fire-fighting equipment and the meeting of other requirements set up by the Southeastern Underwriters Association, of Atlanta. The association sent a representative here several days ago to make a check of the improvements, and recommendations were made to insurance authorities in this State calling for a new and better rating.

DIED IN NORFOLK HOSPITAL EARLY LAST SATURDAY

Leader in Business, Social, And Political Circles For Many Years

ILL BUT TWO WEEKS

Held Many Positions of Trust as Well As Operating Large Mercantile Establishment

Charles Daughtrey Carstarphen, one of this section's most highly esteemed citizens, died in a Norfolk hospital last Saturday morning following a two weeks' illness, his death coming as a shock to hundreds of friends throughout Eastern Carolina. Suffering from diabetes, Mr. Carstarphen alone realized his condition, but not until two weeks ago would he turn from his regular business duties and a life that he had enjoyed for nearly three score years to go to a hospital for treatment in an effort to prolong his companionship with home and friends. So dear was his place at home and in the hearts of hundreds and hundreds of friends here and in other sections that it was with much hesitancy that he left two weeks ago for hospital treatment, and not until after all material aid had spent itself did he turn to loved ones and tell that he was ready to go.

Recognized as a devoted and sincere leader of men, one who had taken an active part in politics and the progress of town and county for years, Mr. Carstarphen was ever ready to serve his fellow man and to offer his all to make this life more enjoyable to others.

Born here November 23, 1870, the son of William Henry and Mary King Carstarphen, he followed closely the teachings of a Christian father and mother, taking a part, at an early age, in his father's mercantile business and filling a vacancy on the board of stewards of the local Methodist church at the age of 23 years. He was one of the oldest members of the church who was born here, and to that institution he was always loyal. Beloved in his home and looked upon as more than a friend by all, Mr. Carstarphen had endeared himself in the daily walk of life as a friend to man.

Treasurer of Martin County for years without opposition, a member of the local school board, a director in the Farmers & Merchants Bank here since its organization and vice president of that institution for 15 years, Charles Carstarphen played a prominent and leading role in the development and progress of this section. As was the case in his religious and Masonic connections, he was true to his trust in business. In numerous other business connections he was regarded as a leader and helper.

Taking over the mercantile establishment of C. D. Carstarphen & Co. while still in early manhood, he successfully conducted the business until the day he left for treatment. During his 35 years as head of the firm he adhered to the friendly policies established by his father nearly a century ago. As agent for the Norfolk, Baltimore & Carolina Line, since its establishment eight years ago, he was instrumental in establishing a trade that is today saving shippers and merchants of this section thousands of dollars yearly in freight rates. There were few progressive movements, if any, that passed without his endorsement or personal aid being willingly given.

One of a family of six, only one, Mrs. Harry Waldo, of Hamilton, now living, Mr. Carstarphen is survived by his widow, Miss Eliza Bennett before her marriage, and five children, C. D., jr., cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank; W. H., a member of the C. D. Carstarphen & Co. firm; Bryant B., a student at Harvard; Thomas Sutton, and Mary Elizabeth Carstarphen.

The funeral was held at the Methodist Church yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Dr. O. P. FitzGerald, followed by a Masonic ceremony at the grave.

Independent Ticket In Jamesville Election

Politics centered the interest of Jamesville citizens this morning when the voters went to the polls to find two town election tickets before them. A comparatively heavy vote was forecast yesterday, one citizen stating that practically all of the 70 eligible voters would ballot before the day was over.

One ticket carries the name of A. Corey, for mayor, and those of L. W. Mizelle, W. B. Gaylord, and J. E. Hedrick for commissioners. The other ticket carries the name of Luther Hardison for mayor, and those of W. R. Roberson, J. S. Godard, and O. W. Hamilton for commissioners.