

MRS. J. W. HIGHT DIES AT HOME HERE THURSDAY

Interment Will Take Place At the Local Baptist Cemetery

SERVICE AT 4.30 TODAY
Coming Here Eighteen Years Ago, Mrs. Hight Became One of the Town's Most Beloved Citizens

Mrs. J. W. Hight, one of Williamston's most beloved and highly respected citizens, died at her home on Haughton Street here shortly before eight o'clock yesterday evening. Her death followed a three-year illness, during which time she suffered greatly.

Mrs. Hight was, before her marriage, Miss Pattie Julia Edwards, of Franklin county. She married Mr. Hight in 1892 at the age of 18 years. About 18 years ago the family moved to Williamston, coming here from Robersonville where they lived three years.

During her residence here, Mrs. Hight won the esteem and admiration of all for her loving kindness and thoughtfulness of others. In early youth she affiliated with the Methodist Church, to which body she was ever faithful and active until poor health intervened and limited her power to take part in a work that she had loved and followed for so long a time. Her high Christian character continues as a light in the midst of all those who knew her in the daily walk of life.

She is survived by Mr. Hight and two children, one son, B. B. Hight, of this place, and one daughter, Mrs. C. B. Faulkner, of Rocky Mount, and three grand children, A. E. and James Dixon and Chas. Boyd Faulkner, of Rocky Mount. One sister, Mrs. R. W. Ward, of Raleigh, and three brothers, W. P. Edwards, U. S. Deputy Marshal, of Franklin, N. N. Edwards, of Baltimore, and J. J. Edwards, of Fowler, California.

The funeral service will be held from the home this afternoon at 4.30 o'clock, conducted by Rev. D. A. Petty, pastor of the local Methodist Church. Interment will follow in the Baptist cemetery here.

STATE TAX MEET IN GREENSBORO

Several Citizens To Represent This County at Tuesday Meeting

Continuing earnestly at work in an effort to have a new tax system established, the North Carolina Property Tax Relief Association will hold another State-wide meeting in Greensboro next Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock. J. Frazier Glenn, in announcing the meeting, stated that matters of great importance will be handled at that time relative to some plan for tax reduction on property.

Judge Glenn said that he expected a very large attendance from every county in the State. That in the majority of the counties there had already been organized County Tax Relief Associations, which are cooperating heartily with the State organization.

It is rumored that the work of the State organization will be carried before the convention in Raleigh next Thursday, but this could not be established as a truth.

Several citizens in this county are planning to attend the meeting in Greensboro, according to reports received here.

Sunday Services at the Local Baptist Church

The church is pleased with the splendid work that is being done by the young people in their Sunday evening programs. Last Sunday more than 40 held their service at 7 o'clock on the lawn of the church. They will meet again as usual Sunday evening.

According to present plans, a number of the churches will go together for a series of united evening services during the summer. The months will embrace July and August. Announcement will be made about the first of these services Sunday.

In the meantime, the pastor will preach Sunday evening on "Methods and Means of Spiritual Culture." And Sunday morning's subject will be "God's Men."

The Sunday school meets at 9.45 o'clock each Sunday morning, and we welcome every one who will come. We especially appreciate it when so many come in from the rural districts.

Patrolmen Halt Motorists Here Wednesday Night

Dozens of local auto owners and other motorists were stopped on Main Street here last Wednesday night by three of the State patrolmen for driving with improper lights. The work of the motorcycle police was the source of much excitement for the spectators as they watched the unwary motorists accept the little cards. No favoritism was shown; all cars carrying improper lights were ordered to the repair shops.

County Convention To Be Held Here Tomorrow Noon

SECOND PRIMARY ONE WEEK AWAY

Ballots Carrying Names of Six Candidates Ready For Distribution

Apparently overshadowed by the first one held June 7, the second primary scheduled in this county tomorrow week is attracting no great attention at this time. The six candidates are conducting their own campaigns with the general public expressing no great interest in pre-primary work. In spite of this, it is believed that a fair-sized vote will be cast on the fifth.

The ballots, carrying the names of Messrs. W. H. Carstaphen and C. A. Harrison; for treasurer; and those of Messrs. T. C. Griffin, J. A. Everett, B. S. Cowin, and H. S. Everett, for county commissioners, have been prepared and will be delivered by Mr. Sylvester Peel, chairman of the county board of elections, next week to the various precincts.

FARMERS START CURING TOBACCO

First of Martin Crop Will Be Cured Next Week, Reports State

The first of the Martin County tobacco crop, as far as it could be learned today, will be cured next week, several farmers stating that the wet seasons ripened the tobacco rapidly and made the curing operation necessary earlier than usual. Curing in general, is yet several days off in this section, however, and it will be two weeks or probably longer before the small fires can be seen on ever hand in the small furnaces.

Generally, the tobacco crop in this county is in a poor way and a fifteen per cent shortage is admitted. However, there are a few good crops, but as a whole the shortage and poor quality are more evenly distributed among all the farmers than was the case last year.

Rev. Marshall Announces Episcopal Church Services

Rev. A. H. Marshall, Rector, Mr. Maurice Moore, Sunday School Superintendent, Miss Jane Moore, President of the Young People's Service League, Milton James, President, Junior Y. P. S. L.

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Young Peoples' Service League, at 7 p. m.

Evening prayer and sermon at 8. You are cordially invited to attend these services. During the hot summer weather the services will be shortened to forty minutes, so come and enjoy the most precious forty minutes of the week in the worship and service of God.

Miss Jane Moore, Mr. Billy Watts, and Mr. Reg Simpson and Miss Carrie Williams will leave next Monday for a two weeks stay at Camp Leach, where the Young Peoples' Service League of the Episcopal Church will hold its annual summer conference. These young people are delegates from this church for this year. The Junior League will send delegates about the middle of July, when the Junior Camp will begin its conference. All the young people are invited to join this camp and will be welcome.

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Morning service at 11. Sermon by the pastor on the theme, "The Joy of Being Normal."
Evening service at 8: Sermon by the pastor on "The Outreach of Hope, Its Use or Perversion."
Sunday school at 9.45. Classes for all ages.
Senior League at 8 Monday evening. Hi-League at 8 Tuesday.
Prayer service at 8 Wednesday, and choir practice at 8 Thursday.
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Holly Springs
Rev. J. E. Yountz will preach at Holly Springs Sunday evening at 8. This is the first time Mr. Yountz has spoke at Holly Springs Church, and a large attendance is expected.
Sunday school at Holly Springs Sunday morning at the usual hour.

Mrs. Petty in Hospital
Mrs. D. A. Petty is in Watts hospital Durham, where she underwent an operation Wednesday morning. Mr. Petty returned from her bedside yesterday, and says that she came out of the operation in good condition, and rested reasonably well the first thirty hours. Her doctor says that she must remain in the hospital three weeks.

FORM COUNTY ORGANIZATION AT MEETING

Session Will Last Only A Short While Committee Chairman States

TO NAME COMMITTEE
Sufficient Representation of Precincts Urged That Business Might Be Properly Transacted

"A very short while will be required to handle the business of the convention," Attorney Elbert S. Peel, chairman of the county Democratic executive committee, stated this morning when questioned relative to the Democratic County convention scheduled to be held in the courthouse here tomorrow at 12 o'clock. Delegates to the State convention, convening in Raleigh next Tuesday, will be appointed.

In addition to that particular work, the convention will form its county organization. The organization of County Democratic Executive Committee is made up of a chairman and ten members, and an alternate. During the past several years, Messrs. E. S. Peel, chairman, and Javan Rogers, R. O. Martin, Joshua L. Coltrain, Plenny Peel, J. S. Ayers, L. T. Fowden, Ed James, J. L. Croom, Slade White, T. H. Johnson, and John Davenport have served on the committee.

At the meeting tomorrow, the several precincts failing to hold meetings last Saturday are asked to meet just prior to the county convention and form their organizations. Martin County is entitled to 19 delegates in the State convention, having cast 2,905 votes for the Democratic candidate for Governor in 1928, and it is important that the delegates be named that proper representation might be had. Any Democrats in good standing will be recognized at the meeting tomorrow, it was stated.

Representation in the county convention by precincts is determined by the number of votes cast for the Democratic candidate for governor in the last general election. Each precinct is entitled to one vote in the county convention for every 25 cast in the precinct for Governor Gardner at the election in 1928. The county's representation in the State convention is determined in the same manner except that the county is allowed one vote in the convention for every 150 cast for governor in 1928. Two years ago the county had only 13 votes, an increase of 6 being recorded this year due to the large number of ballots cast in 1928.

Williamston precinct will have the largest number of votes in the county convention, 25, while Gold Point is at the bottom of the list with 3. There will be a total of 115 votes in the convention, apportioned as follows: Williamston, 25; Robersonville, 19; Jamesville, 14; Cross Roads, 12; Griffins, 11; Bear Grass, Hamilton and Goose Nest, 7 each; Williams, 6; Poplar Point, 4; and Gold Point, 3.

No large crowd is expected, but the committee is anxious to have a sufficient representation to transact the various business scheduled before the meeting tomorrow.

According to reports coming from other counties, the precinct meetings were well attended last Saturday and the conventions tomorrow will attract interested crowds.

TOBACCO MARTS WILL OPEN HERE SEPTEMBER 2ND

Opening Here Is One Day Earlier Than It Was Last Season

GEORGIA OPENS FIRST
Speaker Urges Tobacco Interests To Recognize Farmer In Some Way And Avoid Any Trouble

Norfolk, Va., June 26.—Opening dates for the tobacco markets of the Carolinas, Florida and Virginia named by the sales committee of the Tobacco Association of the United States in their thirtieth annual session at the Cavalier hotel, Virginia Beach, today are as follows:

Georgia, July 29, six days later than the opening last year.
South Carolina, August 5, six days later than the opening last year.

Eastern Carolina, September 2, one day earlier than the opening last year. These dates, it was explained today by W. T. Clark, of Wilson, chairman of the sales committee, are merely the recommendation of the committee and must be approved by the association before they become effective. The odds, however, are about a thousand to one that the association will approve the recommendations of the committee.

The date for the opening of the Georgia market is in line with the bulk of opinion of representatives of several Georgia markets who appeared before the committee today.

For the first time in three years the Eastern North Carolina area had no representative at the meeting—of the sales committee with formal requests for an earlier opening date. Last year and the year before delegates from the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce appeared before the committee with petitions bearing the signatures of thousands upon thousands of growers and business men requesting an earlier opening but this year when Chairman Clark called for expressions from this area there was no response.

In the main the speeches before the committee dealt with opening dates exclusively. James Wilson, veteran Danville tobacco, sounded a different note, however, when he told the committee that "unless the tobacco interests recognize the farmer in some way you are going to have trouble." Declaring that he had been raising tobacco since 1883, Mr. Wilson said that at one time he would have been glad to have signed a contract to raise tobacco for 10 cents a pound but that "now it costs 22 cents a pound to raise it and the tobacco farmers are starving to death."

Van B. Martin, Plymouth Attorney, Dies Yesterday

Van B. Martin, prominent Plymouth attorney and one-time State Senator, died at his home here yesterday afternoon of cancer.

Mr. Martin was about 48 years old. A native of Northampton county, Mr. Martin, after obtaining his law license, located in Plymouth a number of years ago. He twice represented the second district in the State Senate and represented Washington county in the lower house of the general assembly one term.

He was regarded as an able and brilliant lawyer.

Funeral services were held this afternoon, interment following in the Plymouth cemetery.

School Heads Hold Meet In Courthouse Here Tuesday

HEAR TWELVE CAUSES IN THE COUNTY COURT

Stealing and Liquor Law Violations Account for Many of the Cases

Stealing and liquor law violations figured prominently in the last Tuesday session of the recorder's court here, when twelve cases, eleven criminal and one civil, were called by Judge J. W. Bailey. The docket offered no cases other than the general run that has marked the sessions for the past several months.

Frank Powell, colored, charged with rape, had his case continued for one week.
Judgment was suspended in the case charging Hubert Roberson with violating the liquor laws. Roberson admitted his guilt in the case and agreed to pay the court costs.

Clifton Cooper and Archie Moore were given road sentences when they were found guilty on a larceny and receiving charge. Will Modica, a third party in the case, escaped punishment on account of his tender age.

The case charging Edgar Eborn with larceny and receiving, was referred to the juvenile court, when it was learned that he was under 14 years of age.

George Gardner, pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, was given a short road sentence.
Clyde Silverthorne pleaded not guilty of violating the liquor laws, but, after hearing the evidence, the court pronounced his guilt and prayer for judgment was continued.

Found guilty of violating the liquor laws, Early Whitehurst was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs. A six months sentence was suspended.

J. E. Broach was fined \$50, costs added, when he pleaded guilty of driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor. His license to operate a car was also revoked for a period of six months.

George Brown was found not guilty in the case charging him with an assault and non-support.

A nol pros resulted in the case charging Jesse Williams and Sterling Williams with larceny and receiving. Grover Dickson was ordered to the county home for 90 days when he was found guilty of larceny and receiving.

14 PRISONERS IN THE COUNTY JAIL

Seven Are Federal Prisoners Awaiting Trial In Foreign Courts

Fourteen prisoners, nine colored and five white, are residing in the Martin County jail, according to the last census report given out by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck. Seven of the prisoners are awaiting trial in the Federal courts, and three or four of the county prisoners are awaiting orders of removal to other institutions.

Only three of the county prisoners are awaiting trial, the number being the smallest recorded on the jail record in some time, it was stated by the sheriff yesterday morning.

Sketch of David F. Roberson's Life During The Civil War

The Civil War had its horrors, its tragedies by the thousands, and its numberless sufferings; but in all these lives a spirit that gives birth to justified pride for those who served in the Line of Gray. This week, we have a brief review of the life of Mr. David F. Roberson, of Robersonville, one of Martin County's sons who entered the service at a tender age and continued throughout the struggle ever loyal to the cause of the South.

Mr. Roberson, other than relating historical facts but little to say of the hardships and happenings during the war.

In the fall of 1863, then a young man, Mr. Roberson entered the service as courier, operating between Hamilton and Greenville until the following spring, when he went with his regiment to Wilmington. After a short stay there his regiment was ordered to Plymouth, where, under General R. F. Hoke, the town was recaptured and the Yankees routed.

Up until about that time the war was considered unusually quiet, but after the capture of Plymouth, Mr. Roberson and his regiment was ordered to join Lee's forces at Bermuda Hundred. There it was he saw the first bloodshed in the struggle, Col. John C. Lamb, brother to the late William C. Lamb, and a resident of this place for a number of years, losing his

life in action shortly after Mr. Roberson reached the new scene of battle. Referring to Mr. Lamb's death, Mr. Roberson stated "that was the first, but I saw plenty of it afterwards. We continued with Lee around Richmond and Petersburg in all his maneuvers and battles, and during the remainder of the summer and a part of the fall of 1864 we were on Mortar Hill, near Petersburg."

From that point the regiment was called to defend Fort Fisher at the mouth of the Cape Fear. Mr. Roberson stated that they reached there on Christmas Day, when the Yankees were shelling the fort. The Unionists failed in their attempt to take the fort at that time, but succeeded three weeks later under General Terry. The Southern forces were compelled to evacuate Wilmington, marching to Goldsboro and later on toward Kinston, where they fought the Federals under General Burnside.

Lieutenant Theodore Hassell, son of the late Elden C. R. Hassell, was killed in this battle, Mr. Roberson stated.

The Confederates withdrew from that point to join others under General Joseph E. Johnson, who was then retreating before General W. T. Sherman on his famous march to the sea, burning houses and laying waste the plantations along the route. When the union was effected with Johnson's

forces, a battle was pitched at Bentonville, the last battle fought in the war. General Lee had surrendered just prior to that time at Appomattox. Johnson's army withdrew from there in an attempt to escape to the west, but he was hotly pursued by Generals Burnside and Sherman. Between Durham and Greensboro, Johnson surrendered on Monday, April 24, 1865, without a battle.

In telling of his activities just before and after Johnson's surrender, Mr. Roberson states, "General Hoke formed his division in a big hollow square and told us the consequences, stating that we could go home then or remain over for the surrender the next morning, the 24th. I, with four more of the company, left immediately and came through the enemy lines at Holly Springs. They gave us a prisoner's parole, and I have it still. We were on the road eight days, reaching home May 1 at supper time."

Mr. Roberson has farmed practically all his life, meeting with reasonable success. Up until recently he attended the annual Confederate reunions, and even now in his old age he greatly enjoys meeting with friends to discuss the trials and tribulations suffered during the great struggle. On account of poor health, Mr. Roberson was forced to give up his duties on the farm, and he now resides in Robersonville.

DAVID F. ROBERSON



One of the five remaining Martin County men who saw service in the War Between the States.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS MEETING

Treasurer Makes Report To Members at Session Held Yesterday Afternoon

Meeting yesterday afternoon in the club rooms, the Woman's Club listened to a civic improvements talk by Mayor R. L. Coburn, the town official pointing out certain changes than can be reasonably expected to take place in the town within the next few months.

The meeting yesterday afternoon will be the last on the club schedule until next September when the members will again hold their regular session and continue the splendid work characteristic of the organization during the past several years.

At the session yesterday, Mrs. J. G. Staton, new treasurer, after commending very highly the work of the two former treasurers, Mrs. L. B. Harrison and Mrs. Warren H. Biggs, gave her report for the month she has been in office. Since its organization in January 7, 1926, the club has received through various channels \$4,096.10, spending of that amount \$4,070.56 for improvement of club rooms, charities and other allied purposes.

In making the report, Mrs. Staton had each member make a guess as to the approximate amount shown by the club books for Kiwanis luncheons, rental of club rooms, remodeling club rooms, total receipts from all sources and total disbursements. One dollar was awarded each person whose guess was nearest correct, as follows: Mrs. J. E. King guessed \$15,000 as amount received from Kiwanis luncheons; Miss Anna Crawford estimated that \$300 had been received for rentals; Mrs. A. R. Dunning, \$1,145 for remodeling; Mrs. L. B. Harrison estimated the receipts to be \$4,250 and Mr. Grover Harrison guessed that \$4,000 constituted the disbursements. The correct amounts given by the treasurer are: Kiwanis luncheons, \$1,685.78; rentals, \$279.38; remodeling, \$1,164.04; total receipts, \$4,144.20 and total disbursements, \$4,089.86.

Mr. Roy L. Meador Goes With Planters Warehouse

Mr. Roy L. Meador, of Bembridge, Ga., is here for a few weeks in the interest of the new Planters Warehouse which he, with his brother Harry L. Meador, and Mr. Joe Taylor, will operate this season. Mr. Meador, like his brother, has been in the tobacco business for years. During the past several seasons he has been on the Eastern Carolina markets and is well known by many farmers in this county.

Mr. Meador, an able judge of tobacco, is a hard worker and his coming to the local market will mean much to its success in the future.

Presbyterian Services for Sunday Are Announced

"The Church with an Open Door"
True sayings: "Spiritual sustenance is needed in hot weather as well as in cold; therefore, come to church Sunday."

Sunday school, 9.45 a. m. Departmental classes—John L. Rodgers, superintendent.

Worship service and sermon: 11 a. m. "Friendship—Human and Divine." Our motto is, "A warm welcome in a cool church." Come and worship in this well ventilated and well screened church. We welcome all.

Bear Grass
Presbyterian services will be held in the school house auditorium at Bear Grass Sunday night at 7.30 p. m. Come and join us in this worship.

SEE NO WAY TO LIMIT FURTHER SCHOOL COSTS

Two Proposed Plans for A Decrease Considered Impracticable

WILL INCREASE RATE

Additional Teachers Will Require An Increase of Approximately 9,600 In Budget for Coming Term

Meeting in the courthouse here last Tuesday evening in an attempt to effect strict economy in school operations, 50 or more local committeemen agreed that there was no chance to further curtail costs in their individual schools. The cash dollar commanded the center of interest at the meeting, but only once did it look as if the pecuniary line-up would even register, and that was when Mr. G. H. Cox, of Robersonville, stated that even though his school had earned a new teacher, they could get along without her and would do it if other schools earning new teachers would do likewise. Apparently conditions in other schools are not as favorable toward the proposed plan, and Mr. Cox's offer fell flat. Jamesville, earning two new teachers, stated that the school there needed them to classify the elementary department. Mr. C. A. Harrison stated that he believed the committee here would be glad to do what was best for the school child and the taxpayer. According to Principal Watson, the eighth grade here will enroll around 85 pupils during the coming term and that it would be impossible for one teacher to handle that number.

Each school committee was questioned closely relative to the real need for additional teachers, and Cross Roads probably furnished the best argument for adding to its force. Year before last the school there failed to maintain a three-teacher schedule by one pupil, measles having caused many absences. Last year, children left the school to attend others, stating that two teachers could not offer them the advantages. In spite of this and other handicaps, the committeemen stated that the school had legally earned a third teacher, and that the success of the school depended upon her appointment. At Everett, the committee stated that a district had been added and that the need for the one additional teacher is apparent. Gold Point was not represented.

The discussion took another turn when Committeeman Salisbury, of Hamilton, suggested that salaries be reduced and allow the number of teachers earned. He gave as his opinion that it would be better to have a sufficient number of teachers with reduced salaries than to have insufficient number of higher-paid teachers. The argument advanced in that case was settled when it was pointed out that the State Equalization fund for the county would be reduced to the extent of the salary reduction, that the decrease would not affect the county tax rate.

After discussing at length proposed salary reductions and a limited number of teachers, the meeting took on local color, one or two of the district leaders charging others with unfair practices. It was pointed out that certain trucks overlapped the territory of others, and while the loss was limited, Mr. Nun Everett suggested that maps be prepared for each truck and filed in the office of the county superintendent. Other particulars were mentioned, but they were local in their nature.

While the meeting brought forth no actual reduction methods, economy was recognized as a strong undercurrent in the discussions. With conditions unchanged, that is if the 16 new teachers, nine white and seven colored, are hired and the salary increments are granted according to the State salary schedule, an increase of 10 per cent in the tax rate will be necessary to care for the added costs. The additional salary costs will be around \$9,600, and the salary increments going into effect during the coming term will amount to approximately \$7,700, it was stated. General operating costs will remain about the same, probably a small reduction being possible in some cases.

After discussing the situation for more than two hours, the meeting adjourned, many of the committeemen stating that they would abide by the county board of education's final action in passing upon the various budgets.

Holiness To Have Jubilee Day Service Next Sunday

Jubilee Day will feature the services at the local Holiness Church next Sunday, it was announced this morning. The initial service will be held at 11 in the morning, dinner being served on the grounds in picnic style between the morning and afternoon services. It was stated.