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T. W. THOMAS DIES WEDNESDAY AT HIS HOME HERE

Retired Postal Worker Had Been in Feeble Health For Long Time

Theophilus W. Thomas, retired postal worker and an ardent Mason for many years, died at his home here on Warren Street at 10 o'clock Wednesday night following an illness of seven years' duration. Five years ago he suffered a stroke of paralysis and was forced to his bed. Later he regained sufficient strength to leave his bed and make short visits about the town. During the past several months however, he suffered a number of light paralytic strokes, but even then he was able to be up part of the time. Only a few minutes before death he was able to be up, the attending physician assigning heart trouble as the ultimate cause of his death.

Captain Thomas, as he was favorably known in this section, was born on a farm in Edgecombe County, near Rocky Mount, 74 years ago last August. In 1881 he was married to Miss Susan A. Petway, and he left the farm to enter the railroad service at Rocky Mount. He was later transferred to South Carolina, and after working at Dillon, Manning, and Latta, he came to Williamston. He left the employ of the railroad company after 21 years of service, and accepted an appointment as carrier on R. F. D. 1 out of the local post office. For 19 years he served the patrons along that route, and in that task he proved faithful to his trust and to the people whom he served. At the age of 65 years he was retired.

Affiliating himself with the Masonic order in Latta, S. C., Mr. Thomas eagerly upheld the principles of that organization until his death. He held every office in the local lodge, including that of Master. During the 45 years he was a member of the order, he attended the meetings regularly, and always took an unusually active interest in its work. He was a member of the Methodist church for nearly 40 years.

Besides his wife he leaves three daughters, Mrs. G. A. Peed and Mrs. E. P. Whitley, both of Williamston; and Mrs. J. T. Thompson, of Roanoke Rapids; and one son, Harold Thomas, of Whitakers. He also leaves three brothers, A. J. and William Thomas, of Rocky Mount, and Henry Thomas, of Florence, S. C., and 12 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. C. T. Rogers, pastor of the local Methodist church. Interment followed in the cemetery here with the members of Skewarkee lodge conducting the rites at the grave.

REVALUATION IS DISCRETIONARY

Special Act Passed in General Assembly Thursday To This Effect

A law was passed in the legislature yesterday making the revaluation of land discretionary in Martin County. The machinery act, passed several days ago, made a revaluation mandatory. Under the provisions of the new law, the county commissioners can order a revaluation to effect a horizontal reduction in values, the size of the decrease to be determined by them.

The problem will be discussed at a special meeting of the commissioners here next Monday, and it is believed that a horizontal reduction will be provided for at that time. Should a horizontal reduction be effected, the commissioners then will determine just what percentage values will be dropped.

HALF HOLIDAY

Beginning next Wednesday at 1 o'clock p. m., no window service will be offered at the local post office on Wednesday afternoons, it was announced today by Mrs. Fannie Biggs Anderson, postmistress. Many post offices, after the 44-hour week went into effect some months ago, observe a "sturdy" afternoon as their half-holiday. The local office, believing it would be more advantageous to remain open on Saturday afternoons, will take the half holiday on Wednesday.

RAISE LIMIT OF SEED AND FEED LOANS TO \$2,000

Maximum Amount To One Farm Heretofore Has Been \$1,200

Learning that many farmers operating large farms were in need of more than \$1,200 this year, the Seed and Feed Loan office announced this week that the maximum size of loans had been increased from \$1,200 to \$2,000. In other words, heretofore \$1,200 was the maximum amount that could be lent to the tenants of any one landowner in a single county. Conditions permitting, it is possible for a landowner and his tenants now to borrow the maximum amount of \$2,000.

It is understood here that very few farmers in this county are in line for a maximum size loan. Individual loans can not be larger than \$300, and where there are as many as ten tenants on one farm and the landowner is cultivating a crop, the maximum size of each loan on that particular farm would be \$200.

SCHEDULE HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Church of Advent to Have Full Week of Services Starting Sunday

Rev. E. F. Moseley, Rector
The climax of the Lenten season comes with Palm Sunday and Holy week and ending with Easter day. During Holy Week, services will be held in the Church of the Advent at 8 o'clock in the evening and will not last over 40 minutes. In addition there will be a morning service on Good Friday at 10:30 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited and urged to make use of this special season to prepare themselves for a really happy Easter, the most important festival of the Christian year.

Following is a schedule of services and the subjects of the sermons:
Palm Sunday, a. m.: "Palms or Stones"; p. m.: "The Suffering of the Innocent for the Guilty."
Monday night: "The Reasons Why Jesus Was Rejected."
Tuesday night: "The Sacrifice of a Son."
Wednesday night: "The Voluntary Sacrifice."
Thursday night: "The Victory of the Spirit Over Flesh."
Friday morning: "Is the Cross the Center of Christianity?"
Friday night: "Could Jesus Have Saved Himself?"
Easter morning: "Our Glorious Hope."
Easter night: A pageant, "Youth's Quest for the Holy Grail."

There will be special music at the Sunday services and perhaps at the week-day services also.

On Easter morning at 7:30 o'clock, the Rev. Mr. Sidney Matthews will be with us for the celebration of the Holy Communion.

Ten Mules Are Burned On Ben Everett Farm

Ten mules, belonging to Mr. Ben Everett, were burned to death early yesterday morning when the stables on the Everett farm, near Palmyra and just across the Martin County line, were destroyed by fire. Few details in connection with the fire could be learned here today, and it is not known how the fire started and how much the resulting loss amounted to.

TWELVE COURT CASES CALLED HERE TUESDAY

First Term of Recorder's Court Held Since Middle Of March

A dozen cases were called in the last Tuesday session of the Martin County Recorder's court here, the docket being comparatively small considering that the court had not functioned since March 14 on account of the superior court being in progress for two weeks. The nature of the docket was little changed from that of previous ones, larceny and assaults of one kind or another, accounting for most of the cases.

Eyans E. Davis pleaded guilty in the case charging him with abandonment and non-support. The court suspended sentence upon the payment of the cost and the condition that he pay to the court the sum of \$5 weekly during the next 12 months.

Gabriel Wiggins was found not guilty of larceny and receiving. Judgment was suspended in the case charging Fred Huff with an assault.

The six months sentence meted out in the case charging Julian and Lee Peel with an assault with a deadly weapon was suspended upon the condition that the defendants show good behavior during the next 12 months.

Judgment was suspended upon the payment of the cost in the case charging Jay Jones with being drunk and disorderly.

Alexander, London and Herman James were each sentenced to the roads for three months when they pleaded guilty of larceny and receiving.

It was ordered by the court that J. E. Broach, charged with operating a car while intoxicated, pay the sum of \$3 weekly until \$21.40 is paid.

The case charging C. C. Hodges with trespassing was continued.

William Crews failed to answer in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon.

The case charging W. Jackson Holiday with forcible trespass was continued.

Charged with driving an automobile while under the influence of liquor, Charlie Luton, failed to appear in court for trial. Papers were issued for his immediate arrest.

An eighteen months road sentence was suspended in the case charging Joe Stalls, jr., with larceny and receiving, upon the condition that the boy voluntarily enter the Rocky Mount Training School and abide by the rules and regulations of that institution governing his conduct and release.

Oak City 4-H Club In Regular Meeting

The Oak City 4-H Club held their regular meeting Tuesday at 2 p. m. in the school house. The president opened the meeting with a few club songs and the repeating of the club pledge. The club held a short business meeting during which Miss Sleeper outlined the requirements for those wishing to join the biscuit contest and urged all girls to participate and work for the district prize of \$12.50.

All members were given an opportunity to catch up on their record books. The club will meet again in May.—Reporter.

Three Local Boys Have Close Call Early Thursday

Frank Carstarphen, James Harris, and Raymond Taylor escaped injury about 4 o'clock yesterday morning when their car, a Ford coupe, left the highway in Jamesville and literally mowed down the hedge and one or two small cedar trees in the C. C. Fleming yard there. The driver of the car, Mr. Harris, dropped off to sleep, causing the accident.

The running gear of the car was slightly damaged and a running board and fender were smashed. The young men, returning from a dance in Roper, were able to continue the journey home in their own car.

Baptist Philathea Class Will Hold Meet Tonight

The Philathea class of the local Baptist church will meet with Mrs. J. Sam Getsinger tonight at 8:00 o'clock. All members are cordially urged to attend.

Harnett Farmers Purchase Five Tons Lespedeza Seed

Harnett County farmers have ordered 10,000 pounds of lespedeza seed and pasture grass so far this spring.

Carteret Farmers Plant 1,100 Acres To Potatoes

Carteret County potato growers have planted 1,100 acres to the early crop of Irish potatoes, increasing the plantings by 200 acres over last season.

FEW GROWERS ATTEND COTTON CO-OP MEETING

Held in Courthouse Tuesday Afternoon; Mann Main Speaker

Speaking before a small group of North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association members in the courthouse last Tuesday afternoon, Mr. M. G. Mann, secretary-treasurer of the organization, stressed the importance of planting better seed and the adoption of lespedeza as a cover crop. The meeting was held for the election of delegates to the district meeting to be held in Greenville soon. Messrs. Harry Waldo, Ed Purvis, and W. S. White were named to represent this county at the meeting.

During the afternoon, Mr. Mann went into detail in explaining the efforts put forth by the organization in improving the quality of the crop and bettering marketing arrangements.

For this section he personally favored the planting of Carolina Foster or Farm Relief seed, a strain only recently developed by Coker.

That the association has made every effort to aid its members, Mr. Mann explained that back in 1930 it advanced farmers 90 per cent on their cotton. They agreed to hold it three years, and if the price advanced the growers were to receive the increase, and if the price dropped no demand would be made on the growers. The cotton, 176,000 bales, is still being held, and the only hope now for a price increase is the proposed farm relief legislation.

Pointing out that cooperation should be practiced in the marketing of all crops, Mr. Mann referred to a happening reported in Charlotte recently. A farmer, taking 200 pounds of salad from his farm, peddled it to nearly every store in Charlotte and finally sold it for 2 1/2 cents a pound. A customer of the store came along a short while thereafter and paid 9 1/2 cents a pound for the same salad. With these happenings going on thick and fast everywhere, the farmer too often takes the attitude that nothing can be done about it and remains inactive while he could push his claim through a well-supported cooperative marketing system.

POULTRY TRUCK HERE NEXT WEEK

New Concern To Be At Ice Plant Two Days; Also One at Market Square

A new poultry concern, the S. S. and B. Live Poultry Corporation, operating out of New York, is planning on establishing direct service from this point to the New York and other northern markets next week, it was learned here yesterday. The service will be made available weekly, provided the number of chickens offered for sale is sufficient to warrant operations that often.

Loadings will be made here next Tuesday and Wednesday at the ice plant for the first time by the new concern.

A second poultry concern, J. L. Buck Company, of Norfolk, is scheduled to operate here all day Wednesday in the warehouse square.

W. B. Harrington Will Preach At Piney Grove

Rev. W. B. Harrington will conduct two services at Piney Grove this week end, one at 11 o'clock Saturday morning and another at 2:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, it was announced here yesterday. The public is invited to hear him at both the services.

Beer Legal in 19 States And District Columbia

The manufacture and sale of beer containing 3.2 per cent alcohol is now legal in 19 states and in the District of Columbia.

After May 1, the manufacture and sale of beer in this state will be legal.

CONSCIENCE CLEAR

Three years ago a man stole two articles, each valued at 98 cents, from the Young Mercantile Company here and went away undetected but for one thing—his conscience. After worrying over the wrong deed during the long three years the person entered the store this week and confessed and asked forgiveness. The manager, receiving \$2 for the stolen goods, forgave with a smile, and the party went away rejoicing and with a relieved conscience.

Happily, the person was one of those not conveniently born; that is, he was born with a conscience.

Bill Dealing With Paving Assessments Is Introduced

A bill was introduced by Representative J. C. Smith in the House of Representatives, Raleigh this week regulating the payment of paving assessments in the town of Williamston. Particulars and the nature of the bill other than the information offered in the bare title of the bill itself could not be learned here today. When questioned yesterday the town authorities knew nothing about the bill, and an answer asked in a letter addressed to Mr. Smith Wednesday has not been received.

Some time ago, or in 1931, petitioning were presented asking the legislature to relieve the several

churches here of paving assessments. A law was passed at that time empowering the town commissioners to handle the problem as they deemed best. So far the town board has not released the churches from the assessments. However, it is understood that some of the churches here have not paid since that time, or before, for that matter.

It is not known whether the bill introduced this week will demand the relieving of the churches from paying the assessments, or whether it provides something else. Whatever it is, the town authorities are not acquainted with the bill's provisions.

MISTRIAL RESULT IN BEAMAN CASE

Jury Unable To Agree on Verdict in Federal Court Yesterday

A mistrial resulted in the case charging Thomas E. Beaman, of Greenville, former United States Commissioner, with accepting bribes from alleged violators of the national prohibition law, this week in Federal court at Washington when the jury was unable to agree on a verdict.

The jury, after receiving the case Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock, informed Judge Meekins in Federal Court 10 hours later that an agreement could not be reached. No date for the new trial was set, but it probably will come up for consideration at the next term of court.

Beaman, a former minister, forged into the limelight in the last three years in his prosecution of prohibition cases in Greenville. Several months ago he was arrested and charged with accepting bribes from bootleggers for information furnished them regarding activities of law-enforcement officers.

Beaman contended the small sums of money accepted from negroes at the time mentioned in the indictment were payments on insurance policies.

Given preliminary hearing here shortly afterward, Beaman was bound over to Federal court under bond. His bond was later reduced to a habeas corpus hearing and the former minister gained his release pending trial.

Some weeks ago a fire partly wrecked the house in which he lived in Greenville, and he was again arrested and charged with incendiarism. He remained in jail until several days ago, when he was allowed to go at liberty until his trial.

EIGHT MONTHS SCHOOL ASSURED

House Passes Supply Bill Carrying Appropriations For Extended Term

Developments in the North Carolina legislature reached a climax last night when the action of the house assured an eight-month state-supported school for the children of the state.

Action of the house in accepting the supply bill carrying total appropriations of \$83,159,218 for the biennium beginning July 1 also brought legislative adjournment definitely in sight. The report was not voted upon in the senate pending house action, but its adoption today is a foregone conclusion.

Settlement of the spending problem with general recognition that a sales tax must be levied to balance the budget left just one more major problem for the assembly—the revenue bill specifying form and amount of taxes.

The exact amount of money the bill will save Martin County taxpayers has not been determined, but the ad valorem tax rate will be less by from 32 to 37 cents in the county, it is understood.

Senior Class Play At Everetts On Tuesday

The senior class of the Everetts High School will present its annual play in the school auditorium there next Tuesday evening at 8:00 o'clock, it was announced today by Principal David N. Hix. The play is a three act comedy drama, entitled "George in a Jam."

A small admission fee of ten cents to all will be charged. It is hoped that the low charges will aid in bringing out a large crowd; the principal said.

Regular Services At Christian Church Here

Regular services at the Christian church Sunday. Sunday school, preaching and Christian Endeavor. All are invited.

FIVE - DAYS - OLD INFANT FOUND IN CARDBOARD BOX

Abandoned Baby Left Near Home of Mr. and Mrs. Levin Ange

A little baby, wearing hardly enough clothes to keep its tender body warm, was found in a pasteboard shoe box near the home of Mr. and Mrs. Levin Ange, in Jamesville Township, Wednesday afternoon. The child is now in the Ange home, where it is receiving parental care, but the identity of the babe's cruel parents has not yet been definitely established.

Returning from school that afternoon, Nicholas, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ange, after alighting from the school bus, heard the appealing cry of the infant as it rested in the tiny pasteboard container beside the mail box, and carried him home, a hundred yards away. According to a short note found in the box, the baby was born April 1, and was named Howard Mallison.

It could not be learned how long the baby had been left alone at the mail box, but it is believed that the child had been there only a short time when found.

Rumors in connection with the parentage were circulating fast in that quiet community yesterday, it was said, but it could not be learned whether or not Mr. and Mrs. Ange were planning to adopt the little human cast-off.

FEW REGISTER FOR ELECTION

Around 20 Names Added To List for Town Election

According to reports coming from Registrar J. L. Hassell, there is little interest in the registration for the coming municipal election. About 20 names have been added to the list of qualified voters, and it is understood there are approximately 200 citizens who are of voting age and yet have not registered. The names of around 400 qualified voters are now on the books, Mr. Hassell said.

The books will remain open through Saturday, April 22. On the following Saturday the books will be opened for the challenge of registrations.

No nominating convention has been called by the authorities so far, but the meeting will be held probably some time week after next, or several days before the election to be held May 2.

Oxford Orphanage Class To Be Here On May 13

The Oxford Orphanage Singing Class will appear in a concert here on Saturday evening, May 13, it was announced this week following the completion of arrangements by the local Skewarkee Lodge and representatives of the class. The announcement of the engagement is made at this time in the hope that no confusions with other entertainments will develop.

The singing class, during the past two or three years particularly, has proved to be a valuable asset to the orphanage, and Masons in this section are planning a big reception for the little visitors next month.

Hamilton Club Girls In Meeting Tuesday

The 4-H club girls held their regular meeting at the Hamilton school Tuesday, April 4, at 10:30 a. m. Work of the previous month was carried over and many members continued their stocking-darn or hemmed-patch project at this time. This is one of the requirements for all club members. Club songs were enjoyed by the members, and the older members in the club were urged to join the biscuit contests.—Reporter.

31 OPERATED ON AT TONSIL CLINIC HERE THURSDAY

Eighteen More Children To Be Treated Today; All Getting On Well

Tonsil clinics made possible by interested welfare workers and other friends of the needy, through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, are progressing rapidly in this county. Already four clinics have been held, one at Oak City, a second a Bear Grass, one at Hamilton for that and the districts of Hassell and Gold Point, and the fourth at Jamesville.

Thirty-one operations were performed at the clinic here yesterday, all the cases being normal except 2. Dolly Mae Wheeler's tonsils were lower down in the throat than is ordinarily the case, and Dr. Sawyer found it necessary to take a number of stitches to prevent bleeding. And little friend Raleigh Mendenhall, jr., had triple tonsils, but his case was not so terribly bad. Today, all the patients operated upon yesterday are getting along very well. Eighteen other operations, mostly pay patients, are being performed today. Many applicants reporting for operations were turned away when it was found they had fever and operations were not advisable under such conditions.

Next Monday, patients from Farm Life and Dardens will come here for operations, the voltage in the Farm Life School being too low for the successful operation of the machines used in the operating room.

The clinic here is being held in the Woman's Club hall in the Masonic building.

A clinic will be held in Robersonville the latter part of next week, and the campaign will be brought to a close at Everetts the following week.

COUNTY HEALTH HOLDS UP WELL

One Case of Contagious Disease All Reported Last Month

The month of March proved a healthy one in this county, according to the monthly report of the health officer, which shows only one reportable contagious disease during the period. One case of measles was reported, and that one was in Williamston.

An unusual fever was reported in the county during last month, but it is not contagious. A case of Malta, or undulant, fever was reported in the county, and as far as it is known it is the first case of its kind ever reported here. The fever is little known in this country, but for centuries it has been common in the countries of the Mediterranean. However, it is increasing in this country annually, but it does not prove fatal except in a very small number of cases.

A doctor in Hobgood had the fever several months ago and died. However, it is understood that death resulted from other causes.

The fever is said to last for weeks and even months sometimes. Unlike typhoid fever, it is not regular, leaving the patient sometimes in the morning and returning the latter part of the day to register as high as 104 or more.

Latest reports received here were to the effect that the patient in this county is much improved and is getting along very well.

Presbyterian Services In County Announced

"The church with an open door." Church school at 9:45 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 11 a. m.

Bear Grass Church school at 9:30 a. m. Worship service and sermon at 8 p. m.

Roberson's Chapel Church school at 3:30 p. m. Worship service and sermon at 4:15 p. m. (Sacrament of the Lord's Supper).

Ballard's Farm Church school at 1:30 p. m. Prison Camp Sermon by Rev. Hill at 3:30 p. m. Note—Mr. H. H. McLean, of Washington, will be with us at all these services for the purpose of taking Stereopticon slides of our work in Martin County.

These services are for you. Make them yours.

New Vegetables Expected At Curb Market Any Time

Did you try the radishes last week sold at the curb market? The bright red color was a real appetite creator. We hope to have some more this week. Most any Saturday now at the market there will be new vegetables for our patrons to make their selections from at minimum prices.