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## DICKEY RESIGNS AS PASTOR LOCAL BAPTIST CHURCH

### Is Effective September 1; Movement Underway To Seek Reconsideration

After nearly ten years of faithful service to his congregation, Rev. Chas. H. Dickey tendered his resignation as pastor of the Williamston Memorial Baptist church at the regular church service last Sunday morning. The pastor's resignation, effective the first of September, came as a surprise to his congregation and his numerous other friends in and out of the several religious groups of the town. That the minister would be asked to reconsider his action of last Sunday morning was almost certain, according to reliable information coming from leading laymen in the church today. Mr. Dickey explained that he did not know what he would do should he be asked to reconsider the resignation.

Advancing no single reason for offering his resignation, Mr. Dickey, who has greatly interested himself in the civic, welfare, and religious life of the town even beyond his own church, did say there was no dissension whatever, that he leaves the church and its people he had learned to love with the fullest appreciation of their kindness and consideration during his ministry here.

"I might give my time to writing; that I would like to continue as a resident of Williamston is certain, but we might have to move elsewhere. I have no plans for the future, and I don't know what I am going to do," Mr. Dickey said.

The text of the minister's resignation, read at the Sunday morning service, follows:

"Almost a decade ago I came to Williamston, in the very prime of my life, to become pastor of this church and to take up my citizenship in this community.

"For nearly ten years, then, it has been my good fortune to render some service in both, and for that sweet privilege I shall always be grateful. Now, as this tenth year draws on to its hurried close, I have gradually and reluctantly come to the conclusion to relinquish my position in the church when August shall have passed.

"This has been the church I have loved most of the few I have had during the lengthening years of my ministry, and the community which has seemed more like home to me and mine than any we have known. I have loved Williamston so much that I have said I should like to live here always, one time saying that at the close of my days I should like to sleep under the eaves of the little church that I have tried to serve."

## Mrs. Emma Phelps Dies in Cross Roads

Mrs. Emma Phelps, wife of Wiley D. Phelps, died suddenly at the home of her brother, W. A. Mobley, in Cross Roads Township Sunday morning. She was assisting in the preparation of the early morning meal when she suffered a hemorrhage of the lungs and died a few minutes later. She had been in declining health for some time.

Fifty-five years old, Mrs. Phelps was born in Cross Roads Township, where she spent the greater part of her life. In early womanhood she was married to Wiley P. Phelps, of Bertie County, and he with one son, Vernon Phelps, survives.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, of Robersonville.

## Local Mason To Hold Regular Meet Tonight

The local Masonic lodge will hold a regular meeting at the lodge hall here tonight at 7:30. In addition to the regular business there will be work in the first degree. Members and visitors are urged to attend.

## Anti-Rabies Treatment Given Dardens People Result of Contact With Mad Cow

Coming into contact with a mad cow a few days ago, five people in the Dardens section are taking anti-rabies treatment, it was learned here yesterday.

## Town Convention To Be Held Thursday Night Instead of Friday as Announced

Conflicting with a district Masonic meeting to be held here Friday night of this week, the town nominating convention will be held Thursday night at 8 o'clock in the courthouse, Mayor J. L. Hassell announced yesterday. Unable to effect a postponement in their meeting, Masonic officials asked that the date for the convention be changed from Friday to Thursday night.

## Superior Court Will Begin Here Monday

Nominations for a mayor and five commissioners will be made at the convention, and all town citizens, especially the women, are invited to attend. As far as it could be learned today, the present indications point to a fairly quiet and uneventful convention. Mayor John Hassell and Commissioners Green, Godwin, Harrison, Peel and Lindsley are candidates to succeed themselves, no formal opposition having been announced.

## POULTRY LOADING

Another large poultry shipment is in the making in this county this week according to early reports from Jamesville today. Several thousand pounds of the barn yard fowls had been loaded there prior to the noon hour today.

The car loads here tomorrow, going into Robersonville Thursday on the morning passenger train, and into Oak City Friday for the last stop in the county. This will be the last cooperative shipment from the county this season, it is understood.

## Roanoke Expected To Be Back Within Banks in Few Days

Has Been on Rampage 3 Times So Far This Spring

The old Roanoke, going on a rampage three times in about as many weeks, is expected to confine itself within the banks during the next few days, weather observers stating that present indications point to no further immediate rises. The water was said to have reached a stand here today at 12 feet, Hugh Spruill explaining that a normal level could be expected the latter part of this week, if no additional rains fell in the basin.

Three sharp rises have been reported at Weldon during the past month, the first reaching 36 feet, the second 34 feet, and a third and the last going up to 38 feet.

Seine fishing on the stream below here continues inactive, but it is hoped that operations can be started some time next week. While there are plenty of herrings here, fishermen are finding it a bit difficult to run them down in the broad swamps and no sizeable catches have been reported during the past few days. The fish are looked for in large numbers when the stream starts falling.

## Several Are Slightly Hurt as Cars Collide

Cecil Whitehurst, 8 years old, was badly cut about the face and bruised on the back last Sunday night when the car owned and driven by his father, Mr. Ben Whitehurst, and another, driven by William Hurst, of Robersonville, crashed on the Washington Road at the Macedonia church. Others in the car were bruised, but not badly hurt, it was stated. The Whitehurst child was carried to a Washington hospital for treatment, but was discharged from the institution shortly afterwards it was stated.

The Hurst car, a Chevrolet coach, had one of its wheels torn down and there was other slight damage. The Whitehurst car, a model A Ford, had its running board torn off, it was learned.

## Large Number Hear Glee Club Sunday

Appearing in their first concert of the current school year, thirty members of the Atlantic Christian College glee club were well received by a large audience in the Christian church here Sunday morning. The program consisted mostly of vocal numbers, with a few violin selections.

President H. S. Hilley and the dean of women accompanied the group. The club members left here that afternoon for Robersonville, where they appeared in another concert before a large audience.

## COLORED MAN IS FATALLY SHOT SUNDAY MORNING

### Clarence Whitaker, 35, Dies in Washington Hospital Late Last Night

Clarence Whitaker, 35-year-old colored man, was fatally wounded when he was shot by Champ Scott, young negro, at the home of Fannie Scott on Church Street here early last Sunday morning. He was removed to a Washington hospital, where he died late last night.

Shot through the stomach, the ball puncturing the intestines in 14 places, Whitaker was found unconscious in the gutter on Church Street a few minutes after he left the Scott home and started for a doctor's office. A town trash truck, making its early morning rounds, picked the man up, and he was later moved to the hospital.

Champ Scott, son of the late Charles Scott, who shot and killed his wife's sister in this county 12 or 15 years ago, is said to have claimed he shot Whitaker in defense of his mother. He is also said to have claimed that the man was beating his mother when he got the pistol and fired the ball into Whitaker's stomach. Scott, fleeing the scene of the shooting, surrendered to Sheriff C. B. Roebuck about dawn Monday morning. The Scott woman was said to have remarked that Whitaker had not beat her, that she could assign no reason for the shooting.

Whitaker, originally from Northampton County, lived here several years ago for a short period before going to Goldsboro. Returning here from Wayne County about two months ago, he had been hanging around the Scott home, doing very little, if any, gainful work.

Officers traced young Scott several miles out on the Washington road, and lost his trail. Beaufort County authorities were asked to look out for him, as he was expected to visit relatives there, but the search was ended when the boy surrendered. The boy's uncle, Haywood Scott, was murdered on Washington Street here only a few months ago.

In jail here yesterday morning, Scott said he was so badly frightened after the shooting that he ran. According to his version of the shooting, Scott had tried to stop Whitaker from beating his mother, that the shot was fired when Whitaker started to attack him with a chair.

## 12 Small Colored Boys Arrested on Stealing Charges

### Wholesale Round-up Follows Series of Petty Thefts Recently

Going on a stealing rampage here during the past few days, 12 negro boys, their ages varying from 10 to 15 years, were arrested yesterday and last night by Officer J. H. Allbrooks, and the group is facing trial in Judge L. B. Wynne's juvenile court this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The round up of the boys was made following the theft of property from the Williams Motor Company and the George Moore chair factory. At a preliminary hearing before Justice J. L. Hassell last evening, some of the little rogues said they wanted to get money to pay their way into the show.

While several of the group are in the courts for the first time in their lives, a few of them are old violators and they are creating a baffling problem for law enforcement officers and property owners here. Judge Wynne said this morning that he was puzzled as to what to do with the kids. A public flogging by the children's parents has been suggested, but methods of handling the alleged law violators will be determined this afternoon.

The names of those charged with the recent thefts are: Alexander Teel, 12; Jas. Wilson, 12; Jas. Speller, 14; Lawrence Wiggins, 12; "Lawyer" Wallace, David Purvis, jr., Augustus Brown, 15; Wm. Henry Biggs, 12; Linwood Williams, Leona Williams and Willie Williams, jr.

All of the youths are residents of Williamston except Teel, who was said to be recognized as the ring leader. Teel is from Robersonville where much trouble has been experienced with wayward colored youths during the past few weeks.

## Local Highs Get First Win of This Season

Coach "Frosty" Peters' baseball boys won their first game of the season last Friday by defeating Hertford, 9 to 1. Cooke pitched a good game for the locals, with Shaw behind the bat.

The locals are scheduled to play Edenton at Edenton this afternoon.

## MRS. SARAH LOU WORSLEY DIES AT OAK CITY HOME

### Was One of County's Oldest and Most Highly Respected Citizens

Mrs. Sarah Lou Worsley, one of the county's oldest and most highly respected citizens, died at her home in Oak City last Sunday at the ripe old age of 85 years, bringing to a close a life that was marked for its sublimeness and the sympathetic understandings of others. Mrs. Worsley was born in the Oak City community and lived there all her life, experiencing without murmur the hardships of the reconstruction days and rejoicing in the happiness of others. She had been in declining health for some time, she ending coming gradually and peacefully.

When a young woman, she was married to Nathan M. Worsley, who died several years ago. Throughout their long married life she was to the end a faithful wife and mother, giving freely of her time and not forgetting a single sacrifice for the happiness of her family. For many years was a member of the Primitive Baptist church, and yesterday afternoon her pastor, Elder William Grimes, said the last rites at her late home. Burial was in the Conoho churchyard beside her kin.

Seven children, prominent in civic and welfare activities of their communities, survive. Their names are: Messrs. B. M. and N. W. Worsley, of Oak City; Mrs. G. C. Weeks, of Scotland Neck; Mrs. B. L. Johnson, Mrs. John Wiggins, Mrs. L. T. Cheson, and Mrs. G. W. Keel, all of Oak City. She also leaves 21 grandchildren. Mrs. Worsley was a sister of the late Mrs. J. A. Hobbs, of Williamston, and the late Dr. B. L. Long, of Hamilton.

## Organization Plans Of Local Baseball Club Completed

### Number on Team Last Year Expected Back Again; Solicit Funds

Perfecting an organization with Mr. R. H. Goodman as president, Judge Clayton Moore as vice president, Mr. Jimmy Harris secretary and treasurer, and Bill Spivey, manager, the Williamston baseball club outlined plans, including those of finances, for the coming season in the Coastal Plain League. Canvassers were named to start a drive for funds, the officials and directors of the club firmly believing that the club in its new surroundings will meet with a substantial support among the citizens of the town and community.

Preliminary agreements have been entered into by a number of players, including many on the local nine last year and others in the old Albemarle League. "Hack" Gaylord advised Manager Spivey by special letter this morning that he was ready to come back, that he was twice as good this season as last.

## Seek Transportation For Band Members

The Williamston High School Band is planning to participate in the Band Festival to be held in Raleigh Memorial Auditorium next Sunday at 2 p. m. Thirty-seven boys and one girl, comprising the local organization, will play several numbers on the regular program, and will also take part in the parade and group concert which follow the regular program. All the bands will parade from the auditorium down Fayetteville Street and thence to Nash Square, where a group concert by 700 musicians will be played.

Arranging transportation for the 38 band members is quite a problem, and persons who will help in carrying them to Raleigh are asked to communicate with the principal.

## Local Beauticians Win Honors in New York

Attending a national meeting of beauty shop operators in New York recently, Mrs. Joe Everett, operator of the Colonial shop here, was signally honored when she was awarded one of the few loving cups for excellence in hair dressing. She also successfully passed examinations in admiration de luxe treatments and received a diploma for her work.

Miss Eva K. White, manager of the shop while Mrs. Everett is held at home by illness, also received special honors at the convention for her work in hair dressing.

## Special Program of Services Next Week

### CHURCHES UNITE IN OBSERVANCE OF EASTER WEEK

Initial Attempt Last Year Very Successful; All People Cooperate

### Will Begin Sunday

With Easter only 12 days off, the churches of Williamston are to begin another series of simultaneous meetings next Sunday which are to go on all week preceding Easter, coming to the climax on Easter Sunday morning with a number of services fittingly celebrating the greatest event in the history of the Christian religion.

In addition to the several churches of the white people, it is understood that the colored people of the town are enthusiastically joining in with the idea, making it possible for the religious forces of the town to cover the entire community on that week, carrying religious services into the schools, both white and colored, as well as into the county home and the convict camp.

The initial attempt last year more than met the expectations of those engaged in the religious adventure, but with the line-up this year, it looks as though the effort should be even more successful. The management of the local theater has graciously tendered the use of his building for non-day services, and it is understood the balconies will be reserved for colored people.

By training and inclination, it is believed that the community as a whole will "clear the deck" for this week of religious services, moving out of the way as much as is possible, all other activities, so that this may become the community's greatest week of religious celebration in the entire year, and possibly of any year in the history of Williamston.

## Practically All of Parity Payments In Owners' Hands

### Variation in Amounts of Checks Puzzling To Some Farmers

All but about 50 checks and nearly all of the \$128,000 tobacco parity payment had been distributed to farmers in this county today, the amount of cash going into the hands of farmers since last Thursday being described as the largest ever received by them at this time of year in their lives.

The variation in the amount of checks when the poundage is about the same but where other factors presented themselves was said to be puzzling some of the growers. The authorities state that the grower who planted more than 70 per cent of his acreage and sold only 70 per cent of his base poundage received a payment at the rate of 12 1/2 per cent and no rental was deducted. The farmer who planted more than 70 per cent of his base had one-third of the rental payment made last year deducted from the parity check just received. If he sold 80 per cent of his base poundage, then he received a payment of only 8 per cent, making a considerable difference in the amount of the check received by the farmer who planted 70 per cent or less of his base acreage and did not exceed the 70 per cent figure with his sales.

## Each of Five Districts in County Will Nominate Own Candidate for Board

Explaining the bill providing for the districting of the county into five sections in the nomination of candidates for county commissioners, Representative H. G. Horton said yesterday that each of the five districts would nominate its own candidate. In other words, the candidate receiving the majority vote in his respective district will be declared the party nominee.

The vote will not be county-wide, each district limiting its vote to its own candidates. In some instances, the candidates are voted on by the entire county, the highest in each of the several districts being declared the party nominees, but the bill introduced by Representative Horton confines the vote to the district itself. Where there is only one candidate for county commissioner in a district, that candidate automatically becomes the party nominee in that district, and no vote is necessary.

Explaining the bill appointing a fiscal agent for the clerk of court in this county, Mr. Horton said: "The bill would authorize the commissioners to appoint the fiscal agent, and the clerk would be required to pay over to him all funds except fines and costs, which are to be disbursed by the clerk within a reasonable time. The fiscal agent is to keep all necessary records. The commissioners would appoint the fiscal agent the first regular meeting after the ratification of the act and biennially thereafter on the first Monday in December. The receipt of the fiscal agent would relieve the clerk of further liability; the fiscal agent would pay out the monies to the proper person when due."

## LEADING FARMER OF WILLIAMS DIES EARLY TUESDAY

### Augustus Moore, 80, Dies After Sudden Attack of Paralysis

Augustus Moore, highly respected old gentleman and well-known farmer of Williams Township, this county, died at his home there at 12:05 o'clock this morning, following a critical illness of only a few hours. Rounding out recently his four-score years, Mr. Moore had enjoyed unusually good health until yesterday morning about 8 o'clock, when he started to the home of a neighbor. He suffered a stroke of paralysis and fell his son Clyde, finding him unconscious on the ground about 20 minutes later. He was removed to his home, but never regained consciousness, the end coming very peacefully about the midnight hour.

Born in humble surroundings characteristic of the rural life of that day 81 years ago, in Williams Township, Mr. Moore lived in that community all his life, rendering a willing and valuable service to his family and fellowmen. He experienced many hardships during his long life, but each obstacle was met with a steady and willing hand, and while he never accumulated great wealth, his life was rich and his blessings were readily shared with others. The death of his wife about 15 years ago was a decided blow to the old gentleman, but yet he carried on to the end, doing his bit to better the chances for his children. For many years he was active in the church at Fairview and interested himself in the welfare of his community.