

NATIVE OF TOWN DIED IN KINSTON LAST SATURDAY

Funeral Services Are Held Yesterday for Mrs. Ida Hassell Jeffress

Mrs. Ida Hassell Jeffress, a native of Williamston and a member of one of this section's oldest families, died at her home in Kinston last Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. She had been in failing health for about one year, but shortly before her death she was thought to be improving. That afternoon members of the family had read the papers to her, and later she dropped off to sleep. About seven o'clock she awoke and suffered a relapse, death following a few minutes later.

The daughter of the late Dr. A. Lonza and Ida Lanier Hassell, Mrs. Jeffress was born here 52 years ago last March. She was the granddaughter of the late Cushing B. Hassell, elder, and prominent leader in the Primitive Baptist church in its early history in this section. In 1904 she was married to Mr. Clarence Jeffress, moving to Kinston about five years later where she made her home and where Mr. Jeffress is connected with the Imperial Tobacco company as manager. In early womanhood she affiliated herself with the Episcopal church, and was very active in religious work as well as taking a prominent part in the social and civic life of her community until her health began to fail. She was a member of the Episcopal church here until she went to Kinston where she moved her membership to St. Mary's church. In the home she was a thoughtful mother, and her genial character endeared her to hosts of friends in her home and adopted communities.

Besides her husband she leaves seven children and two grandchildren. The names of the children are: Clarence A., jr., Hassell, a student at Harvard College; Thomas, John Hassell, Fleming, Mrs. Eugene Edwards and Miss Ida Hassell Jeffress, all of Kinston. She also leaves three brothers, Messrs. John L. Hassell, mayor of Williamston; A. Hassell, assistant Martin County clerk, and Theodore Hassell, all of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in St. Mary's Episcopal church, Kinston, by the rector, Dr. B. H. Huske. Interment was in the cemetery there.

Schools Get 2 Days For Thanksgiving

All Martin County schools close tomorrow afternoon for the Thanksgiving holidays, the school officials announcing that work would be resumed next Monday morning at the usual hour. Many of the local teachers are planning to leave for their respective homes to spend the Thanksgiving season.

Christmas holidays for the schools in this county have not been determined, unofficial reports indicating, however, that the plants will likely close Friday before Christmas, the 22nd, and reopen on Monday January 6. Definite dates will be announced in the next few days.

Weekly Announcements For County-Wide Revival

3:30—Children's meetings to be held daily in the Methodist church. 7:00 p. m.—Young people's services nightly except Saturday in the warehouse with William Retts in charge.

7:30 p. m.—Great song service, followed by stirring message by Geo. T. Stephens.

Thanksgiving Day 10:00 a. m.—Union Thanksgiving service.

7:30 p. m.—Family night. Mr. Stephens will present a new Bible to the largest family present.

Thanksgiving Service At Episcopal Church at 10:30

There will be a short Thanksgiving service at the Church of the Advent Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock, it was announced today by the rector, Rev. E. F. Moseley.

Several Motorists Cited for Speeding on County Roads

Speeding on the highways in this section attracted the attention of patrolmen over the week-end, and several drivers are scheduled to appear before trial justices tomorrow, it was learned here today. Most of the alleged speedsters were found on the highways in and around Robersonville, it was stated.

Two County Churches Hold Dedication Services Sunday

Religious activities in this county last Sunday morning were featured by the dedication of two churches and home-coming services at each, giving weighty evidence to the fact that religious advancement is keeping step to some extent with the material progress of this county and its people.

Members and their friends of the Baptist church met at Everetts to celebrate the dedication of the brick house of worship there, the Rev. B. W. Spillman, of Kinston, delivering the sermon. Following the morning service, dinner was served, the large crowd enjoying the meal in the old friendly picnic style. That afternoon Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the Wil-

lamston Memorial Baptist church, and former pastor at Everetts, preached to the large assembly.

In Hassell, and at the same hour, the home folks and a goodly number of visitors were dedicating their comparatively new Christian church. Rev. Geo. H. Sullivan, of Wilson, a former pastor of the church preached the dedication sermon. Dinner was enjoyed on the grounds at the noon hour, following which W. C. Manning and Mrs. H. H. Settle, secretary of the North Carolina Women's Board of Missions, made short talks.

The meetings, described as high spots in the religious work of the county this year, were greatly enjoyed and effected a renewed fellowship among hundreds.

Farmer Is Burned To Death Near Jamesville

HERE MONDAY



Dr. Grant K. Lewis, of Indianapolis, Ind., executive secretary of Department of Evangelism of the Christian churches (Disciples) in the United States and Canada, who will speak at the One-Day convention at the Williamston Christian church on Monday, December 2nd.

John W. Peaks Dies Suddenly at Home in Everetts Saturday

Funeral Services Conducted By Elder B. S. Cowin Sunday Afternoon

John W. Peaks, well-known and highly regarded county farmer, died very suddenly at his home in Everetts last Saturday morning about 8 o'clock. Mr. Peaks was up early that morning, ate a hearty breakfast and was apparently in his usual health when he returned to the house after feeding his stock. He discussed planned duties of the day as he sat by the fire, and was stricken suddenly, dying before he could be moved from the floor where he had fallen, to his bed. Heart trouble was assigned as the cause of his death.

The son of the late Phillip and Emma Rogers Peakes, he was born in Robersonville 56 years ago. He suffered a leg ailment much of his life, but despite that handicap he was able to farm most of the time and at which he was fairly successful. In 1909 he was married to Miss Rosa Harrison who with five children, Vervin, Thurman, J. D., Emma and Haywood Harrison, all of Everetts, survives.

Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock from the late home by Elder B. S. Cowin. Interment was in the J. Lawrence Taylor burial ground near Williamston.

EARLY SNOW

Snow falling here last Saturday during several hours was believed to be the earliest in many years. Some of the comparatively young citizens said they believed the snow was the earliest to fall here in their lifetime.

With the temperature several degrees above the freezing point and the ground not at all receptive, the flakes faded about as fast as they fell. Starting about 9:30 that morning, the snow fell until 3:30 in the afternoon, barely covering a few comparatively flat house-tops. At times the flakes were quite large and thick enough to make automobile driving on the highways hazardous.

W. H. CARSON DIES SATURDAY AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS

Well-Known Business Man Life-long Resident Of Parmele Section

William Henry Carson, prominent Parmele business man and well-known citizen of that section of this county, died in a Rocky Mount hospital early last Saturday morning following a long period of ill health. Suffering some stomach trouble, Mr. Carson had experienced untold pain for some time. When he went to the hospital he was told that he had only one chance in a thousand to recover from an operation. He remarked that he wanted to take that chance.

Despite his ill health, Mr. Carson remained unusually active in the business and social life of his community until a short while before his death. During the past eleven years he owned and operated a filling station just this side of the railroad in Parmele, and was highly regarded by all who knew him.

Mrs. Carson with four children, Willard, Hugo, Howard and Miss Edna Carson, all of Parmele, survives. He also leaves one sister, Mrs. Ada Sessoms, of Sparta.

Funeral services were conducted from the late home in Parmele Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, followed by a service at the grave in Robersonville by members of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics and Order of Red Men in which organizations Mr. Carson held membership.

Williamston Downs Kinston, 13-6, There Friday Afternoon

Roberson Turns in Pair of Long Runs for Score From Scrimmage

Kinston's strong football team was turned back by Coach "Frosty" Peters' Green Wave at Kinston last Friday afternoon when the locals dug their feet into the earth and did some of their fastest running to win by a 13 to 6 score. The Kinston lads were bewildered when Roberson, promising star on anybody's team, took the ball on a reverse play and ran 50 yards for the first score in the opening period and repeated the same play in the last period to score again from the 40-yard line. Hardison took a pass from Cook to add the extra point following the first touchdown, the boys failing in their effort to add the extra point from placement after the second touchdown.

Williamston missed two other touchdowns by narrow margins. Cook, evading a strong defense, ran 30 yards to carry the ball over, but he stepped out of bounds on the 20-yard marker and the ball was called back. In the last period, the locals took the ball on their own 10-yard stripe and marched 89 yards and 2 feet down the field, the game ending with the ball on Kinston's one-foot line. Strawbridge, Roberson, and Cook proved too much for their opponents, tearing off first down after first down around the ends and through the line to cover the length of the field almost.

In the line Daniel offered one of the best oppositions of the season, and Gurganus did some nice work at left tackle; in fact, all the boys played a good game, surprising their opponents and Kinston fans. The Kinston boys, in a last desperate effort to score in the final period, hurled a pass a distance of 40 yards to Kilpatrick; who took the ball on the 10-yard line and carried it over for a touchdown.

14 Gallons Liquor Captured Saturday

Local and county officers joined together to effect one of the largest liquor raids in this section in recent months last Saturday evening when armed with a search warrant, they invaded the home of Anne Hardison, aged colored woman, at the edge of town and found 14 gallons of domestic liquor. The old woman and her daughter, Gertrude Simmons, hastily explained that the room in which the liquor was found was the room in which Oscar Hagan, colored operator of the Star Light Inn located on the Washington Road next to the railroad.

Arrested and carried before Mayor J. L. Hassell, Hagan pleaded guilty of possession, and he with the two women, was bound over to the county court for trial next week.

Several Hundred Attend Opening Revival Service

Local Highs To Play Oxford Here in Turkey Day Classic

The entertainment feature of the Thanksgiving Day holiday in this immediate section will be the football game between the local Green Wave and the Oxford Tornado on the high school field here at 2:30 that afternoon. With no other special attractions scheduled at that time, large crowds are expected from here and miles around.

Two seasons ago Williamston lost to Oxford here, 14 to 0, and incidentally that was the last game the locals have lost since as well as the only one in three years. Last year, Oxford was defeated by the locals, 14 to 0, and indications point to an interesting contest here this week.

So far this season, Oxford has lost only two games and they were to the championship contenders, Durham and Raleigh. Williamston, while tying Elizabeth City and Scot-

land Neck this year, has not lost a game in two years. This season the Green Wave defeated Windsor, 25 to 0; Washington, 21 to 0; Tarboro 7 to 0; Vanceboro 7 to 0; Ayden 27 to 14; and Kinston, 13 to 6. The Elizabeth City eleven is the only team to have held the locals scoreless, and busy were the Pasquotank boys, doing that that they were unable to score themselves. The upset of the season for the locals was early in the year when Scotland Neck held them to a 7-7 tie.

In the game Thursday afternoon, Coach Peters will probably start "Clipper" Hardison and Robert Gurganus at ends; Jim Maning and Arthur Gurganus as tackles; "Park" Hardison and Victor Andrews as guards; and Daniel at center. Wait Cook, Strawbridge, George Lee Roberson and Thad Harrison will take care of the backfield.

Local Market Closes Very Successful Year

Total Sales Nearly 8 Million Pounds; Average Price \$20.25

Crop Sold Here Had Large Percentage of Poor Quality Leaf

Pulling down the curtain on the 1935 tobacco marketing season here last Friday, the Williamston market reported total sales of 7,794,460 pounds for \$1,578,156.88, a resulting average of \$20.25. Showing a gain of 1,477,170 pounds, or about 20 per cent more than the total 1934 sales, the market was within striking distance of establishing a new poundage record this season. In 1927, the market sold around 7,900,000 pounds, but the crop was considerably larger than the one this season, and, taking that fact into consideration, Williamston has just completed its most successful season as far as pounds sold are concerned.

Warehousemen, as a whole, made no money this season for two reasons. Trying to protect their customers' interests, they bought heavily and almost without exception they lost considerably on their leaf accounts, since the average price trend was downward during the latter part of the season. The quality of the crop in this section was inferior to that in nearly every other section, several of the buying company representatives remarking that the market here had handled the largest percentage of inferior tobacco of any market they had seen. Considering this fact, and it must be considered before a true picture can be had of the price averages, the market has really made a remarkable showing.

Prices have fluctuated within the market and from market to market, one farmer now and then receiving a price increase somewhere else, but those farmers who stayed by the warehouse organization here through out the season state that they made money by doing so.

While Williamston will go forward in making preparations for another marketing season, definite arrangements for the new year have not been made public so far. For the patronage and good will offered by the farmers of this and many other counties in the belt during the season just closed, the market operators and the people of the town generally are deeply grateful, and trust that the same pleasant relations can be continued during the coming season.

Officers Destroy Two More Liquor Stills in Free Union

Going into Free Union section of Jamesville Township again last Friday, county officers, Roebuck and Peel, wrecked two liquor plants and poured out 11 barrels of beer, nine barrels at one place and two at the other. The copper still was missing at one plant, but the old wooden steam still was about ready for operation, it was stated. No arrests were made.

Cold Weather Holds Down Size of Crowd; Increase Is Expected

Minister Points To Need for Religious Awakening In This Community

A three-weeks series of county-wide revival services were opened in a specially prepared auditorium in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here last Sunday evening, when Evangelist George T. Stephens preached to several hundred people who came here from a radius of more than 50 miles. Cold weather, no doubt, limited the size of the first night crowds, but the large hall was comfortable despite the low temperatures outside, and indications are that the house will be taxed to capacity as the religious movement progresses.

Last-minute alterations were made in the meeting schedule, and services were announced for last night. In addition to the regular services each evening at 7:30 o'clock, including Thanksgiving evening, the evangelist announced that a joint Thanksgiving Day service will be held in the tabernacle at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Young people's services, led by Mr. Wm Retts, song director, are being held each evening just prior to the scheduled meetings.

For his first sermon topic, Mr. Stephens chose his text from II Corinthians, eighth chapter and ninth verse, and referred to the text as the second greatest in all the Bible. Much of the first service was given over to preliminary announcements and other arrangements for the meeting, the minister using hardly more than 25 minutes in delivering his first message.

Coming here several days, Mr. Stephens pointed out that he had learned this center needed a religious awakening, explaining that he encountered or saw eight drunks in one block here a few days before. He also explained that similar conditions existed elsewhere, but that he was going to center his work and with all his might try to effect a change for the better right here. He took the congregation, including officers of the law by surprise when he told that a farmer disappeared from a local warehouse last Friday morning and had not been seen up until Sunday evening. It was reported that the man was from Bertie, but his name and other details in connection with the reported disappearance could not be learned here.

The opening service, participated in by all the churches here, and in neighboring communities, was featured by visits of several Elizabeth City people, where the evangelist completed a successful meeting a short while ago. They explained that the religious movement there had proved of much value, and that the work of the evangelist had met with a great response by a large majority of the people there. Cooperative efforts by the people of the community, including a number from the outlying districts, was publicly acknowledged from the platform, and the meeting was described as off to a very successful beginning.

Rev. R. R. Grant Returns To Methodist Church Here

Rev. R. R. Grant, popular pastor of the local Methodist church during the past year, was returned here by Bishop Kern of the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist church in session at Wilmington yesterday. Mr. Grant attended the conference convening there last week.

Rev. B. Duke Critcher, for several years stationed at Red Springs, was assigned the charge at Snow Hill. It is believed the old chimney will have to be replaced.

Incidentally it was the first call received from the home of one of the commissioners purchasing the fire-fighting apparatus back in 1923. Yesterday morning the firemen received a second call as the temperature started climbing. An overheated flue caught the timbers in the attic of the Daniel Lilley home just off Houghton Street on "Doodle Hill". Neighbors had the fire under control when the fire apparatus reached the scene and very little damage resulted. The house belonged to Will Wynn.

SONG LEADER



William Retts, talented singer and choir leader, is conducting the song services and work among the young people at the series of evangelistic services now being conducted in the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse here by Rev. Geo. T. Stephens.

Firemen Called Out Twice As Cold Wave Strikes This Section

Little Damage Done When Fire Threatens Lilley and Meadows Homes

Local volunteer firemen walked around on pins, so to speak, Saturday and Sunday when the first real cold weather of the season reached here, increasing fire hazards. One call at least was expected to draw the volunteers from their warm beds Saturday night when the mercury dropped below the freezing point, but the fire eaters were agreeably disappointed.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, the delayed call was received at the station. A hot fire in a stove cracked a large chimney in the W. T. Meadows home on West Main Street and threatened the building. While no damage was done to the timbers,

THANKSGIVING

With a union religious service scheduled at 10 o'clock last morning, a football game that afternoon at 2:30 o'clock and another religious service that evening at 7:30 o'clock, it is believed that Williamston's population will remain almost in tact on Thursday of this week. A few will turn to the woods with their guns, and some will visit state football games, but for the most part, people in this community will observe the holiday at home.

Business activities will be carried on after the Sunday fashion, nearly all lines of endeavor being suspended for the day.