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FINAL RITES HELD FOR MRS. FANNIE CARSTARPHEN, 72

Beloved Woman Passes At Home Monday After Brief Illness

Mrs. Fannie Martin Carstarphen, widow of James K. Carstarphen, died at her home on West Main Street yesterday afternoon at 1:45 o'clock, following a stroke of paralysis suffered early Thursday morning of last week. Mrs. Carstarphen, 72 years of age, had been in declining health for some time, but her condition was not regarded as serious until she was found unconscious in her home a few days ago. She had been able to be up and care for the duties of her home until she was stricken.

The daughter of the late Joseph J. and Victoria Martin, Mrs. Carstarphen was born and lived here all her life. In early womanhood she was married to Mr. Carstarphen, who died a number of years ago. A member of the Episcopal church for many years, Mrs. Carstarphen was faithful in her religious worship and was always ready to participate in the activities of her church. In the home she was a kind and thoughtful mother, and always cherished the opportunity to do for others. She was a good woman, and her life was an unselfish one. She was a member of one of this section's oldest families, being a descendant of the founders of this county. In her daily walk of life she greeted her many friends with a smile, and found great pleasure in handling the duties as the head of her home.

Three children, Mr. Martin Carstarphen, of Tarboro; Mrs. Mary Louise Tallon, of Charlotte; and Frank Carstarphen, of Williamston, survive. She also leaves several grandchildren and one great-grandson and one brother, Mr. J. Watts Martin, prominent Norfolk citizen. Funeral services were conducted from the Church of the Advent this morning at 11 o'clock by the rector, Rev. E. F. Moseley. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Obedience To Laws Is Only Depression Cure, Judge States

Duty of Jurymen To Protect Innocent, Judge Cranmer Declares In Charge

Presiding over the one-week term of Martin County Superior Court, Judge E. H. Cranmer Monday, in his charge to the grand jury, related how nations and people failing to keep the laws of both God and man had fallen into decay. He explained by pointing to the time when the Hebrews failed to observe the laws of Moses, how they lost their country and their liberty and were taken to Babylon as servants for a season. "Only obedience to laws will cure the depression," the jurist said, pointing out the advice of Joshua to the people of his day. "When Joshua saw many people going wild in his day, he said to them, 'Choose ye this day whom ye will serve, but for me and my household we will serve the Lord.'" That course saved Joshua, the judge added.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Cranmer said it was not the duty of the juror to protect criminals, but to protect the innocent. In describing the perfection and sacredness of a court, he stated that the most important business of the judge, solicitor, juror and others was to give their whole attention to the court. Gambling, bringing sin and destruction to a whole people, was pointed out as one of our major offenses, the judge reminding his hearers that it was still unlawful to gamble.

In speaking of the liquor question, Judge Cranmer said that in many cases it is against the law to handle liquor, except in a few cases under the "Alcohol Before Christ" law. He directed strong criticism at those judges who engage in wild parties by night and punish poor people next day for drinking and "cutting up" in the same manner but on a smaller scale.

Members of the grand jury were: Luther Peel, foreman; L. C. Brown, George D. Ward, J. B. Everett, W. J. Cherry, Tom H. Wynn, J. Alfred Taylor, J. E. Manning, Louis Taylor, H. U. Peel, W. W. Casper, J. David Griffin, Perlie B. Lilley, George E. Peel, Jr., Hermon Pope, George E. Coburn, and C. P. Hopkins.

Shopping Increases at Local Stores—Only 12 Days Left

With Christmas just two weeks away, shopping activities in Williamston stores are gaining momentum daily. The rush is readily becoming more evident, and prospects are good for a busy season during the remaining 12 shopping days for local business houses.

Thoughtful patrons are finding larger stock selections in local stores than at any time in recent years, and when values and service are considered, few centers, large or small, offer attractions equal to those existing right here at home. Repeated appeals are directed to the people of this section, urging them to lend their cooperation in making this

business season pleasant for the home-town merchant.

The holiday spirit is in the air, and a glowing welcome shines from more than 1,000 Christmas lights in the business districts here and from the dome of the Town's municipal building. The lights from the water tower and municipal building dome spread their soft beams for miles out, and attractive show windows are numerous in the stores. Preparations have been made here on a big scale to accommodate thousands of thrifty shoppers in this section, and they are cordially urged to remember that the time is short for holiday shopping and to pay a visit now to local stores.

Liberal Response To Appeal for Old Toys

JURY DRAWN FOR SPECIAL TERM OF SUPERIOR COURT

To Convene Third Monday In January; Judge Moore Will Preside

A jury list for the special term of Martin County Superior court convening the third Monday in January was drawn by the county commissioners in their regular session last Monday. With Judge Clayton Moore on the bench, the January term takes the place of the one scheduled to have been held last month but which term was postponed on account of the illness of the judge assigned to preside.

The authorities have established what is believed a new record in drawing juries this year in this county. Four groups were drawn for the March, June, September and December mixed terms, two for the terms in April and November when only civil cases were scheduled for trial, another jury for the trial of a man named Blake down in Hyde County, and lastly the one drawn last Monday for the next month. In addition to all that drawing, jurors have been chosen occasionally to hear cases in the county court at the request of some defendants.

Names of jurors drawn for duty at the January term of court are, as follows, by townships:

First Week
Jamesville Township: P. J. Modlin and Guy R. Waters.
Williams Township: W. D. Gurganus.

Griffins Township: M. W. Bissell and Oscar B. Roberson.
Bear Grass: Opheus Bailey and M. B. Ward.

Williamston Township: J. Paul Simpson, E. L. Etheridge and A. J. Manning.

Cross Roads Township: Thos. S. Griffin, J. F. Bailey, G. W. Taylor.
Robersonville Township: C. L. Vick, W. M. Kirtrell, C. M. Hurst and D. A. James.

Goose Nest Township: E. N. Harrell.

Second Week
Jamesville Township: N. B. Lilley, M. H. Ange.

Griffins Township: W. J. Lilley, and W. T. Roberson.

Bear Grass Township: Redden Leggett.

Williamston Township: A. R. White, Irving Margolis, L. B. Harrison, D. E. Darden and W. H. G. Chase.

Robersonville Township: C. L. Keel, Irving L. Smith, J. L. Whitfield and Johnnie James, Jr.

Poplar Point Township: J. E. White.

Hamilton Township: D. R. Edmondson.

Goose Nest Township: Arthur Brown and E. T. Smith.

Farmers Slow In Turning In Cotton Sales Reports

Farmers marketing their cotton crops are slow in turning in the sale certificates, it was learned this week from Mr. T. B. Slade, assistant in cotton control in this county. Most of the crop has been marketed in the county, it is understood, but many farmers have not turned in the sales certificates which entitle them to participate in the cotton price adjustment, it was pointed out.

Need Is Still Great; Another Canvass To Be Made Wednesday

Preliminary Survey Shows Conditions Are Pitiful In Number Homes

The silent appeal from the town's numerous needy little children received a sympathetic response last Saturday, when numerous toys were donated for use in carrying a ray of hope and sunshine into poverty-stricken homes this Christmas time. The collection, while very large and varied, will hardly meet the needs, and another drive will be planned immediately. The campaign to provide cheer and happiness for the less fortunate here this Christmas is attracting a wide support, nearly every one pledging his efforts to make the movement a success. If you have not already participated in the undertaking or wish to do more, call The Enterprise and solicitors will call where directed for old toys, cash donations, or any other article that can be spared without impairing the Christmas program in your own home.

Many of the toys collected last Saturday have already been worked over and repainted, but more are needed at once. The articles will be placed on display in The Enterprise windows within the next day or two. If you haven't an article included in the list, make arrangements at once to have a part in the thoughtful movement, a movement that is not designed to cost much, but one that bids well to bring untold happiness and joy to little orphans and numerous other little children who will be without Christmas unless you remember them.

The Enterprise is making a careful survey of the needs, but any reports offered by individuals will be carefully classified and included when the distribution work is started. Plan now to participate in the humane movement. All your support is needed and will be appreciated by those handling it, as well as those who are to share the joy it brings.

County Man Successful In Celery Growing Trial

That celery equally as good as any placed on the markets can be successfully grown in this county has been demonstrated this season by Mr. Alexander Getsinger, Griffins Township farmer. He has marketed fairly large quantities this season.

Scouts To Make Second Canvass Wednesday Afternoon for Discarded and Broken Toys

Finding the collection of toys now on hand grossly inadequate to meet the pitiful appeals of the town's poor children, the sponsors of the drive for Christmas cheer in destitute homes are arranging another bundle day tomorrow afternoon. Along with the announcement goes an urgent appeal for a ready response. If, by any chance, the canvassers fail to call at your home, notify The Enterprise and a special messenger will be sent.

Finding no toys or other articles that might be of use in

the campaign, a number of local citizens have made voluntary cash contributions, expressing a keen desire to participate in the movement. Any one wishing to make a cash donation may do so by leaving it in the Christmas Cheer fund at the Enterprise office.

Every effort is being made and will be made to handle the fund and distribute the gifts that a maximum of joy and happiness may be carried into the homes of needy little children and the less fortunate of our town.

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D. D. STALLS DIES AFTER LENGTHY ILLNESS MONDAY

Funeral Services Are Being Conducted From Home This Afternoon

David Daniel Stalls, retired business man, died at his home on West Main Street here yesterday morning at 7:30 o'clock from a complication of ailments. While he had experienced failing health for nearly four years, he was able to be up most of the time until about 10 days ago, the end coming gradually. For more than 15 years Mr. Stalls suffered with rheumatism, but he was able to carry on his work until about four years ago, when he was forced to retire from his business.

The son of the late Raleigh Stalls and wife, Miza Cullipher Stalls, he was born in Cross Roads Township 55 years ago last October. In early manhood he was married to Miss Dora Peel, who later died. Leaving the farm when a young man, he was employed at Gold Point, but later married Miss Sudie Wynne and located in Everetts. In 1908 he moved to Williamston and has made his home here since that time.

Mrs. Stalls and five children, Dora Mae, D. D., Jr., Delbert, Oswald, and Caroline Stalls, all of Williamston, survive. He also leaves two brothers, Messrs. W. Lawrence Stalls, of Williamston, and Green Stalls, of Georgia.

Several months ago Mr. Stalls joined the Primitive Baptist church at Bear Grass, and Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers are conducting the funeral services at the home this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Baptist cemetery here.

Peters To Coach All-East Stars for New Year's Day Battle

Stars To Go In Training A Week for Game To Be Played at Winston

The all-star football team from the east meeting a like aggregation from the west in Winston-Salem New Year's Day will be coached by Jas. E. Peters, of the local schools, it was learned here today. The all-star team will go in training for one week at East Carolina Teachers' College, Greenville, just a few days before the game, it was stated.

Players are to be selected by a board of five coaches, and it is likely that the Green Wave will be represented by at least one player and possibly three. Walt Cook, George Lee Roberson, the gridiron rabbit, and Arthur Gurganus have already been mentioned for places.

Grand Jury Favors Additional Busses

Complaints entered by citizens in various parts of the county against crowded school busses were given official recognition by the Martin County grand jury Monday, when strong recommendations were made for additional busses on some of the routes. Just how much attention the grand jury recommendations will receive remains to be seen.

The jury, approving the operations at the county home for the aged and infirm, recommended that an additional milk cow be provided by the county there.

Various reports were approved by the jury, and the county offices were found in good condition.

Jamesville Adds Two More Victories To Growing List

The Jamesville High School basketball teams won two games from Winterville there Friday night, the girls winning by a score of 16-15, and the boys on the long end of a 25-17 score. Miss Hardison was high scorer for the winners and Miss Brown also played well. Phillip Blount was high scorer for the Jamesville boys, with 9 points, and Ezzell was next best with 8.

The Jamesville teams will play Plymouth two games here Wednesday, December 11.

Court Convenes, Finishes Work And Adjourns—All in One Day

Peanut Market Weaker Over Week-End; Few Selling Now

The peanut market weakened over the week-end when the average price fell to around 2 1-2 cents a pound. The market top price dropped from 3 cents last week to 2 3-4 cents Monday, it was reported. While some buyers reported large purchases last week, others stated that the crop was moving slowly. The price reduction over the week-end is expected to result in decreased marketing activities. Peanuts are moving, but most of them are

being placed in storage, many farmers declaring they will not sell until they can get 3 cents or better for their offerings. Many farmers questioned here this week stated they had little to lose and an opportunity to gain much by holding their crops, and they were certainly going to await developments. With a few exceptions, of course, most of the peanuts reaching the market now are going here to relieve pressing debts and other obligations.

Board of Education Holds Special Meet To Study Program

All Schools Close the 20th; Reopening Dates Vary Over the County

Meeting in special session Monday afternoon the Martin County Board of Education studied at length plans and specifications for the county's \$100,000 school building program. Only a few minor changes were made, but the members of the board acquainted themselves with the specifications to be prepared for the letting of the contracts Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. A fairly large number of contractors are expected to enter bids at the letting, it was learned.

Holiday dates were approved for the several schools, the colored plants to close the 20th and reopen on the 30th. All the white schools plan to close Friday, December 20, but most of them will not reopen until January 6. A few, however, will start back to work on the 30th.

The recently completed teacherage at Bear Grass was inspected and approved by the board, and Principal Hickman, his family, and teachers are moving in today, it was learned. The sale of the old Dardens schoolhouse and site was closed, the board receiving \$500 cash for the property.

Plymouth Man Suffers Broken Leg In Accident

Mr. J. W. Jackson, well-known resident of Plymouth, suffered a broken leg and possibly other injuries last Friday afternoon, when struck by a car driven on the main street there by Miss Ora Finch, home service director of the V. E. & P. Co. of Williamston. It is understood that Mr. Jackson stepped from between two cars and struck the side of the machine driven by Miss Finch. He is about 68 years old, and is getting along as well as could be expected, last reports reaching here stated.

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Judge Cranmer Sets Record for Speed in Clearing Calendar

Docket Cleared and Grand Jury Report In Shortly After Four O'Clock

Throwing the wheels of justice into high gear at 10 o'clock Monday morning, Judge E. H. Cranmer established a new record in the Martin County Superior Court when he convened the tribunal, cleared the docket and adjourned the session shortly after 4 o'clock in the afternoon. It was the first time in the history of the court that the activities of a regular one-week session of court had been handled within a single day. The grand jury, headed by Luther Peel, passed on all bills of indictment, conducted an inspection tour and had the report before the court so as not to delay adjournment.

In addition to the rapidity marking the court activities, Hope Brooks and Estella Howell came mighty nigh establishing a record all their own. The colored couple were charged with bigamy, and when guilt was determined, Judge Cranmer sentenced them to prison for two years. However, execution was stayed upon condition that the woman get a divorce and remarry within 15 days. Action for a divorce by the woman's lawful husband was completed during the day, and five minutes later Brooks was applying for a marriage license. A few minutes later Justice of the Peace J. W. Hines had the two legally married. The two did not seem to understand all that was going on about them, but they followed instructions carefully, Brooks explaining that he was doubly married to one girl.

Probably the most pathetic case called in the court was that charging Levi Radford with the larceny of an automobile. The jury found the man guilty, but, learning the facts, recommended mercy. The court agreed that the time Radford had spent in jail was sufficient punishment and suspended judgment. Howard Cherry, failing to pay the costs created when he was tried on a liquor charge last September, was sentenced to the roads for six months. Earl Moseley was sentenced to the roads for 8 months on a larceny charge.

Warren Arge, pleading self-defense, was adjudged not guilty by the court in the case charging him with an assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill.

LeRoy Smith drew 12 months on the roads for robbery. Smith was on his way home from the roads when he stopped by and robbed the Sunny Side Inn.

Ike Spencer, charged with robbing King Riddick last summer, was sentenced to prison for three years. G. N. Cowen, charged with embezzlement, was sentenced to prison for three years. Cowen was alleged to have endorsed two government rental checks and used the money in its entirety. In another case charging him with violating the liquor laws, the court suspended judgment after Cowen pleaded guilty.

A divorce was granted Turner Hill against Estella Hill Howell on the two-year separation clause.

Liquor Control Board In Monthly Meeting Here

The Martin County Alcoholic Beverage Control board, Messrs. V. J. Spivey, chairman, J. F. Crisp, of Oak City, and Irving Smith, of Robersonville, held a regular monthly meeting here last evening. Several matters were discussed, but other than the approval of current bills the board took no official action, it was stated.

Hearing In Assault Case Scheduled Here Tomorrow

M. U. Hodges, charged with assaulting Heber Cox at the Old Mill Inn near here last Tuesday, will be given a preliminary hearing in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock. Both men are from Beaufort County, Cox alleging that Hodges followed him all the way from Washington to the old mill and almost knocked his right eye out.

ISSUING CHECKS

The office of the county farm agent in this county is playing the role more suited for a living Santa Claus this week. The office is distributing tobacco rental checks, peanut benefit checks and a few remaining cotton rental checks this week. The offices are crowded this week with farmers, and the thousands of dollars will come mighty, hndy, no doubt, just at this time. Amounts represented and the number of checks ready for distribution could not be learned today, but they will run well into the thousands of dollars, it is believed.

21 LICENSES TO MARRY ISSUED IN PAST MONTH

Number Smallest for Any November During The Past Several Years

Twenty-one marriage licenses were issued in this county last month, the number trailing by six the November issuance of one year ago, indicating that December will be a busy month at the license bureau. In 1933, one of the depression years, there were 44 marriage licenses sold at the bureau in this county during the month of November.

Licenses were issued to the following last month:

White

James E. Whitaker and Marie Farmer, both of Martin County.

G. C. Uzzle and Ruth Lee Gordon, both of Wilson Mills.

Johnnie Alton Wynne and Carrie Stephenson, both of Martin County.

Lester McKeel, of Jamesville, and Leslie Maybelle Wells, of Williams Township.

George E. Martin and Mary Viola Manning, both of Jamesville.

Rudolph Koch and Mittie Medford, both of Scotland Neck.

C. B. Gurganus, of Bear Grass, and Callie Mae Martin, of Beaufort County.

William L. Patterson and Ruby Model Davenport, both of Williamston.

Ernest Bryant and Inez Bailey, both of Martin County.

Justus Brown Coltrain and Ruby Lee Harrington, both of Griffins Township.

Colored

Robert Rogers and Pearl Bowen, both of Bear Grass Township.

Theodore Williams and Earline Lowe, both of Pitt County.

Homer Stokes, of Martin County, and Lucy Griffin, of Beaufort County.

Elias Evans and Maude Slade, both of Williamston.

Louis Williams, Jr., and Hester Wilkins, both of Martin County.

Felton Gray and Mary Lee Moore, both of Martin County.

William Henry Wilkes and Frances Carr, both of Robersonville.

John Moley and Annie Miller Outlaw, both of Robersonville.

William Wimbush and Clavonne Andrews, both of Martin County.

Robert Small and Cora Lee Yarell, both of Williamston.

Skewarkey Masons Hold Regular Meeting Tonight

A meeting of the Skewarkey Masons will be held tonight. In addition to the regular business, officers will be elected for the coming year, it was announced.