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DR. JAMES EDWIN SMITHWICK DIES LATE YESTERDAY

Funeral Services Will Be Held In Jamesville at 5 O'clock Wednesday

Dr. James Edwin Smithwick, prominent citizen and a leading physician in this county for a long number of years, died in a Durham hospital Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock after an illness lasting only a few weeks. Pneumonia, growing out of a complication of ailments, was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Joel and Matilda Gibson Smithwick, of Tyrrell County, Dr. Smithwick was born on a farm in what is known as the "Islands" section of Williams Township, this county, in 1869. He spent his early life on the farm, developing a keen interest in the out-of-doors and agricultural pursuits, an interest that never abated although he turned when a young man to the study of medicine. A few years before he entered the University College of Medicine, Richmond, he taught in the small county schools of his day. In 1897 he was graduated by the medical college, and he first began the practice of his profession in Edenton and later went to Tillery. A few months after that he settled down in Jamesville, close to his old home, where he began a work that reached into every home, no matter how humble, during year after year for almost 40 years. During his long and successful practice in this county, the physician toiled long hours in relieving suffering humanity, never hesitating to offer his services when one was in need. Enjoying vigorous health and slightly roughened by his work that carried him out in all kinds of weather, night and day, he possessed underneath a heart that throbbled with understanding and one that was as sympathetic and tender as that of a little child. In his profession he was recognized as a leader and was often called into consultation by practicing physicians throughout this territory. He enjoyed a large friendship in all walks of life, and proved a loyal friend to many. Few men have done a greater unselfish work than that accomplished by Dr. Smithwick in his community, both in and out of his profession, and he will be missed both as a friend and as a servant of suffering humanity.

Dr. Smithwick enjoyed the hunting trail and enjoyed the simpler things of life that were far removed from a tangled social order. He enjoyed splendid health up to a few weeks ago, when he was taken ill, and from the first seemed to yield to the disease that soon cost him his life. It was thought that some glandular trouble developed.

He is survived by his widow, who was Miss Lizzie Burras before marriage, and one son, James E. Smithwick, jr., and one grandson. He also leaves two sisters, Miss Della Smithwick, of Jamesville, and Mrs. Joe Mayo, of Clayton.

Funeral services will be conducted at the late home in Jamesville Wednesday afternoon at 5 o'clock by Rev. F. F. Moseley, rector of the Church of the Advent, Williamston. Interment will follow in the Burras family plot in Jamesville.

Plan To Hold Bible School at Bear Grass

Plans are being made to begin a daily vacation Bible school in the Bear Grass Presbyterian Church next Monday afternoon at 3:30 or 4 p. m. Since the infantile paralysis prevented the holding of a similar school last year, the religious leaders of the community wish to hold one before school opens this year and are urging the mothers and fathers of the community to send their children. It is hoped that the afternoon hour will make it possible for the children to do their chores around the home first and then be able to attend the school afterward.

Plans are also going forward to hold a two weeks meeting in the church the early part of September and to close the meeting with the church dedication services, as the church is now entirely free of debt.

Start Work on Agricultural Building Here Immediately

Following the recording of the deed to the Main Street site, next to the county courthouse, last Saturday, work is expected to get underway on an agricultural building for this county at once, Mr. J. E. Pope, chairman of the board of commissioners, said this morning.

Still Need Few More Rooms For Workers in WPA Office

The task of locating 69 WPA office workers here is going forward rapidly, late reports stating that there was still need for more rooms, apartments and homes. Just how many of the workers coming here with the recently combined district headquarters could not be learned, but Mrs. Eloise Bennett was placed in charge of the location work today, and she hopes to complete a canvass of the town within the next two or three days.

Mrs. Bennett has established temporary quarters in the clerk's office in the city hall, and local people are asked to cooperate by listing rooms for rent with her and directing inquiries to the office in the clerk's office.

It is quite evident that more room will have to be provided to care for the people who are expected here during the next few days, and local citizens are again urged to aid in meeting the emergency.

Strict Enforcement of Liquor Law Is Sought

TOBACCO CURING

Martin County farmers are rapidly completing the harvesting of their tobacco this week, reports indicating that very few growers will be occupied with the work next week. Dry and hot weather prevailing in the section for some days now is exacting a heavy loss in the crop, reports stating that much of the late crop is badly diseased and that much has been burned in the fields. However, no great damage has resulted from what is known as the Granville wilt in this immediate section.

LITTLE HOPE FOR GRIFFINS ROAD IS GIVEN TO GROUP

Construction on Road For Hassell or Bear Grass Expected Soon

Appearing before the State Highway and Public Works Commission last Friday, a delegation of Griffins, Jamesville and Williamston citizens, headed by Mrs. Charles T. Robertson, was given very little encouragement in their request for the surfacing of the road from Jamesville by Hardison Mill to the Beaufort County line. The commission members said that gravel would be placed in the bad places this winter if necessary to continue traffic over the route, it is understood.

It was explained to the delegation that prior requests had been received for surface roads from N. C. 125 through Hassell to Fountain's Cross Roads, and from U. S. 17 to Bear Grass, but up to recently no requests had been filed for an improved road from Jamesville to the Beaufort line. It is understood, however, that the late C. T. Robertson and others requested the commission to prepare an adequate outlet for that section.

While no definite action has been taken so far, it is thought that the commission will consider ere long the surfacing of either the Hassell or Bear Grass road. Once these projects are completed, the commission is expected to consider the request of the delegation that went to Raleigh last Friday.

G. H. Harrison, local man, accompanied the delegation to Raleigh last week, others going from Jamesville and the Farm Life community.

Colored Woman Injured When Struck by Truck

Dealie Allen, 65 years old, was hit by a truck while walking the highway below the river-hill here last Saturday evening, officers stating that while she was badly bruised her condition was not considered serious. The old colored woman was said to have been drinking, officers investigating the accident stating that the driver of a vegetable truck was driving very slowly and that the findings indicated he was not at fault. He was released.

The woman was bruised on the shoulder and suffered one or two small cuts on her head.

Music Teacher To Offer Private Instruction Here

Miss Lyda Nixon, of Sunbury, is considering locating here during the coming school term to give private music lessons, school authorities stating that no appropriation was available for adding a music teacher to the public school system. It is understood that few, if any, local people will offer private music instruction, and that Miss Nixon, who has had several years' training at Pesbody, can get a large class.

ABC Board, Sheriff, Recorder, Others at Meet Held Monday

Recommendations Will Be Made To County Board Early Next Month

Checking the report on liquor conditions made by Sheriff C. B. Roebuck the early part of this month, county authorities, including Judge H. O. Peel and J. E. Pope, chairman of the board of county commissioners, Sheriff Roebuck, and members of the county alcoholic beverage control board, went into a huddle at a special meeting of the group here last evening and considered ways and means of effecting a stricter enforcement of the liquor laws. Several plans were discussed in an effort to bring about better enforcement and create greater respect for the liquor laws, the group making arrangements to offer recommendations to the county commissioners at their next meeting for a more concerted action in the drive against illicit liquor activities.

The employment of special deputies was discussed, the board deciding to leave enforcement of the laws in the hands of the sheriff. Increased allowance for still captures and arrests were also discussed, and it is believed the recommendations to the county commissioners will ask greater compensation for the officers, the increase scale to rest with the county authorities.

The report unofficially offered by the sheriff the 11th of this month was considered, the ABC board learning that the greatest trouble in the illicit liquor business was centered around home consumption, especially among those ranked in the lower brackets of the social scale. The officer reviewed his activities carried on since last January 1, his report showing that 75 stills had been captured and a large number of alleged liquor violators had been arrested during the period.

It was further pointed out by the officer that bootlegging on a large scale was not in evidence in this county any more, the activities now being centered among the colored population for the most part. He estimated that bootleg liquor consumption was from 50 to 75 per cent less now than it was before the liquor stores were opened a year ago last month.

Checking the present activities of illicit liquor manufacturers, county officers explained that they believed there were not more than 12 plans now in operation in this county, that raids on several of those were pending.

Aked by V. J. Spivey, chairman of the county ABC board, about conditions as they exist today and as compared with those before the legal liquor stores were opened, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck said unreservedly that he had rather work under the present system. He explained there was a greater cooperation on the part of the people in the enforcement of the liquor laws, and added that the laws were not strict enough when it came to breaking up the peddling of liquor in small quantities.

The events taking place at the meeting gave evidence to the fact that the ABC board will give more consideration to the enforcement of the liquor laws, the chairman explaining that it was one of the principal aims of the new liquor laws to break up bootlegging. Incidentally, the other aim was to make money for the county. During the first year, the ABC board spent around \$500 for enforcement of the liquor laws, the amount representing about 2 1/2 per cent of the liquor sale profits. The full amount, and probably more, will be spent in the future, if necessary, to effect a greater respect for the laws, it was pointed out.

COLORED CHILD FATALLY HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Martha Frazier Was Second Member of Family To Lose Life on Highway

Martha Frazier, 5-year-old colored child, was struck and fatally hurt by a car driven by C. P. Hardy, of Greenville, on the Hamilton road, near Mobley's Mill, Sunday evening about 7 o'clock. Hurt internally and rendered unconscious, the child died at the home of her parents at 4 o'clock Monday morning.

Hardy, an employee of the State Highway and Public Works Commission, was exonerated following an investigation by Patrolman George Stewart. Witnesses to the accident stated that the girl ran from a side road into the path of the car, explaining that the girl was walking from the side road with several other children and broke away from her sister just as the Hardy car approached. The car driver made a quick turn to miss the child, but failed, the right side of the bumper striking her. Mr. Hardy rushed the child here for medical treatment, but attending doctors explained there was little or no hope for her recovery. Mr. Hardy, with a party of friends, was traveling toward Hamilton and was driving about 40 miles an hour, witnesses said.

The girl was the second child of Lemar Frazier to lose her life in an automobile accident, the other child having been killed about two years ago just a few feet from the scene of the Sunday accident. The death Sunday was the sixth reported on the highways in this county so far this year, four of the deaths taking place on the Hamilton road.

Bowman Galloway Is Seriously Injured

Bowman Galloway, popular buyer on the local market for the R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company during the past several seasons, is critically ill in an Atlanta hospital, following an automobile accident near Moultrie, Ga., the early part of last week. Details of the accident could not be learned here, but reports state that Galloway's leg was fractured in three places. Gangrene set in and amputation of the limb was considered necessary. He was said to have stood the operation very well and was reported yesterday to be getting along as well as could be expected.

Mr. Galloway, who made his home in Wilson, was on the Georgia markets and had planned to return here the latter part of this week for the coming season. His successor has not been named today, but the company advises they will be well represented when the market opens next Tuesday.

Compliance Work Moving Along Rapidly In County

Compliance work in connection with the government's soil conservation program is progressing very rapidly, the supervisors reporting some mighty hot weather out in the fields just at this time. None of the findings have been checked, but those in charge of the work are of the belief that Martin farmers have generally complied with the program regulations.

Firemen Called To Home On Dinah's Hill Today

Starting from a kitchen flue, fire burned a small hole in the roof of Phillip Purrington's home on Dinah's hill this morning at 11 o'clock. The fire company volunteers, reaching the scene after a chase down the river hill and back, found the fire out. Very little damage was done.

A and P Leases Store Building on Main Street

The Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company is making arrangements this week to open a store here the early part of next week, a lease having been obtained for the building next to Harrison Brothers and Company on Main Street.

D. M. Frank, manager of the Sanitary Grocery Company, is moving his stock from the building and temporarily storing it until his new store building is completed on Houghton Street, between the Roanoke-Dixie and Planters Warehouses.

Cotton and Tobacco Checks Are Distributed in Wayne

The Wayne County farm agent recently distributed 229 AAA cotton-price adjustment checks, for a total of \$4,112, and 227 tobacco parity checks, totaling \$14,972.

Claim for \$562,260.09 Filed by County Authorities With Road Debt Adjustment Commission

Local Market Getting Lined Up for Initial Sales Tuesday

Increased activities are being noticed here daily as the town makes last-minute preparations for the opening of the local tobacco market next Tuesday. Tobacco men are making their appearance from day to day, the market operators explaining that everything would be in readiness for the opening.

Already tobacco has started moving to local warehouses, Mr. M. M. Hoggard, of Scotland Neck, delivering the first load last Friday. Other farmers will place tobacco on the floors during this week with the rush starting to take on added life about Saturday. Monday promises to be the busy day, however, with

prospects for a good-sized break on the opening. Warehousemen are getting everything in readiness, and the town is preparing for an unusually busy fall. While very few are expecting record high prices, almost everyone is optimistic over the outlook.

Local merchants are having new merchandise shipments moving in daily and a fall unlike one experienced here in several years is expected this season. A general and cordial welcome is awaiting everyone, and record-breaking crowds are expected in this little town all during the season now at hand.

\$350,000 for Roanoke Bridge and Paving U. S. Highway No. 17

County Asks That Bridge Be Made Land-tax Free For Taxpayers

Completing a detail audit of the records showing amounts advanced, donated or lent the State Highway Commission about 15 years ago, county authorities last Saturday revised its claim to road money refunds and is now asking that it be repaid \$562,260.09, the figure being about \$161,000 greater than the original amount asked. The claim and brief were filed with Senator Carl L. Bailey, chairman of the commission investigating the claims, in Plymouth last Saturday. Today is the last day claims will be received from any counties in the State, and the commission will start within a short time hearing arguments by the various claimants.

An accurate review of the money advanced by this county back in 1919, 1920, 1921, and 1922 for the construction of main highway routes shows the following division: \$161,506.13 for the Roanoke River bridge and causeway; \$190,353.26 for the paving of U. S. 17 from the river bridge to the Beaufort County line; \$210,400.70 for grading and constructing road and bridges on N. C. 125 to the Halifax County line, making a total of \$562,260.09.

In the argument advanced by Martin authorities, it is pointed out that the state borrowed \$18,000,000 from other counties, and that all but \$4,000,000 of the amount has been repaid. The claimants now point out that the State Legislature never contemplated that some counties should be paid back \$18,000,000 that they put into the highway system, while other counties would have to pay \$8,000,000 that they put into the same highway system.

The brief filed with the commission chairman goes on to say, "Of course, we realize that those counties (the ones furnishing \$18,000,000) have a valid contract. Of course, we realize that we have no standing in a court of law. But we are not in a court of law. This commission is appointed to determine the fair and reasonable amount of money, if any, each county should be refunded in order to place it on a fair and equitable parity with each other county in the state with respect to contributions made to the state in the construction of state highways."

The brief, filed by County Attorney Elbert S. Peel, continues: "The question here is to examine the highways of Martin County and to consider the amount of money the county has put into those highways as these propositions relate to the highways of each other county and to the amount of money expended by each other county. If such an examination results in finding that Martin County has paid more than its share then we have met the test, and we are entitled to a recommendation from the commission for the amount so found. Without making particular comparisons we believe that Martin County has no more roads than the average county of its size and population."

Argument is set forth in the brief in support of the claims as they affect the three projects, the authorities explaining that the Roanoke bridge-reclaimed "The Lost Provinces" and opened up one of the main north-south traffic lanes.

Continuing, the brief reads: "The citizens of Martin and Bertie Counties are paying an ad valorem tax for the construction of one of the most important and most-used bridges in this state. In 1935 the bridge across the Chowan River at Eden House was made toll free. This was fine and should have been done. We now suggest that the Roanoke River bridge should be made land-tax free for the citizens of the two counties."

In conclusion, the brief says: "We are met with the proposition that you made a bad bargain and you ought to be man enough to stand by it. Our answer to that is that we have carried the load for 15 years, which should be sufficient punishment for our indiscretion."

The local high school band is planning to go to Ahoakie Thursday to play during a district meeting of the Woodmen of the World there that day. About 25 members of the band will make the trip.

Martins Finish First; Lose Opener in Series

Locals Down Ayden Once, Bunnies Twice In Final Trio Games

Comedy Antics Pleasing To Fans In Last Schedule Game Here Sunday

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
Williamston	45	25	.643
Greenville	42	27	.607
Ayden	40	27	.597
Kinston	40	32	.556
Tarboro	34	37	.479
Snow Hill	30	41	.423
Goldboro	28	42	.400
New Bern	21	49	.300

Holding a two and one-half game lead, the Williamston Martins ended the Coastal Plain baseball league schedule with a nine-inning comedy here last Sunday afternoon, the sporting Tarboro club, furnishing the opposition, losing 4 to 3. The schedule ending was a happy climax, the fans enjoying the performance of Coach Bunn Hearne for the Bunnies and that of Skipper Walker for the Martins.

The locals took the last three games on the schedule, downing Ayden here Friday afternoon by a 10 to 2 count. Circuit knocks featured the one-sided contest, Williamston accounting for four and Ayden two. Gaylord led off with a long homer over right field fence. Black hit one in the third, and Ferrell followed suit in the seventh. Corbitt ended with one in the eighth frame.

The Saturday game at Tarboro was without consequence, D. Dean pitching five-hit ball to feature the 6 to 1 win.

Patterned after an exhibition affair, the game here Sunday produced some good ball including 2 hit pitching by Manager Hearne for the Bunnies in the first three innings. Skipper Walker was in there with a hit and a bit of stellar fielding in the third-sack territory, but old age forced the veterans from the diamond and they finished the game from the pilot houses, Livengood turning the coaching duties back after performing masterly. Holding the visitors at 3 to 0 in the ninth, the Martins faced Alexander who, pinch hitting for Levan, hit a home run with two on to tie the score. Wade walloped out a homer in the Martins' half of the ninth with one out to end the game 4 to 3 and close the season.

Start Work Remodeling Houghton Street Home

Work on remodeling the Charles Mobley home on Houghton and Church Street was started yesterday by the contractors, Perry and Martin, stating that the home would be ready for occupancy some time in November. The remodeled home will be two stories instead of the one before the house was wrecked by fire some weeks ago.

Good Will Tour To Start From Here Early Friday

Plans for the Williamston tobacco market and fair good will tour in several counties were virtually complete today, the boosters, numbering around 40, planning to leave here Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

Eagles Get 10-3 Win Monday; Play Here Again on Wednesday

Winners of Three Out Of Five Game Series Play Ayden or Greenville

Starting the semi-finals here yesterday that are to lead up to the little world series in the Coastal Plain country, Williamston lost to the Kinston Eagles by a 10 to 3 count, giving the visitors the first edge in the series of three out of five.

The visitors started the game with a bang, scoring four runs on three hits, a walk and two errors. The Martins, going in for extra base knocking, accounted for two runs at their turn to bat, adding a last score in the fourth. Wade pitched eight-hit ball through the sixth inning, Livengood allowing four safeties during the remainder of the route. There were no home runs, but doubles and triples were numerous, Walters leading with two three-baggers. Ferrell hit for two bases on two occasions, Earp and Gaylord hit for two bases each, and Corbitt added a triple. Humphrey led at bat for the visitors with three hits, two singles and a triple.

The Martins are in Kinston this afternoon, and the Eagles come here tomorrow with prospects that the semi-finals will be brought to a close here Friday afternoon, maybe.

Yesterday's box:

KINSTON	ABR	H	PO	AE
Humphreys, 3b	5	2	3	0
Stonebreaker, 2b	4	1	2	1
Michael, lf	4	1	2	0
Keller, cf	3	1	2	0
Morris, ss	5	2	3	4
Rambert, rf	5	2	2	0
Cheek, lb	3	0	1	1
Wagner, c	5	0	1	2
Smith, p	4	1	0	0
Totals	38	10	27	17

WILLIAMSTON	ABR	H	PO	AE
Gaylord, cf	5	1	3	0
Corbitt, ss	5	0	1	3
Walters, c	4	1	2	1
Sudduth, lf	4	0	0	0
Black, 2b	4	0	1	4
Ferrell, rf	3	1	2	3
Douglass, lb	3	0	1	1
Earp, 3b	4	0	1	2
Wade, p	2	0	0	1
Livengood, p	1	0	0	1
xArmstrong	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3	9	27

xBatted for Livengood in 9th.

Score by innings:

Kinston 400 012 201-10
Williamston 200 100 600-1
Runs batted in: Humphrey, Stonebreaker, Morris, Cheek 2, Wagner 2, Walters, Sudduth, Earp. Two-base hits: Keller, Gaylord, Ferrell 2, Earp. Three-base hits: Humphrey, Walters 2, Corbitt. Stolen bases: Stonebreaker. Sacrifice: Michael. Double play: Stonebreaker to Morris to Cheek. Left on bases: Kinston 7, Williamston 8. Bases on balls off Smith 2, off Wade 4, off Livengood 2. Struck out by Smith 1, by Wade 1, by Livengood 1. Hits off Wade, 8 in 6 innings; off Livengood 4 in 3 innings. Passed balls: Walters 2. Losing pitcher: Wade. Umpires: Flowers and Allen. Time of game 1:40.

Skewarkee Lodge of Masons will hold its regular communication at 8 o'clock tonight in the lodge room, it was announced this morning. In addition to regular business, it is expected there will be work in the second degree. Members and visiting Masons are urged to attend.