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FUNERAL IS HELD FOR THEODORE HASSELL MONDAY

Was Member of Section's Most Prominent and Oldest Families

Theodore Hassell, member of one of this section's most prominent families, died in a Kinston hospital last Saturday night at 9:45 o'clock from an attack of pneumonia. Visiting his brother-in-law, Clarence A. Jeffries, and family in Kinston, Mr. Hassell was taken ill the day after Christmas and was immediately entered in the hospital for treatment.

The son of the late Dr. Alonzo and Ida Lanier Hassell, he was born in Williamston nearly 62 years ago and spent most of his life here. "Dode" or "Jack," as he was known by both old and young, took a keen interest in history and affairs of the day, especially those relating to politics. Mr. Hassell was a friendly man and one who enjoyed a wide acquaintance among both old and young, valuing the friendship of everyone.

Mr. Hassell was a grandson of Elder Cushing Biggs Hassell, distinguished minister and historian, and his maternal grandmother was Mrs. Martha Jewett Hassell, member of the famous Worcester family of New Hampshire. He was a nephew of the late Elder Sylvester Hassell, prominent scholar and religious leader in this section for years. Two brothers, John L. Hassell, Williamston mayor, and A. Hassell, deputy clerk of Martin County Superior Court, survive. His only sister, Mrs. Ida Hassell Jeffries, died about a year ago.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the local Methodist church, where he held membership. Rev. R. R. Grant conducted the last rites. Interment was in the family plot in the local cemetery.

Those attending the service from out of town were Mr. Clarence A. Jeffries, Alonzo Hassell Jeffries, Thomas Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Edwards, John Hassell Jeffries, Fleming Jeffries, and Miss Ida Jeffries and Mr. Earl Mobley, all of Kinston, and Mrs. Milton Norman, of Raleigh.

National Congress Holds First Session

Convening at noon today, the National Congress got its first view of an important and pressing legislative program, one that will hold the lawmakers in session well into the summer, it is believed.

Some of the pressing issues facing this, the 75th Congress, are:

Legislation for shortening working hours and fixing minimum wages, urged by President Roosevelt. Some administration leaders want a constitutional amendment. It is likely that the decisions by the U. S. Supreme Court in several cases now before it will determine the course of the Congress in handling legislation in connection with labor laws.

Neutrality legislation, including emergency action to meet the block arms shipments to Spain, and permanent laws to replace the recent act expiring May 1.

Farm tenancy laws to put more land under the ownership of the men who toil it.

Relief appropriations to tide the nation's unemployed through the rest of this fiscal year and all the next.

Monetary legislation extending the President's power—expiring the 30th of this month—to reduce the dollar's gold content.

Tariff legislation extending the President's power to negotiate reciprocal trade agreements after May 12th.

Home Clubs Remember County Home Inmates

Home demonstration club members from the Poplar Chapel, Ange Town, Jamesville, Everetts, Poplar Point, Parmele, Bear Grass, Macedonia, and Williams Chapel clubs did their bit, as usual, to make the inmates at the county home happy, when bags, well filled with candy, fruit and nuts, were distributed to all those there Sunday evening. A short devotional period preceded the giving. Rev. R. R. Grant led the folks in this period at 5 p. m. Those in attendance at the service came from Parmele, Macedonia and Williams. This has become an annual custom to cheer the inmates at the "Old Christmas" season. Approximately 50 bags were filled for those at the county home.

Says Water Supply of Town Must Be Increased Very Soon

"There is no danger of an immediate shortage, but provision will have to be made shortly to make certain of an adequate water supply here," R. E. Manning, superintendent of the town's water department, told the Williamston commissioners in their first session of the new calendar year last evening. Assured the supply would not give out this month or next, the matter was discussed very little.

The meeting last evening was marked by the absence of business,

the clerk entering less than two or three lines in his minutes. Following the inspection and approval of current bills the meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer N. C. Green explained that the Local Government Commission, Raleigh, had just about completed the task of refunding past-due bonds for the town and that new bonds would be released within the next few days. Approximately \$8,500 was paid by the town treasury to catch up its past-due interest, the treasurer said.

6 Motorists Cited for Use of 1936 Licenses

TAKES OATH



Confined by illness the first Monday in December, Mr. R. A. Haislip subscribed to the oath of office as county commissioner from the Hamilton-Goose Nest district Monday at 9 o'clock before Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne and entered upon his new duties shortly afterwards.

COUNTY BOARD REGULAR MEET FIRST MONDAY

Almost Certain Authorities Will Order Revaluation Of Property in 1937

The minutes show little work done by the Martin County Board of Commissioners in their first session of the new calendar year Monday, but discussions of various matters held the authorities in meeting until late afternoon.

A revaluation of property, one of the problems that was discussed by the board, was virtually made certain at the Monday meeting. However, no official action was taken, and it may be that the authorities will order a horizontal decrease or increase in values and pass up the revaluing work for another four years. At any rate, the commissioners are seriously considering the problem with the apparent intention to arrange for a complete revaluation of property, and they are expected to have some program ready by the next meeting, or not later than the first Monday in March.

The commissioners recommended that the State Highway and Public Works Commission take over two roads in the county, one in the Ange town section of Jamesville Township and another in Bear Grass. The Bear Grass road the commissioners would have the highway agency take over starts at Roy Harrison's and runs to Leggett's Mill via Besie Cowin's, a distance of about one mile. The commissioners also recommended a relocation of the road leading from Plymouth to the site of the Kieckhefer Container plant in the lower part of this county. The change calls for turning the road around the mill site. A year ago next month, the highway commission was petitioned to open what is known as the Warren Neck road from Dardens to Plymouth, via the Hampton Fishery. It is believed the road will be opened now that the pulp mill is on the route.

Arrangements were made to sell the old public landing near Plymouth to the Kieckhefer Container Company.

From Other Towns; Local Drivers Take Warning Seriously

License Bureau Sold 3,800 New Automobile Tags Up To This Morning

The warning not to use 1936 state license tags on motor vehicles after December 31 was taken seriously by motorists in this section, Patrolman W. S. Hunt stating that he had not seen a single local car operating with old tags. However, travelers from other areas were cited to appear before the local court when they were found driving with the old tags.

Six car drivers, Luther Pilgreen, of Robersonville; Elmer V. Wilkins, of Roper; J. R. Carr and Charles H. Alley, of Plymouth; Elisha Watson, of Hamilton; and N. S. Wynne, of Kelford, were in Mayor J. L. Hassell's court the first day, the trial justice suspending judgment upon payment of the costs. No arrests have been reported here following those made the first day.

The local license bureau of the Carolina Motor Club has done an enormous business so far, the management announcing this morning that 3,800 tags had already been sold and that the sale was continuing fairly rapidly. Sale so far for 1937 lead all others in previous years, it was said.

Approximately \$65,000 had been paid to the bureau here up to this morning for the tin plates.

Mrs. Martha Davis Culpepper Passes

Mrs. Martha Davis Culpepper, mother of Mr. Luther B. Culpepper, and highly esteemed citizen of Elizabeth City, died at her home there last Friday morning at 5:45 o'clock, following an illness of several weeks duration. The widow of LeRoy C. Culpepper, she was 71 years old. Mrs. Culpepper was a native of Pasquotank County and had lived in Elizabeth City during the past 20 years, the extensive floral offering attesting the high esteem in which she was held there.

Besides Mr. Culpepper here she is survived by three sons, W. T. Culpepper, Elizabeth City postmaster; George Culpepper, of Elizabeth City; and H. M. Culpepper, of Panama; and four daughters, Mrs. M. E. Davis, Mrs. J. J. Perry, Mrs. R. L. Davis, and Mrs. Wilma Bunch, all of Elizabeth City.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock from the late home, interment following in the Elizabeth City cemetery.

Many Tenants Are Said To Be Moving

Furniture belonging mostly to tenant farmers, white and colored, is being aired out over the county, early reports indicating that there will be more moving this year than there was a year ago.

Some few farmers have bought farms and are settling down, the reports stating that these cases are more numerous than they were in 1936. There are others who think the grass grows greener in other spots and are moving. And then there are those who have not succeeded very well and are now, out of necessity, looking for places to squat during the current year.

One favorable sign about the whole business is that there are fewer families with nowhere to go than in any recent year.

BEN Mc. MANNING DIES MONDAY AT GRIFFINS HOME

Last Rites for Prominent County Citizen Held This Afternoon

Benjamin McCullough Manning, well-known and highly respected citizen of this county, died at his home in Griffins Township last night at 10:30 o'clock from pneumonia with which he had been ill since the 28th day of December. Enjoying his usual health, Mr. Manning attended church the day before he fell ill and visited among relatives and friends in the community. He had been in failing health, however, during the past 9 or 10 years, suffering with diabetes.

The son of the late Edwin and Elizabeth Roberson Manning, he was born in Griffins Township 75 years ago last October, spending his entire life on the farm there. Humble and unpretentious, his walk through life was accepted as an ideal to follow by all those who knew him. In early manhood he married Miss Dora Brown, of Jamesville Township, who preceded him to the grave nine years ago last month.

Founded just a short distance from the place of his birth, his home was never closed to anyone, the needy stranger always receiving a welcome and a helping hand. He valued the friendship of everyone, and found untold pleasure in seeing that no little thing was left undone that might bring happiness and peace to others. While simple and exposed to many hardships of his day, his life was unselfish and was lived for others. After rearing a large family, the pleas of an orphan were heard, and he took him in, accepting him and recognizing him as one not different from his own. Kindness and understanding marked his every word, and his advice was sought often by many. He joined the Primitive Baptist church more than a quarter of a century ago, and while his material possessions were not many, he enjoyed the respect of all and great spiritual wealth.

He leaves nine children, Mrs. N. R. Roberson, of Tarboro; J. O. Manning, of Williamston; Mrs. N. T. Daniel, of Jamesville; John A. Manning, of Williamston; Mrs. N. R. Daniel, of Jamesville; Elbert N. Manning, of Williamston; Mrs. Herbert Lilley, of Williamston; Mrs. John Browning and Mrs. Marvin Leggett, of Jamesville. James Oscar Bland, an adopted son, also survives. He also leaves one brother, John J. Manning, of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the late home by Elder P. E. Gettlinger, assisted by Rev. D. W. Arnold. Burial was in the family cemetery, near the old home.

Peanut Prices Advance On Market During Week-end

The local peanut market continued to show added strength over the week-end, when prices reached 5 cents for good jumbos and bunch. Heavy sales were reported following the price rise.

Latest estimates indicate that 75 per cent of the crop has been marketed in this locality with some few farmers making no plans to sell immediately.

Roanoke Expected To Rise Two Feet Over Banks Here

Reports received here today from the State Weather Bureau, Raleigh, indicate the Roanoke will reach flood stage the latter part of this week at this point. Today the stream was about 1 foot within its banks, but a 40-foot rise at Weldon is expected to overflow the banks of the stream at this point by about 2 feet within the next few days.

Many Brick Brooders In Use Over the State Now

Many thousand brick brooders have been installed in North Carolina during the past few years and the owners report excellent results when the brooders are properly constructed and used with judgment. Their chief value lies in the fact that fuel may be secured on the premises at very low cost. Chicks also seem to grow out well and feather out early where the brooders are used, especially where a pair of water is set on the brooder to increase the humidity.

Lespedeza Seed Reported Scarce and Prices High

Lespedeza seed are scarce and high in price and it is a wise idea to secure now all that will be needed for seeding on the small grain in February.

Number Changes Are Effected in Business Set-Up Locally; Several New Firms Will Enter Field Soon

County Board Will Oppose Any Change in Liquor Law

The Martin County commissioners officially went on record as favoring no change in the present liquor laws as they affect county control and the distribution of profits. Opposition to any change was expressed Monday in a \$50 contribution to the liquor legislative committee named by the 17 wet counties.

Urging the county to maintain the present system of handling the liquor problem, Thomas H. Wood-

ard, of the Wilson County Board, wrote to the commissioners in this county, "We are extremely alarmed at the prospect of losing liquor control for our counties, and work must be done to combat this..." Woodard pointed out that \$50 had been mentioned as Martin County's share in the expense of maintaining the liquor legislative committee activities during the 1937 session of the North Carolina General Assembly.

Expect To Continue Rural Electrification

Present Plans Call

For Constructing 17 Miles of Line

Eighty Customers In Rural Sections Get Light and Power Last Year

Started in this county last year, rural electrification activities are expected to continue on a sizeable scale during 1937 if present plans materialize, it was learned from the office of the Virginia Electric & Power Company here this week.

The new program, as it now stands, calls for the construction of nearly 17 miles of power lines in strictly rural sections and has 88 potential customers. The project, centered in Bear Grass and Griffins Townships, has been surveyed, work on the undertaking pending the signing contracts. Starting at Bear Grass, the line will be extended to the Washington road, near the R. L. Perry home. From that point it will be run to Lilley Brothers in Griffins Township, and from there to the Farm Life section.

There are probably other possible rural electrification projects in this county, but no surveys have been made or other action taken to promote them at this time.

Last year the Virginia Electric & Power Company handled four rural projects in this county, building 13 miles of line to serve 80 customers. One of the projects was located in the upper part of the county, another in Cross Roads and Bear Grass Townships, and two in Jamesville Township.

Plan To Open Belk-Tyler Store on 15th

Arrangements for the opening of Belk-Tyler's new store in the Tar Heel Building on Main Street are going forward rapidly, C. A. Plyler, manager, stating they planned to open for business on or about the 15th of this month, or a few days thereafter at the latest.

The new concern, which has stores in several leading towns of eastern North Carolina, will occupy the complete lower floor, or two stores, in the Tar Heel Building, next to the post office.

Mr. Plyler, the manager, is formerly of Salisbury, but has been with the Belk-Tyler organization for a number of years, with headquarters in Rocky Mount. Mr. Plyler, his wife and son will be at home in the Tar Heel Apartments.

Complete announcement of the new store opening will be made within the next few days.

Rainfall Totals 4.71 Inches Here During Past Month

December was a rainy month locally, the weather station reporting 16 days during the period, but the total precipitation for the period only amounted to 4.71 inches. It was the wettest December since 1932, when slightly over 5 inches of rain were reported by Hugh Spruill at the weather station.

The weather was ideal most of Christmas week, the old-timers describing it as the most perfect they had seen in years. The temperature ranged considerably above normal, but no strenuous complaints were heard.

Demand for Office And Business Space Is Greatest in Years

Surrendered Leases Taken Immediately by New Firms Here

Several changes in the local business line-up have been effected since the first of this month, the new year finding a greater demand for business and office space and for homes than at any other time probably in the history of Williamston. All business houses are now occupied or are under lease at the present time, and business firms and prospective residents are unable to locate here on account of the building and housing shortage.

The Perkins Men's Shop has surrendered its lease on the Stoton building next to Clark's Drug Store, but the building has been leased by the owner already. The new firm is expected to occupy the building about the middle of next month, the owner stated.

The Norfolk Undersellers have surrendered their lease on the store building next to J. O. Manning's grocery store, and it is understood that several have applied to lease the building from the owner the Episcopal church.

Surrendering its lease the first of the year, the quick lunch counter in the Culpepper Building next to the V. E. & P. Co. office building, moved out over the week-end to make way for a new bakery. Unable to find a new location, the lunch counter operators were forced to place their equipment in storage.

Young's Store lost its lease on the Tar Heel store building, and Belk-Tyler are rapidly completing arrangements to open there and in the adjoining store some time next week.

The Atlantic Hotel has divided its dining room space with the Williamston Radio Shop.

Moved from Houghton and Railroad Streets, the bus station will be housed in a new building on Main Street within a short time.

The Habit Transfer Company has leased the old bus station and will operate a freight terminal there. The company will also operate the service station on the corner of Houghton and Railroad Streets.

Other business firms are holding to their present locations with the expectation of having a record year in 1937.

Legislature Facing Greatest Problems

The North Carolina Legislature, going into session tomorrow at noon probably faces the greatest tasks of any assembly in recent years, the proposed program dealing with a number of new and far-reaching problems. The session is likely to last until summer.

The program has to do with the Social Security Act, soil conservation, crop control, road debt refunds, liquor control, gasoline terminal commission, and the budgets.

State appropriations for the current fiscal year total roughly \$81.2 million dollars. The requests this year for State departments and institutions including debt service place the unofficial estimate at \$7 million dollars. This figure does not include about 3 million dollars for certain phases of the Social Security Act, and about 7 millions for improvements to State institutions. Briefly stated, the legislature has to find about 11 million dollars more this year than it did last.

Representative H. G. Horton and Senator Cohn are leaving today for the opening of the session of the legislature tomorrow at noon.

S. B. Stinson To Open Bakery Here January 15

S. B. Stinson, Richmond man, is opening a bakery in the Culpepper Building, next to the Virginia Electric & Power Co. offices on Main Street here. Vacated over the week end, the building is being cleaned and painted, Mr. Stinson stating that he planned to set up his machinery and open for business about the 15th of this month.

Mr. Stinson will move his wife and two children here just as soon as he can find a home.