

## Last Rites Are Held Here This Afternoon For Julius Bennett

### Well-known Citizen Passes Wednesday Following Short Illness

Julius Bennett, well-known local man, died at his home on West Main street here Wednesday evening at 8:35 o'clock following a short illness. He was taken ill the first of this month, and soon became critically ill with pneumonia. He remained conscious, however, up until a short time before his death. During that time, he offered a strong battle for life and he remained thoughtful of others until the end.

The son of the late John A. and Martha Jones Bennett, he was born near Williamston 53 years ago. After spending his early life farming in this community, he moved with his family to Goose Nest, located on a farm near Oak City. With the exception of a short time spent in Roanoke Rapids he lived there until he returned to Williamston about eight years ago to make his home with his sister, Mrs. Mack G. Taylor. He retired from business several years ago, but continued the management of his sister's business interests.

Mr. Bennett never married and spent his life in the interest of others. He welcomed every opportunity to accommodate his fellowman, and in his large friendship circle he found happiness. Quiet and unassuming, he lived a life that was marked for its unselfishness and thoughtfulness of others. Although he never joined any church, he was a firm believer of the Primitive Baptist faith, and led the life of a Christian gentleman.

He is survived by four sisters, Mrs. George Manning and Mrs. Will Stinnett, of Oak City, Mrs. M. L. Bellamy, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Mack G. Taylor, of Williamston, and three brothers, Messrs. W. B. Bennett and John T. Bennett, of Oak City, and M. E. Bennett of Roanoke Rapids.

Funeral services are being conducted at his late home this afternoon at 1 o'clock by Elders B. S. Cowin and A. B. Ayers, of the church at Bear Grass, and interment will follow in the family plot on the home farm in Goose Nest Township, near Oak City.

## Sweet Home Church Has Growing School

Supported by an ever increasing interest, the Sweet Home Christian church now has one of the largest Sunday schools in the county, reports from Superintendent Herbert Wilson stating that 75 members were present last Sunday. The school has an unusually strong adult men's class, 27 of a membership of 30 being present last Sunday.

Mr. Willie Roberson, of Washington, will teach the men's Bible Class this Sunday, and Attorney Hugh G. Horton, local man, will address the men on the following Sunday, February 27. Mr. J. D. Taylor, regular teacher, will be the guest speaker in other churches on those Sundays, it was announced today.

Rev. Edgar Harden is pastor of the church and Mr. J. D. Taylor is chairman of the board. Mr. Herbert Williams is superintendent of the Sunday school. These leaders are making a splendid record in their work, and they are receiving a strong and willing support of the people in that territory.

The Sunday school meets each Sunday morning at 10 o'clock and preaching services are held each third Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Improvement program has just been completed, Mr. Taylor stating that the building has been painted inside and out, seats and floors stained, pulpit stand enlarged, new lamps installed, church and Sunday school equipment purchased and paid for. The church grounds were recently cleared and the new water pump is "working fine."

## Large Poultry Loadings In County This Week

Martin County farmers are making an unusually large cooperative shipment of poultry this week. Assistant County Agent J. P. Woodard stating this morning that nearly 14,000 pounds were loaded in Jamesville and Williamston Wednesday and yesterday. Nearly \$2,500 was paid the farmers at the two points.

Loadings are underway at Robersonville today, and tomorrow the cooperative car will be in Oak City.

## Commission Allows Cherry \$350.00 for Street Extension

Messrs. J. E. King, J. O. Manning and W. O. Griffin, a special commission appointed by Clerk of Court L. B. Wynne, filed their report Wednesday allowing J. B. Cherry \$350 damages which they alleged will result by extending Smithwick Street across the Cherry property. The amount set up in the report filed this week is only half that granted by a former commission several months ago.

Town Attorney R. L. Coburn yesterday stated that he thought the allowance was fair, and that the action of the commission was acceptable to the town. He added, however, that he believed the \$350 would certainly offset any and all damage that may result by extending the street across the Cherry

property into Marshall avenue. Exceptions to the findings of the commission have been filed by defendant's attorney, Hugh G. Horton, and the case automatically takes its place on the superior court calendar. Reports from the counsel in the case state that it will likely be scheduled for trial during the March term of court.

Defendant Cherry is said to claim that the proposed street improvement project will damage his property to a considerable extent, and has offered to sell it to the town for \$5,000, the amount he has invested there.

It is possible that action on the proposed project will be checked if the amount to be determined by a court jury is considered excessive.

## New Interest Is Shown In Boy Scout Program

### NEW POSTOFFICE

Preliminary plans for the construction of a new postoffice building here are being handled here this week by Construction Engineer A. W. Longaker, government representative out of Washington. A survey of the lot on East Main street between Dr. C. J. Sawyer's office and the John Peel home has been completed, and samples of the soil have been prepared for shipment to Washington where they will be used by architects for preparing the building plans.

Construction work on the proposed structure is scheduled to get underway about the middle or latter part of July.

## Dr. Evans Enters Virginia College

Dr. W. F. Evans, prominent member of the local medical profession during the past several years, entered the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, today to take advanced courses in medicine. The doctor plans to study there for about six months and then continue his work in the Harvard Medical College, Boston. Before leaving here Wednesday, Dr. Evans stated that he is considering a few months of study in Germany, but plans for a European trip are not definite, he added.

Asked if he planned to return to Williamston upon the completion of his special work, Dr. Evans said he hoped to return to this section.

Dr. Evans made many strong friendships throughout this section, and the people regret his leaving. He was accompanied as far as Richmond by his mother who will make her home there in the future.

Dr. V. E. Brown, a native of Greensboro and well known to many people of this county through his association with the Taylor hospital during the past eighteen months, has taken over the offices of Dr. Evans on Smithwick street.

## Two Hundred Checks Are Delivered In This Area

Approximately two hundred compensation checks have been received and delivered to claimants in the counties served by the Williamston office of the State Employment Service, up to February 16, it was announced this week by Manager C. W. Bazemore.

Checks come in once a week from Raleigh, for unemployed workers of the six counties handled by the Williamston office, and are distributed to the claimants without delay. The counties served from Williamston are Martin, Beaufort, Bertie, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington. To claim these weekly benefits, the worker who is laid off reports to the State Employment office and applies for work, so that he may get a job if possible. He also files a claim for out-of-work payments in case he does not get a job. After a short waiting period, if no job can be found suitable for the worker, he receives weekly unemployment benefit checks from Raleigh, which are delivered as they come in, through the same employment office at which he is registered.

Several thousand workers are covered by the provisions of the unemployment compensation act, under the Social Security act, in the six counties served from the Williamston office.

## Citizens From Two Towns Hear Plans For New Program

### Organization Is Set Up at Meeting Held Here This Week

At a meeting held here last Wednesday evening nineteen Williamston and Robersonville citizens expressed a renewed interest in the Boy Scout movement and pledged themselves to a greater measure of moral and financial support in the extension of an effective boys' program.

Scout Executive J. J. Siegwald of the Eastern Carolina Council of Boy Scouts of America in leading the discussion briefly reviewed the history of Scouting and pointed out the great opportunities for moral and physical growth through a live Boy Scout program. "Each year over three hundred Martin county boys reach the age of 12 years at which they are eligible for Scouting, yet we are touching only forty Martin County boys between the ages of 12 and 18 years," said the Scout executive. "We are barely scratching the surface." With the Cubbing program for the nine, ten, and eleven year old boys, Scouting now offers leadership and training for boys between the ages of nine and eighteen.

The meeting resulted in the formulation of definite objectives for the county and establishment of the Martin County District of the Eastern Carolina Council, Boy Scouts of America. Wheeler Martin, long a Scout leader in Williamston, was elected district chairman and committee chairmen were appointed as follows:

- Organization and extension, J. C. Manning.
  - Finance, D. V. Clayton.
  - Camping, Mayo Little, of Robersonville.
  - Health and safety, Dr. E. F. Furgurson.
  - Training, David Hix.
  - Advancement, Paul Roberson of Robersonville.
- Present at the meeting were Wheeler Martin, D. V. Clayton, E. U. Traby, John Henry Edwards, Rev. John L. Goff, James Manning, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, Bill Bobbitt, Garland Woolard, C. A. Plyler, Jack Osteen, Hugh Horton, Jodie Woodard, Irving Margolis, E. R. Fromberger, Bill Manning, Paul Roberson, and Mayo Little, of Robersonville, David Hix and J. J. Siegwald.

## Church Night Program Very Well Attended

The Church Night program at the Williamston Christian church was very well attended last Wednesday evening when reports were heard from the various church organizations and a program of service outlined by the pastor. Following these reports the election of the church officers was held which resulted in the following officers being named: Elders, E. S. Peel and S. W. Manning for three years; B. F. Perry and C. O. Moore for two years; J. O. Manning and G. H. Harrison for one year. Deacons, J. D. Woolard, Marvin Britton, R. W. Bondurant and William Gurganus for three years; H. T. Taylor, N. K. Harrison, John A. Ward and J. C. Manning for two years; W. O. Griffin, H. Leman Barnhill, Robert Manning, G. G. Woolard and W. C. Manning, Jr., for one year. Plans for the ordination of these officers will be announced later.

## Mrs. Hallie Pender Dies On Thursday At Hamilton Home

### Funeral Services Held at Home of Mrs. Lucy Meyers Yesterday

Mrs. Hallie Pender, one of the county's oldest residents and member of one of this section's oldest and most prominent families, died at the home of Mrs. Lucy Meyers in Hamilton at 12:20 o'clock Thursday morning following a short illness. Mrs. Pender, widow of Joseph Pender, had just returned last week from a six months visit with her daughter in Sanford and was taken ill last Saturday with pneumonia.

The daughter of the late Dr. and Mrs. Leary, of Edenton, Mrs. Pender was born in Chowan County 82 years ago. Following her father's retirement from the practice of medicine, she traveled with the family in several of the states, locating when a young woman in Hamilton. She spent most of her life in this county. Sixty-three years ago she was married to Joseph Pender who died about ten years ago.

Despite her advanced age, Mrs. Pender was unusually active. She made friends readily and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. She was educated at St. Mary's, Raleigh, and was the oldest member of St. Martin's Episcopal church, in Hamilton. She made her home with her granddaughter, Mrs. J. M. Pugh, but visited often with her children spending much time here with her son, Joseph Pender.

She was the last member of her immediate family, and is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Thad Lawrence, of Sanford; Mrs. John Williams and Mrs. Bessie Williams, of Gold Point, and Mr. Joseph Pender, of Williamston.

Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the Meyers' home by Rev. E. F. Moseley, rector of St. Martin's Church, assisted by Rev. James H. Smith, pastor of the Williamston Baptist church. Burial was in the family plot in the Hamilton cemetery.

## Welfare Board In Meet Wednesday

Meeting here last Wednesday afternoon, the Martin County Welfare board approved sixteen applications for old age assistance and three for aid to dependent children. Two other applications for old age assistance were rejected and two were held pending a detailed investigation of claims. The three applications for aid to dependent children represented nine relief subjects.

Three applications for aid to dependent children were rejected, a member of the board stating that a son in one of the families was placed in a CCC camp, private employment was found for two adults in a second family, and that the father of the third group had returned from the roads, making aid to all three families unnecessary.

To date 124 applicants have been approved by the county welfare board to receive old age assistance and 152 applications have been rejected either on application or after first interview at the local office or after a home investigation and necessary collateral calls were made. Six who were already receiving checks have since died and seven applicants died before the application could be completed. Thirty applications are pending or under investigation at the present time. The average grant per recipient in Martin County is \$8.60.

Twenty-two applications involving 87 children have been approved by the board with the average grant per child being \$3.85 per month.

### SUPERVISOR

Meeting in called session this week, the Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade reappointed Henry Johnson supervisor of sales on the local market. Mr. Johnson, under whose supervision the market established a new high sales record last season, was employed on a year around basis. He is expected to devote his entire time beginning about June to the interests of the market.

Plans are being formulated to promote Williamston as one of the best tobacco marketing centers in the belt. A ten-million-pound goal has been set, and with the cooperation of local citizens the warehousemen say that goal can be reached.

## Dr. Furgurson Talks on School Health Service

### Addresses Local Parents-Teachers Group Wednesday

#### Department Plans to Examine One-third School Children Annually

Following is an address by Dr. E. W. Furgurson, full-time health officer for this county, before the regular meeting of the Williamston Parents-Teachers association last Wednesday afternoon:

There are two extremes which may be practiced in the school health service. For instance, examining 25 or 30 school children in one hour is working too fast and to this extent the work must be unsound. That, however, is not much worse than the physician who spends half an hour on every child when in many cases 2 or 3 minutes is all that is necessary to determine that no common defects are present. We hope to strike a happy medium which will provide for an un-hurried examination of each child, giving only a short time to well-nourished children with clear throats and sound teeth, and a relatively longer and more careful examination to those children whose history and inspection cause one to suspect some disturbance.

We are planning to examine a little more than one-third of the grammar school population each year, taking for example, the first, third and seventh grades, thus insuring three examinations during the elementary schooling of each child. It is highly desirable to have the parents of each child present during the examination, as it gives the physician an opportunity to discuss the findings with a responsible person.

In reference to the physical examination of a child, weight has probably occupied too much attention in the past. The weight tables for infants is a good index, but it does not necessarily apply in older children. The adoption of a middle-ground attitude, that is, taking in to consideration all those factors such as depth of chest, width of hips, and race or nationality, which appears to some extent to determine the height-weight-age ratio. After having determined that a child is definitely under-weight or over-weight, the examiner may not safely assume that the condition is necessarily one to be remedied by diet, for there are other important factors.

The term "malnourishment" is used without mercy. In some cases, any variable from the normal, such as: pallor, underweight (10 per cent or more), diseased tonsils, tubercular infection, poor muscle tone, listlessness, dryness of skin, etc., has been classified as malnourishment. However, it may be generally said that if the health physician is consistently finding malnourishment in more than 20 per cent of school children examined, one of a number of things is happening. First, poor economic conditions may cause the lack of quality or quantity of food. The meals may be too hurriedly eaten or there may be a greater amount of physical exercise (work or play) than can be compensated for by food.

The eyes are ordinarily tested with Snellen cards, however this method has its limitations. Hyperopia (farsightedness) means that front to back axis of eyeball is shortened so that rays of light come to focus behind the retina. Frequently this is largely offset by the child's power of accommodation, so that only the severer types are discovered by tests with Snellen cards. Myopia (near-sightedness) is when

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## Purchase Cleaning And Pressing Establishment

Gaylord Harrison and Henry S. Manning purchased the cleaning and pressing works of W. D. Ambers here today. The new owners will take over operation of the establishment March 1 with Mr. Harrison in charge.

## Banks And Postoffice Will Have Holiday On Tuesday

Next Tuesday, George Washington's birthday, will be observed as a holiday by the local banks and postoffice. The day will not be observed as a holiday by general business, however.

## Plan Electric-Line Extension to the Farm Life Section

### Farmers Are Holding Meet in School Building There Tonight

One of the largest proposed rural electric line extensions in this county will be given consideration at a meeting of Griffins Township farmers in the Farm Life School auditorium this evening at 7:30 o'clock. Considerable interest has already been shown in the proposed project, and it is thought that the residents in the territory will pledge their support at the meeting tonight.

Plans for the construction of a line in that area have been prepared by Virginia Electric and Power company engineers, and Ray H. Goodmon, manager of the local district, will meet with the farmers tonight and explain the proposed project.

The line, hooking on to the Liley Brothers extension about six miles from here, will run by W. A. Manning, Jordan Peel, Arthur Roberson, Farm Life school and to Gurnik's store, a distance of about nine miles. Short extensions are also proposed from the main line at various points. There are approximately 49 potential customers, and the average monthly cost to them will be between \$2.50 and \$3.00, it is estimated.

No official figures have been released, but the extension will cost approximately \$10,000. Based on this figure, the monthly income from the entire line will necessarily have to be around \$135, a comparatively small amount to care for the fixed charges and pay for the current used.

The project is the eighth to be proposed in this county in cooperation with the Virginia Electric and Power company, a seventh one having just recently been completed in Cross Roads.

## Parents-Teachers In Regular Meet

The Williamston P. T. A. held its monthly meeting on Wednesday afternoon, February 16. The minutes were read and approved. Reports of committees were done away with at this time. The number of parents and teachers representing each grade was noted and it was found that the first and seventh grades again won the attendance prizes. The meeting was turned over to the chairman of the program committee, Mrs. Charles Godwin, who gave an interesting reading on Founders Day.

County Superintendent of Schools James Manning introduced the first speaker of the afternoon, Dr. E. W. Furgurson, who is to be in charge of health work in this county.

The second speaker of the afternoon, Scout Executive John Sigwald, was introduced by Mr. David N. Hix. Mr. Sigwald is in charge of scouting and cubbing in the Wilson area of which Martin district is a part. He explained his work in scouting and cubbing and what he wanted and hoped to accomplish in this work. He also told of cubbing, which is a new project for this section, and why he thought we should have cubbing as well as scouting in Williamston. Cubbing is for boys, ten, eleven and twelve years of age and prepares them for scouting.

After Mr. Sigwald's interesting address, a motion was made and passed that the Williamston P. T. A. should sponsor cubbing in Williamston.

## Health Department Nurses Appointed

Miss Mary Stokes Robinson, 113 S. Fifth Street, Wilmington, and Miss Christine Mae High, Duke Nurses' Home, Durham, have accepted appointments as nurses with Martin County's full-time health department. Dr. E. W. Furgurson, department head, announced today. Misses Robinson and High are to enter upon their new duties in the county March 1. At the present time Miss Robinson is taking field training in Durham and Miss High is studying in the Person County health unit, Roxboro.

Misses High and Robinson have had extensive and excellent training. They completed public health courses at William and Mary College last fall after training in two of the largest hospitals in the state. They come to the department in this county highly recommended.

### LIBRARY

The Williamston Public Library Association plans to have the workers of the various civic organizations meet in Mayor John L. Hassell's office at 9:30 Wednesday morning, February 23. The teams will call upon those who have pledged to the Library Fund for their pledge, and solicit those who were not seen on the previous canvass. With the room at the American Legion but ready for shelving to begin and other necessary preparations, the completion of the canvass is necessary. Consideration is now being given the book lists, and the order will be placed shortly.

## Local Ball Club Receives Number Players' Contracts

### Nine Games Scheduled on Wednesdays and Sundays Here

Arrangements are going forward for opening the baseball season in the Coastal Plain Loop on Tuesday, April 26, R. H. Goodmon, president of the local club, stating that a number of players' contracts had already been executed and that there was a wide field for player selections. Six contracts have been handled and at least that many more are pending. Mr. Goodmon said today.

Contracts are now on file for Steve Lakotas, second baseman of last year; Bruce McCay, right fielder, also of last year's team; Howard Earps, a mainstay at short; Todd Poynter, catcher from Berger, Texas; Joe Barnes, third baseman from Alabama, and Art Hauger, manager.

Mr. Goodmon stated that other contracts are expected within the next few days, and that the Cincinnati Reds who hold a working agreement with the Martins had invited him and Manager Hauger to visit the training camp in Columbia, S. C., during early April to finish rounding out the team personnel. The local club president is quite optimistic over the player outlook, and predicts a much stronger team this year than last.

The season schedule, while not yet officially adopted, has been made public, and is likely to stand unchanged. Williamston holds a very good place in the game arrangement with nine Wednesday games and nine on Sunday. The Fourth of July contest coming here in the afternoon on that day. Williamston opens the season with Tarboro on Tuesday, April 26, and Tarboro comes here for the Martins' first home game the following day. The Martins meet Snow Hill on the next two days and go to New Bern Saturday, returning home for the first Sunday game. The season closes on Friday, September 2 with Snow Hill here.

## Car Crashes Into County School Bus

No one was hurt but considerable property damage resulted when a car crashed into a Martin County school bus, near here, on the Hamilton Road last Tuesday afternoon. Leon Alphin, LaGrange man, was driving into Williamston and just as he approached the stopped truck a child started across the road. He turned to miss the child and plowed into the front of the bus, damaging the front part of both the truck and the car. No one in the bus was hurt, and Alphin escaped injury also. John D. Harrison, Jr., 16 years old, was driving the school bus and had stopped to discharge passengers.

Alphin was given a preliminary hearing later that afternoon before Justice J. L. Hassell who bound him over to the county court for trial on a reckless driving charge.

## Named Member Advisory State Textbook Committee

James C. Manning, superintendent of Martin County schools, was named recently as a member of the advisory committee of the State Textbook Commission. The appointment, one of fifteen in the State, was made by State Superintendent Clyde Erwin.