

Native Of County Dies Thursday At Home Greenville

Funeral This Afternoon for S. Justus Everett, Attorney

Simon Justus Everett, native of this county and member of a prominent family in this section of North Carolina, died at his home in Greenville yesterday morning at seven o'clock of coronary thrombosis. Mr. Everett, prominent lawyer, had been ill for some time, spending the last four months in bed.

Funeral services will be conducted at the home at 3 o'clock this afternoon, with the Rev. Clarence Patrick, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Greenville, officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mr. Everett was born in Hamilton, March 4, 1878, a son of Simon Justus Everett and Bettie Purvis Everett. He was educated in the private school of Hamilton and received preparatory training for college in a private school in Scotland Neck, where he was taught by the late C. W. Wilson. He entered the University of North Carolina in 1898 and was graduated in 1902 with the A.B. and LL. B. degrees. He was licensed to practice law in August, 1902. He came to Williamston where he formed a partnership with Judge Francis D. Winston, under the name of Winston and Everett.

Mr. Everett married Miss Margaret Whitmore Shields of Scotland Neck in 1907. To this union were born four children, S. J. Everett, Jr., deceased; Margaret Shields, Elizabeth E. and R. O. Everett II. While living in Williamston, Mr. Everett took an active interest in all local, civic, political and religious affairs.

In 1910, he moved to Greenville. He was interested in both educational and political activities of Pitt County. He represented the county in the Legislature as Senator for two terms. In this capacity he helped to obtain a large appropriation for the enlargement of East Carolina Teachers' College. His interest and love for this institution were only exceeded by his love for the Immanuel Baptist church, of which he was a charter member.

Surviving are his widow and three children, Mrs. Ralph Howland, of Charlotte, Elizabeth and R. O. Everett, of Greenville, and the following brothers and sisters: Miss Hattie Everett, Miss Margaret Everett, Mrs. Ethel Leggett of Swamp Lawn, Martin County; Mrs. B. D. Harrison of Palmyra; R. O. Everett, of Durham; B. B. Everett, J. A. Everett and W. R. Everett, of Palmyra.

Active pallbearers were Tyson Dyke, David Denton Elks, Chetser Elks, Theodore and Sidney Skinner, Dr. Leon Meadows and Douglass Butler.

A few weeks prior to his death, Mr. Everett expressed his desire for a very simple funeral service. He requested that there be no floral tributes, nor honorary pallbearers. He named the above as active pallbearers.

Recent Happenings In Farm Life School

Miss Lora E. Sleeper and Mr. J. P. Woodard have reorganized the 4-H clubs of the Farm Life school. All members of last year's club rejoined, new members will have the opportunity to join in January. A great deal of interest is manifested in this work by the students.

Glee Club
For the first time in its history the school will have a glee club which will be under the direction of Miss Melba Russ, the music teacher.

First Month Ends
The first month of school ended on September 28 with an average daily attendance of 139 out of a membership of 142 in the elementary school. There was not a single absence in the sixth grade which has an enrollment of 16, and only five absences in the fifth which has an enrollment of 34.

There are 60 students enrolled in high school.

Tuberculosis Clinic
Dr. Furgurson, the county health doctor, accompanied by Miss Roberson, one of the county health nurses, conducted a tuberculosis test among the students in the seventh grade and the high school.

Returns to School
Miss Marguerite Cooke has returned to Farm Life to resume her duties as fifth grade teacher after a month's absence due to an operation.

Personals
Mr. B. E. Hall is moving his family back to Grovetown, Ga. taking Jeannette, in the seventh grade; Francis in the fifth; and Earl in the fourth, out of this school.

Sizeable Tax Collections Are Reported In Martin County

Trying to beat the collector to the publication date, Martin County property owners are making a strenuous effort to pay their 1937 taxes, according to reports coming from the office of Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, collector. That the property owners are succeeding in their efforts is evidenced in county bank deposits in recent days, the sheriff stating that as much as \$14,000 was collected in a few hours' time one day this week. The collection of \$5,000 a day constitutes mediocre business for the collector.

The gloom that hung over Sheriff Charlie Roebuck's head and possibly caused a few more hairs to turn gray or fall out completely, has been pushed aside, and the collector now joins Roger Babson and other economists in saying that business is not so bad after all.

No complete reports on the collections are available just now, the sheriff explaining that he has been so everlastingly busy receiving money and depositing it, that he has not had time to strike a total. "If collections just continue for a day or two more like they have for the past few days, the delinquent list will be smaller than it was a year ago," the sheriff finally admitted after being pestered for an opinion as to which way the collection wind was blowing.

Personal property owners are responding to the last call, and it is believed now that the delinquent list when it appears next week will be the smallest in many years.

Buck L. Gardner Dies At Home In Williams District

Funeral Services Are Held Yesterday Afternoon at Three O'clock

Taken ill about a week ago, Mr. Buck L. Gardner, well-known Williams Township farmer, died at his home there Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock of pneumonia. He was unusually active prior to falling ill for a man of his age.

The son of the late Thomas and Pattie Gardner, he was born in this county on February 24, 1865. Experiencing the hardships common of the reconstruction days, Mr. Gardner developed at a tender age a rugged individualism that characterized his life until the end. In early manhood he married Miss Nancy Louendia Moore who died last October. With her as his helpmate, Mr. Gardner settled in the forests of Williams Township more than half a century ago, clearing the little farm where many happy years were spent by the couple. Few people have lived a more honorable life, a life that was marked by its simplicity and devoid of all pretense. He valued an obligation, and his word was as good as a bond. Mr. Gardner enjoyed a large friendship in all walks of life.

A member of the Siloam Methodist Church, Mr. Gardner seldom mentioned religion, but he walked humbly in the sight of his maker. Several years ago when his life was threatened by robbers in his home, the old gentleman said, "I have made my peace with God, go ahead and kill me if you must." By toiling long and hard and saving little day by day, Mr. Gardner had accumulated a little money, but not much, to be sure. Robbers, possibly some one whom he had befriended, went to his home one night and demanded him to open his little safe, but seeing his invalid wife at his side, and thinking of her welfare, he told intruders he was an old man and did not have long to live, that he would die before he surrendered his few savings. In his rugged individualism there was wrapped a soul that knew the peace of God, and the little incident though sudden it may have come about found him ready to go.

Three sons, Johnson, Walter and Herbert Gardner and two daughters, Mrs. J. F. Hardison and Mrs. J. H. Perry, all of this county survive. Twenty-seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren survive. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon from the late home by his pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, Methodist minister, of Plymouth. Interment was in the family plot on the home farm.

Mrs. J. G. Staton and Mrs. William Chase, and son, Bill, spent yesterday in Norfolk.

LOCKED OUT
The regular monthly meeting of the Martin County Alcoholic Beverages Control Board was locked out here Wednesday evening, and the event was postponed out of necessity by Chairman Bill Spivey. Sharing the offices of Attorneys Coburn and Coburn, the board had a key of its own to the old office on the second floor of the lawyers' building, but was left out in the cold when the attorneys moved to a new location on the first floor.

The chairman of the board has borrowed a key and future meetings will be held without trouble.

Number Hazards Stalk Fishing In Carolina Streams

Congressional Group Hears Troubles at Meeting In Belhaven

Holding a hearing in Belhaven this week, members of the Congressional committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries learned that commercial fishing in Carolina waters is on the wane and that unless something is done there'll not be a single herring or shad to go on the table along with Martin County corn bread.

Nearly 300 fishermen, mostly from along the shores of the five Carolina sounds, were before the committee to tell their woeful tales and plead for help—any kind from any source.

There was a varied opinion expressed at the meeting, first one and then another advancing reasons for the disappearance of commercial fish from the streams in eastern North Carolina. Spawning eels and carp, most of the fishermen agreed, are causing the greatest damage to profitable fishing. But these were only two of the reasons advanced in an effort to explain the absence of shad and other fish that have a fairly high market value. Some said the pollution from the pulp mill in the lower part of this county was taking a heavy toll. Others said that the digging of inland waterways was damaging the industry. Still others said that the fish could not get through the inlets, but very little was said about the heavy fishing schedule maintained in nearly every foot of water from the Atlantic to the rapids in the streams miles removed.

Congressman C. Otho Bland, of Newport News, who has represented Virginia's first district for 20 years, and who is chairman of the house committee on merchant marine and fisheries, presided over the inquiry that brought more deep-sound fishermen to Belhaven than have ever been seen in one lot in North Carolina before. Present and participating in the hearing was Congressman Lindsay Warren and Conservationist R. Bruce Etheridge, with a committee from the department of which he is head.

Something bad is the matter with it, Mr. Bland admitted that much when he set out with the meeting. He admitted, too, that he brought no remedy with him, but rather that he, at the behest of Congress, had come seeking a remedy. Shad fishing, for instance, had declined from an annual catch of 47,000,000 to less than 8,000,000. He, and the Congress, wanted to know what was the matter. He didn't need to assure the fishermen that he was concerned, because a lot of people in his home district are faced with the same sort of botheration as the five sounds are confronted with.

Everybody from the Congressional committee to the smallest eel-pot fishermen agreed that something is badly the matter with all sorts of fishing, whether it is for shad or trout or blue fish or oysters. There are just not any fish to be had in the Five Sounds any more, and oysters are beginning to be a thing of

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Prices Continue To Hold Up On the Local Tobacco Market

Prices continue to hold firm as the Williamston tobacco market brings to a close its most successful week of the season today. The price average will approximate 28 or 29 cents for the entire sale today, Supervisor Henry Johnson said this morning.

Starting the week off last Monday with a boom, the local market has maintained a record for the five days, some stating that the average sagged a little on one or two days, but the trend was upward today and the selling and buying forces are going strong.

Selling nearly a million pounds this week, the market has handled right at five million pounds so far

this season. Observers, while realizing that the crop is being marketed rapidly, predict the sales for the season here will pass the six-million mark.

Commenting on the marketing activities today, one farmer stated that he received his best sale of the season. There were no exceedingly high prices seen on the tickets today, but the range was on the high side. Most farmers said tobacco was selling "good", one out of the group questioned stating that the leaf was selling fair.

The local market is receiving a continued loyal support from its patrons, and additional customers are coming here daily.

Dark Time in the Old Town Being Planned

SURPRISE
The Williamston Tobacco Board of Trade has a \$25 surprise for some tobacco farmer. Drawing the weekly \$25 prize day before yesterday, the board of trade officials could not read the name on the ticket, so they are asking the holder of ticket No. 213 to call for the money. The last name appearing on the ticket stub is believed to be that of a Mr. Taylor.

If the holder does not present the ticket by next Wednesday, there will be two drawings each for \$25, it was explained.

Calls Eleven Cases In The Recorder's Court Last Monday

Judge Peel Presided Over First Session in Two Weeks

Idle during the past two weeks while the superior court was clearing its docket, the Martin County Recorder's court last Monday found a comparatively small number of cases on its schedule for trial. Several cases were continued from previous terms, and considering the season of the year and the fact that fair week came during the period, the docket before Judge H. O. Peel and Solicitor Coburn was unusual small. The court was in session only a short time, and the cases were recognized as minor ones.

The case charging Charlie Clark with larceny and receiving and carrying a concealed weapon was not pressed.

George Walker, charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, failed to answer when called and the court issued papers for his arrest.

Oliver D. Moots pleaded guilty in the case charging him with careless and reckless driving and the court

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Tobacco Laws Are Running Gauntlet In Three Courts

Judge Harris Postpones Case in This State Two Weeks

The concerted drive against tobacco control and other practices designed to help the tobacco farmer has the program on the spot in three courts of the country, unofficial reports stating that the legality of the penalty will be finally tested in the United States Supreme Court. At the present time, neither side has gained a point that will in any way plot the future course for the tobacco farmer.

Georgia farmers or their lawyer friends have appealed to a three-judge court in Valdosta, Ga., to declare the penalty feature of the control law invalid. The appeal was made several days ago, but as far as it could be learned here, no decision has been handed down by the court there. Reports maintain that the losing side will carry the case to the highest court in the land.

A hearing in the case restraining North Carolina warehousemen from collecting the penalty tax has again been postponed by Judge W. C. Harris in this State.

The hearing now is set for Tuesday, October 25, in Wake Superior Court. It had been continued last week to October 11, but counsel for defendant warehousemen said they could not prepare their case by that date. W. A. Lucas, of Wilson, who is representing the warehousemen, is busy with his duties as chairman of the State Elections Board.

Some 300 new farmer-plaintiffs have joined in the action, lawyers said, making nearly 1,000 contesting the right of the government to collect the tax on excess sales. Judge Harris issued an order last week directing warehousemen to impound all tax penalties until further action in the case.

The tobacco inspection act, generally known as the Flannagan grading act, is about to receive its final test of constitutionality which has dragged along for two years without a definite conclusion.

The highest court took under consideration and is expected to grant, an application for a writ of certiorari filed in behalf of owners of four warehouses in Oxford asking the Supreme Court to review the action of the Fourth Circuit Court of appeals in dissolving an injunction against enforcement of the act which was granted by Judge Isaac M. Meekins of the Eastern North Carolina district.

Despite the litigation, the act has become increasingly popular and there has been a steady increase in the number of markets where the act is in force, which requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all tobacco growers patronizing the market. Oxford warehousemen divided on the question, two of the six declining to join the other four seeking an injunction against enforcement of the act.

Youths Leave For Camps Tomorrow

Twelve Martin County youths leave tomorrow for Washington where they will be examined for entrance in the Civilian Conservation Corps service. There are ten openings in the service for youths from this county. Their destinations have not been announced. Several months ago, a number of Martin youths were received into the service and were stationed in camps in California. One of them, "Boog" Williams returned a few days ago at the end of six months, the youth stating that he did not like the attitude of Californians and wanted to come home.

Names of the boys leaving tomorrow are:

White: Joseph L. Taylor, Williamston; View Vester Nicholson, Williamston; Thurman Mobley, Jamesville; Asa Moore, Jamesville; Woodrow Jenkins, Williamston; Jennie Price, Jamesville; Walter Crisp, Jr., Hassell; Leman Strickland, Oak City.

Colored: Samuel Slade, Williamston; Willie Roy Brooks, Dardens; Charlie B. Hardison, Williamston; Joseph B. Edwards, Williamston.

Waives Right Of Hearing In Justice Court Case

Charged with being drunk and disorderly and assault upon a female, Dawse Griffin waived his right to a preliminary hearing in Justice J. L. Hassell's court here Wednesday. The case goes to the county court with the defendant under a \$100 bond.

Tobacco Price Trend Upward Under the Agricultural Administration's Program

The table of tobacco price comparisons before control and since offers food for thought, a county farmer explaining the other day that while the program may not be perfect, conditions under control are far better than they were a few short years ago when there was no program.

		NO PROGRAM							
YEARS	ACRES	N. C.	U. S.	LBS. GROWN	Lbs. Used	Value In Millions	N. C.	U. S.	PRICE PER POUNDS
1928	712,400	1,119,900	493	739	708	\$ 93	18.9c	17.3c	
1929	729,300	1,085,700	485	750	735	89	18.5c	18.0c	
1930	768,000	1,144,200	581	865	774	75	12.9c	12.0c	
1931	688,500	979,500	476	670	597	42	8.8c	8.4c	
1932	462,500	617,500	289	374	565	35	12.1c	11.6c	

		WITH PROGRAM							
YEARS	ACRES	N. C.	U. S.	LBS. GROWN	Lbs. Used	Value In Millions	N. C.	U. S.	PRICE PER POUNDS
1933	667,800	920,600	530	733	646	\$ 86	16.1c	15.3c	
1934	486,500	684,200	412	557	567	118	28.6c	27.3c	
1935	612,500	874,000	573	811	693	116	20.3c	20.0c	
1936	591,000	864,500	452	683	671	102	22.5c	22.1c	
1937	662,000	973,300	587	855	784	141	24.0c	23.0c	
*1938	625,000	934,000	522	784	?	?	?	?	

*—FORECAST AUGUST, 1938. N. C. Agriculture Service, Raleigh, N. C.

The figures above are authentic and are offered without bias or comment. Every county farmer will do well to study them carefully and draw his own conclusions.

TRANSFER CASE

The case charging Roy Bowlers, young white man with criminally assaulting a young Martin County white girl, was transferred to Pitt County this afternoon, Sheriff C. B. Roebuck stating after an investigation that the alleged dardardly crime took place in Pitt County just across the boundary.