

## Physical Defects Found In 700 Out Of 1,000 Children

### Seventy Out of the 1,000 Enjoy Perfect Health

Examining 1,008 children in the first, second and sixth grades of the white schools in this county, the health department uncovered some startling facts surrounding the physical fitness of the children.

Exactly 700, or 69.44 per cent of the group examined, had some physical defect. Dr. F. E. Wilson, head of the department, explaining that at least 186 of the number needed medical attention immediately and needed it badly. At least 514 others need attention if they are to do their best work in school, the health officer continued. While 238 others had no apparent physical defects, they would not rate a perfect health score. Seventy were rated in perfect health.

Grouping the defects, Dr. Wilson pointed out that possibly bad teeth headed the list. Poor vision ranked second and bad tonsils were third in number. Quite a few of the little folks had defective hearing.

There were bright spots in the report, Dr. Wilson explaining that the number of children having physical defects was slightly below the estimated average for the United States, as a whole. Comparatively few cases of malnutrition were found, but two or three rather pathetic ones came to the attention of the examiners. One little tot was 32 pounds underweight. There are very, very few cripples in the group examined, the doctor stating that the cripples apparently had been well cared for. Quite a few children in this county received treatment at the orthopedic clinic conducted by the Tarboro Rotary club in past months, and the people of this county have taken advantage of the clinic there.

A close study of the report shows that health conditions do not vary to any great extent in the several parts of the county. Examining the children in District A—Jamesville, Williamston, Farm Life and Bear Grass, Dr. Wilson found 69.89 per cent of the subjects with some physical defect. One per cent fewer pupils in the schools at Robersonville, Everetts, Oak City, Hamilton, Gold Point and Hassell were found with some physical defect. Jamesville led the list with the largest percentage of children enjoying "perfect" health. Eighteen out of 141 examined there had no apparent physical defects. A review of the number of "healthy" children by schools follows: Robersonville, 8 out of 130 examined; Everetts, one out of 108; Oak City, one out of 78 examined; Hamilton, none out of 74 examined; Gold Point, none out of 26; Hassell, one out of 24; Jamesville, 18 out of 141; Farm Life, two out of 53; Bear Grass, 13 out of 118, and Williamston, 26 out of 256 examined.

Besides examining 1,008 children, the doctor, assisted by the county health nurses, vaccinated 311 against smallpox and nine against diphtheria.

Possessing the information relative to individual defects, the health department appeals to the parents for cooperation in remedying those defects. If these defects can be eliminated, it is reasonably certain that many children who are now repeaters will be able to pass their work and save the State on an average of \$34 annually for each repeater.

A series of examinations in the colored schools is now underway by Dr. F. E. Wilson.

## Will Permit Sale of Peanuts At World's Fair in New York

Censored for the reported refusal to allow the sale of peanuts at the World's Fair in New York this year, the management explains in a letter that the ruling has been rescinded and arrangements made to operate a concession for the distribution of the goobers among the millions who are expected to attend the exposition within the next few months.

Several Martin County farmers, considering the action prohibiting the sale of peanuts contrary to their interests along with thousands of other peanut growers, declared they would not attend the fair. It is understood that quite a few farmers wrote to the fair management, and Z. L. Davenport, Gumberry farmer, was assured by a fair official, that arrangements had been made for selling peanuts. It is apparent, however, that the sale will be limited to shelled nuts, according to the

## Increased Activity Expected In the Legislature This Week

After remaining idle during a greater part of the seven weeks it has been in session, the North Carolina legislature is expected to go into action this week, Representative H. G. Horton said during his week-end visit at home.

There has been much wrangling going on, to be sure, but most of the arguments have been centered in the committee and at committee hearings, leaving the ledger sheet of accomplishments blank as far as any state-wide constructive law is concerned.

The revenue bill is due to reach the floor possibly this week, observers having anticipated its arrival before this time.

A bill to create a commission for a study of road claims is also due to make its appearance in the house this week, but final action on

drafting the proposal has not been taken at this time.

As a general rule, all proposed legislation is bogged down in the committees, leaving the legislature wide open for the law makers to play up to the galleries and to the lobbyists who are swarming around Raleigh as the birds of the air swarm over a carcass.

A seven weeks watch over the legislature has just about proved that the South Carolina man was right when he said the Palmetto legislature was superior to the one in the Old North State, and South Carolina ranks mighty low when it comes to comparisons with other states.

Tomorrow, the legislature will go a gallivanting down to Charlotte, the program of the day centering around entertainment and more entertainment and little or no work.

## Possible Solution To Lilley Murder Found

### EAT SOON

"No, we haven't forgotten it," Farmer Van Taylor said yesterday in announcing the Farm Bureau was going to hold its free membership dinner in the county within the next two or three weeks. "We are making plans for the feed and trying to get a prominent speaker to address the meeting," Mr. Taylor said.

The meeting is expected to bring together the largest group of farmers to assemble in the county in several years.

## Marked Drop In Influenza Cases

Influenza cases that were fast reaching the epidemic stage in this county during recent days, are not quite so numerous at this time, according to reports coming from private physicians and the heads of several of the county schools.

"We have comparatively few cases here at the present time," a local doctor said today, adding that there had been right many cases during the past two weeks.

School attendance figures, dropping off as much as 20 per cent of normal in some schools as a result of influenza and sickness, in general, are beginning to show an upward climb. Yesterday, Farm Life reported only 20 absent from its classes.

Most of the cases have not been very severe, but the victims declare that they are left weak and listless.

## Scout Banquet Here Next Thursday Night

Martin County Boy Scouts are eagerly looking forward to Thursday evening when they will meet their fathers and others at a banquet in the Woman's Club hall here. The troops at Jamesville and Robersonville as well as the one here will be well represented at the meeting, unofficial reports stating that the banquet will bring together more than 100 youths and parents.

District Scout Executive Sigwald and George Tomlison, of Wilson, and C. G. Craighill will have parts on the program.

## Arrest Colored Man For Robbing Filling Station

### Saturday Morning Robbery Similar to One Last December

A possible solution to the Paul Lilley murder case on the Washington Road, near here, last December 24, was found Saturday morning when county officers arrested Joe Johnson, young county Negro, for the robbery of the C. B. Allen filling station on the Hamilton Road earlier in the day. Officers refused to connect Johnson directly with the Lilley murder case, but they admitted that the robbery Saturday morning was almost identical to the one that took place almost two months ago. No one was killed at the Allen station, officers said, but the "tracks" left by the robber were identical to those at the Lilley station.

Johnson's accounts of the last Saturday morning robbery have varied, and while he finally admitted breaking into the station, mystery continues to surround the case. The man was badly shot and he has told several different stories about the shooting, officers stating that they believed he was shot by a colored woman on Harrell Everetti's farm after he broke into the station. Some one tried to break into a tenant's chicken coop on the Everett farm early Saturday morning, and the woman of the house raised a window and fired twice, not knowing whether either shot hit its mark. The intruder left, and a short time later Johnson went to the home of Mr. Claude Jenkins on the Hamilton Road and asked to be brought to a doctor. Johnson, given first-aid treatment here, was later removed to a Washington hospital.

First denying that he entered the filling station, Johnson admitted that he stole several hams, a pistol and a few articles from the station, but he did not confess the crime until officers explained they had his fingerprints. "We have some other fingerprints of yours," officers told Johnson and he immediately asked if they had any fingerprints taken at the scene of the Lilley murder, and that remark centers suspicion on Johnson.

According to officers, Johnson claims he was accompanied in the robbery last Saturday morning by two colored women who live on the Washington Road not far from the Lilley filling station. An investigation proved that they were not with Johnson at the time, but the story is indirectly connected with the Lilley case, officers believe. Johnson then said that a colored man, Jesse Adkins, of Griffins Township, shot him. Officers arrested Adkins and released him after proving him innocent. Johnson later admitted that he shot himself accidentally, that he was carrying the barrel of a .22 calibre rifle in his trousers.

Most of the stolen goods were found along with the bullet rifle beside the road where the man became so weak he could not carry them further. Johnson, shot in the shoulder, is expected to recover, and officers are working to piece together supplementary evidence to face him with when he gets well.

## Young White Man Is Killed In Road Accident Saturday

### Two Others Are Hurt in First Fatal Wreck of Year Here

Coy VanHorn, young Burke County white man, was killed and Vester Land and Clyde Brown, both of Tarboro, were hurt in an automobile wreck one mile west of here on Highway 64 last Saturday morning at 3 o'clock. VanHorn, the back of his head badly crushed, died before he could be carried to a doctor's office here. Brown, removed to a Tarboro hospital, was discharged later in the day after a slight head wound was treated. Land, suffering a broken collar bone and other injuries to his shoulder and chest, continues in a Tarboro hospital, reports stating that he will recover.

Prepared for burial by Biggs Funeral Home attendants, VanHorn's body was removed late that day to his home in Drexel where the last rites were conducted Sunday afternoon. VanHorn, 25 years old, is survived by his widow and one child.

Investigating the accident, the first to take a life on the highways of the county this year, Patrolman W. S. Hunt said the car, a Ford coupe driven by VanHorn, was being driven apparently at a rapid speed. It ran off the pavement on the right, and the driver lost control as he tried to turn it back on the curve just a short distance beyond the fairgrounds. Traveling across the road on the left, the car struck a post and turned bottom side upwards, the top giving way and crushing VanHorn's head against the steering wheel.

Passing through Robersonville a few minutes earlier, the car sounded like an airplane, officers there said.

VanHorn, who was engaged in installing some machinery in a Tarboro mill, accompanied by Land and Brown, was making his first trip to see the coast country when he lost his life.

## Section Had Cold Weather That Was Cold Back In 1796

### Governor Johnston Tells in Old Letter About Little Farm Income

They had weather here that was really cold back in 1796 according to an old letter written by Former Governor Sam Johnston to his brother-in-law, United States Supreme Court Justice James Iredell back in December, 1796. "The mercury dropped to as low as eleven degrees below zero at one time, and was up to 75 above a few days later."

According to the old correspondence now in the hands of Mr. W. H. Biggs, here, there was little profit in farming then just as it is today. Mr. Johnston, who made his home here for several years and who was prominent in the early affairs of the U. S. Government, wrote to Justice Iredell under date of Hermitage, December 12, 1796, as follows:

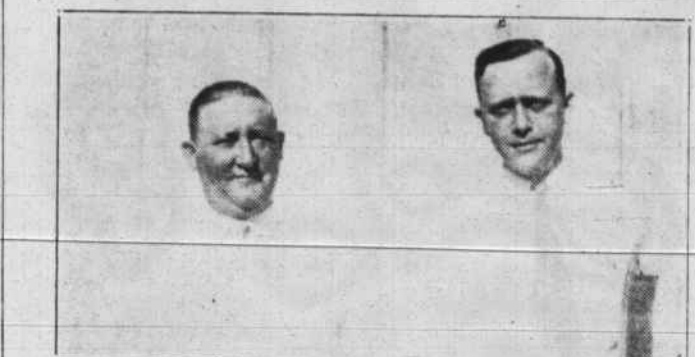
Hermitage, Dec. 12, 1796. Mr. Dear Sir:—I have not yet heard for whom our electors have voted, but have understood from a gentleman from Raleigh, that there would be at least three votes in favor of Mr. Adams, some thought four. I am not acquainted with any of the Virginia electors except Josiah Riddick, and he, I think, will vote for Mr. Jefferson, as he is one of the family of the "Wrong-heads." The weather has been colder than I have ever known it at this season and the frost of longer continuance. The mercury in the thermometer was at one time eleven degrees below, and only a few days after, it was as high as 75. This sudden change gave me a cough, that will probably stick by me until Spring, though I am no way confined by it. I am constantly busy about my little farm, which turns to very little other account than to afford me exercise, and to secure me effectually against hypochondria, vapors and melancholy, attention to it gives me a good appetite for my food, and disposes me to sleep soundly at night, without any other medicine, my cough notwithstanding.

### Little Heat Wave

A little heat wave struck here this week, pushing the mercury almost to the eighties. Comparisons are not available, but yesterday was believed to be the warmest February day here on record.

## Plans Are Nearing Completion for The Operation of the Tobacco Market Here This Coming Season

### EXPAND BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP HERE



Forming a partnership here two years ago for the operation of the New Farmers Warehouse, Messrs. Leman Barnhill, Holt Evans and Joe Moye have expanded their activities and will in addition to the Farmers house, operate the Planters Warehouse here this coming season. Pictured here are Messrs. Moye and Evans, top, and Mr. Barnhill, right. These men are well known to the farmers of Eastern Carolina, and look forward to a successful season for the Williamston Tobacco Market.

## L. Henry Lilley Dies At Home Of Son, John Lilley

### Funeral For Native of Griffins Township Held Sunday

Louis Henry Lilley, retired farmer and well-known citizen of this section, died at the home of his son, John D. Lilley, near here on the Washington Road last Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock. He had been in declining health for several years being confined to his home during most of that time. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Daniel and Bettie Griffin Lilley, he was born in Griffins Township 81 years ago. Mr. Lilley married Miss Susan B. Griffin, also of Griffins Township, and she survives with two children, Mr. Lilley with whom he was making his home, and Mrs. John Smithwick, of Griffins Township. He was the last member of his immediate family.

Born just prior to the outbreak of the Civil War, Mr. Lilley experienced many hardships in his early youth, but during that period and the reconstruction area that followed, the foundation for a useful and honorable life was laid. He was a hard worker, and in addition to his work on the farm he helped to make plows and tools that were used during the trying years for the South. Mr. Lilley was an unpretentious man, one who scorned the fancy things in a modern world, and one who held to the simple but finer things in life. Mr. Lilley valued an obligation, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. M. Perry, Robersonville minister, assisted by Rev. M. L. Ambrose and Daniel Hardison. Interment was in the Tice Cemetery in Griffins Township.

## Junior Club Elects Officers at Meeting

Meeting in the Baptist church last evening, the local Junior Woman's club elected officers for the new year and tentatively advanced plans for a special entertainment feature for the late fall.

Mrs. Sam Woolford was elected to succeed Mrs. H. O. Peel as president. Other officers are Mrs. Irving Margolis, first vice president; Mrs. J. Paul Simpson, second vice president; Mrs. Curtis B. Leggett, secretary; Miss Sara Cone, corresponding secretary; Miss Josephine Harrison, treasurer and Mrs. E. P. Cunningham, sponsor.

The special entertainment feature will center around several programs offered by the Collins Entertainment Festival, including a series of timely lectures and the appearance of several well known artists. The series will be scheduled in late October or early November, it was learned.



## Mother Of Local Man Dies Sunday

Mrs. W. A. Knox, mother of Mr. Wilton A. Knox, of this place, died at her home in Raleigh Sunday night at 11:20 o'clock from a heart attack. Mrs. Knox, 74 years old, had made many friends in Williamston during visits to her son, and was held in high esteem by all who knew her.

In 1931, Mrs. Knox moved from Wilson to make her home in Raleigh. She was a devoted member of the Baptist church, and the last rites are being conducted by her pastor, Rev. Carl M. Townsend, in the Hayes Barton church in the capital city this afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Interment will follow in the Maplewood Cemetery, Wilson.

Besides her son here, Mrs. Knox is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Graydon Preddy and Mrs. Rex Stephenson, both of Raleigh, and two sisters, Mrs. F. W. Andrews, of Elizabeth City, and Mrs. H. P. Butler, of Goldsboro.

## Local Church To Observe World Day Of Prayer

On Friday afternoon of this week in the Episcopal church at 3:30 p. m. the churches of Williamston will observe the World Day of Prayer. For twenty-four hours continuously the Christian forces of the world are meeting for the purpose of prayer.

Last year in the McAll mission in Paris little children in their service prayed, "Lord, grant that men may fight no longer, but shake hands." The observance of this fellowship is being strengthened each year.

## Tax Bill Less Per Person In U. S. Than In Great Britain

The bill paid by taxpayers of the United States in 1937 was an estimated \$15 less per person than that paid in Great Britain, a comparative study by the Federation of Tax Administrators showed. Citizens of Great Britain paid \$107 per person for all taxes, while the total local, state and federal tax bills for the United States figured \$92 per capita, according to the study.

From sources of tax revenue which varied widely in yield between the two countries, Great Britain's taxes totaled \$4,908,410,000 and those of the United States, with a population a little less than three times as large amounted to \$11,838,700,000. In Great Britain 34 per cent of this total came from income taxes. In the United States property taxes constituted 38 per cent as the largest source.

## Two Groups Will Operate The Four Houses This Year

### Predict Record Sales For Williamston Market This Season

Preliminary and important arrangements for the operation of the Williamston Tobacco market were effected last week-end when two partnerships were formed to handle the four tobacco auction houses.

Messrs. S. Claude Griffin, Jimmie Taylor, Arlie T. Belch, Sylvester B. Lilley and Johnnie Gurkin will operate the Roanoke-Dixie and New Carolina houses, and Messrs. Leman Barnhill, Holt Evans and Joe Moye will operate the New Farmers and Planters warehouses. W. R. Ingram, for ten years a prominent figure in the operation of the local market, will not be associated with the warehouse personnel. Mr. Ingram, in a signed statement today, points out that he decided to withdraw from the warehouse business after giving the matter much consideration.

Williamston's warehouse operating personnel last year was recognized as the strongest in the eastern belt, and plans are being advanced for a successful season this year. "We sincerely believe we can serve the farmers of this entire section to a better advantage under the new partnership arrangements than we did last season," one of the market operators said yesterday.

Jakie Taylor, auctioneer on the local market for several seasons, has been signed by the Roanoke-Dixie and New Carolina partners, and an auctioneer of wide reputation and other capable men will be employed to give the farmers of this section an able and satisfactory service.

The operating personnel includes the best judges of tobacco in this entire section, and they are well trained in the operation of tobacco warehouses. With this combination in action, the Williamston market has the stage already set for a record season this year.

Although it was located in an area where one of the poorest crops in years was experienced, the Williamston market ranked at the very top in the average price paid last season. Its poundage record, while falling below the 1937 figure, was unusually high considering the short crop.

## Dinner This Evening To Climax Masons' Contest

A special program, featuring ladies' night and climaxing an attendance contest will be held in the Woman's club hall this evening at 7:30 o'clock by Skewarkey Masons. More than 100 Masons and special guests are expected to attend the meeting. An interesting and entertaining program has been outlined by Charlie Davenport.

Divided in two teams, the Masons started an attendance contest several months ago. The "Whites," headed by J. C. Manning, out-numbered the "Blues" headed by J. C. Anderson, and this evening the winners are guests of the losers of the contest.