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Funeral services were conducted at the late home in Hamilton yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Harry Waldo, prominent county citizen, who died Tuesday night at 11:15 o'clock following an illness of several months' duration. The last rites were largely attended, hosts of friends gathering from all over the county and from distant points to pay a last tribute to his memory.

Experiencing ill health during the latter part of last year, Mr. Waldo received treatment in a Tarboro hospital. He did not respond to treatment there and he entered a Richmond hospital the early part of this year, undergoing a major operation nearly two months ago. A determination to live brought him through the ordeal, and he regained sufficient strength to return home about a month ago. Up until Monday of last week he appeared to be regaining his strength, and was able to visit his farms, coming to Williamston several times for treatment and to visit his friends here. It was during his last visit here on Monday of last week that he complained of feeling worse, that he wanted to return home as quickly as possible. Upon his arrival home he immediately went to bed, and his condition was considered critical from that time. The end, while expected, came gradually and as a shock to his friends throughout the county and section.

Members of the family and able representatives of the medical profession were at the bedside when the end came. While expressing a heart-felt regret in having to leave those he loved and cherished, Mr. Waldo was reported to have said that he was prepared to go. Death came while he was asleep and after much suffering during the last few days.

The son of the late Joseph and Mary Mitchell Waldo, he was born in Hamilton 64 years ago the fourth of next July. A descendant of Ralph Waldo Emerson, Mr. Waldo was for a number of years a leading citizen of this county. His grandfather came to this section from New England and figured in the early educational history of the county as a teacher and counsellor. His father served the county in the legislature several terms and was a member of the Martin County Board of Education for more than 20 years or until his death. Mr. Waldo never aspired to any political office, but as a plain citizen he figured prominently in the several phases of community and county life. He was interested in State affairs, and when his services were needed as a layman he could be found in the ranks doing his bit and upholding those ideals that characterized him as a good citizen and a Christian gentleman.

Mr. Waldo is remembered for his home-spun philosophy, and while he may have differed with others, he held no grudge against anyone. Deep in his heart he recognized the humanity in his fellowman, and he valued the friendship of all. A staunch prohibitionist, Mr. Waldo recognized the ideal centered in sobriety and regardless of argument and development trends he unwaveringly held to that view until the end. He was a member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. W. V. Daniel Dies In Hospital

Mrs. Wheeler V. Daniel, prominent young woman of Oak City, died in a Tarboro hospital Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock following an illness of about six months' duration. Pneumonia was given as the immediate cause of her death.

The daughter of the late Ben Moye and wife, Mrs. Daniel, who was Miss Effie Moye before her marriage, was born in Pitt County 37 years ago. She had spent most of her life in this county and in Oak City a number of years.

Held in high esteem by all who knew her, she was talented in music and served the Missionary Baptist Church and Sunday School in Oak City as organist faithfully for a long period. Mrs. Daniel was an active member of the church and interested herself in religious activities. She was a devoted wife and enjoyed a sincere friendship in her adopted home town and community.

Besides her husband she leaves four sisters, Mrs. R. M. Goolsby, of Madison, and Mrs. J. T. Moore, Mrs. J. M. Johnson and Mrs. Paul Rawls, all of Oak City, and two brothers, Messrs. A. L. Moye, of Oak City, and Ben Moye, of Hobgood. Funeral services were conducted yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. George Leggett, of Bertie County, and Rev. J. H. Smith, pastor of the Williamston Baptist Church. Interment was in the Oak City Cemetery.

Enumerators Start Population Census in County Next Tuesday

Uncle Sam will start his decennial task of counting all his children, checking up on their status in life including earthly belongings and so forth and so on next Tuesday when thousands start the long trek which will carry them to every nook and corner of the nation.

District Supervisor D. W. Lupton, announcing the enumerators for Martin County early today, appealed to the people to aid in the work in every way possible explaining that the census was taken not to check up on the individual but to let the government know how to better serve the people.

Mrs. Roy Gurganus will handle the census work in Williamston, and Mr. Claude T. Smith will handle the work in Robersonville. Mr. Smith just recently completed the manufacturer's and retailer's census in the county. The names of other enumerators in the county are: Robert A.

Record Attendance Upon P. T. A. Meet

Holding its first night meeting of the year, the Williamston Parent-Teacher association attracted over 400 parents and teachers to the high school auditorium last Wednesday evening. With all business matters deferred to the April meeting, Mrs. J. B. Taylor, president, turned the session over to the program committee, which had arranged a very interesting program.

Second graders under the direction of Miss Mary Benson presented a fine playlet based on Holland as the first part of the program. The little tots, dressed in costumes of the Dutch, were enthusiastically received as they portrayed life in Holland through dance and song. The children used one of their school readers, "The Dutch Twins," as a guide in developing their play.

Making its first appearance before the association, the high school music groups contributed numbers by the girls' glee club, of 23 voices, a mixed chorus of 34 voices, a girls' trio, a boys' quartet, and several solos. The selections were well rendered, and much favorable comment was heard on the accomplishments of the students under the direction of Miss Kathryn Mewborn.

At the conclusion of the formal program, the members adjourned to the home economics rooms where a reception was held by the third year class. The department was open for inspection, and dresses and other wearing apparel made under the direction of Miss Mizelle were displayed.

The attendance at Wednesday night's meeting exceeded all local parent-teacher records, and association heads plan one or more similar meetings during the next school term.

The association will close out all business at its April meeting which is scheduled for April 17.

Many School Pupils Have Defective Sight

CANDIDATE



R. Lee Perry, popular county commissioner from the Bear Grass-Griffins district, has announced his candidacy for re-nomination.

Local Students To Compete In Music Contest Tomorrow

Forty-Three Singers Will Go To Greenville For the District Event

Preparations for the District Music Contest to be held in Greenville tomorrow morning under the sponsorship of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina were completed this morning as the musical organizations of the local high school held final rehearsals under the direction of Miss Katherine Mewborn. Williamston students will compete in seven events as compared with four entered last year in the school's first competition of this kind.

Rehearsals have been held daily for some time, and it is believed that the local singers will make a creditable showing in competition with the 30 other Eastern Carolina high schools enrolled in the meet.

In addition to the girls' glee club of 23 voices, and the mixed chorus of 34 voices, the school will be represented by three soloists, a girls' trio, and a boys' quartet. Miss Grace Talton, first grade teacher, will assist Miss Mewborn as accompanist.

The events, selections, and students participating are as follows: Boys' quartet: "Sweet and Low," by Barnby—James Willis Ward, Juan

Husband Assaulted In Search Of Wife

Said to have been harboring another man's wife in his little pop joint down in Jamesville, Watts Rhodes, colored, apparently did not care to be disturbed not even by the woman's husband. Missing his wife, Willie Hopkins started into Rhodes' place of business and was fired upon twice, both shots falling wide of their mark.

Receiving a call from the fishing center, three officers reported there, arrested Rhodes and brought him here for a preliminary hearing. Bond was required in the sum of \$200 and the case was scheduled for trial in the county recorder's court before Judge H. O. Peel next Monday.

Startling Findings Disclosed By Tests In County Recently

Former County Health Officer Offers Suggestions For Correcting Defects

By F. E. WILSON, M. D. Forty-five school children with no vision in one eye were found in a visual survey which included all white children in the Martin County elementary schools except those in the first grades. Although these 45 children were not totally blind in one eye there was not enough vision in the eye to record more than a light perception. In other words all their visual education has to come through only one eye.

This visual survey was an extensive program begun after the beginning of the 1939 fall term of school, and was conducted by the Martin County Health Department with the cooperation of the State Commission for the Blind, the Lions Club of Williamston, and the Virginia Electric Power Company. All white schools in Martin County were included in the survey, and all children in the elementary grades, except the first grades, were included. A total of 1728 children were given tests for visual efficiency.

Fifty-six and six-tenths per cent of the total were found to have defective vision, and 43.6 per cent of the total needed immediate correction by an ophthalmologist. Only seven hundred and forty-nine children enjoyed normal vision.

Diseases and infections of the eyes were not included in these tests since they were limited to mechanical, visual and physiological functioning of the visual apparatus. Only 53 wore glasses and most of these were found to be dirty, and most of them were purchased without the advice of a physician. In one instance a child was found to be wearing her mother's glasses because someone had told the mother that her child needed glasses.

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Concluding a series of special services in the local Baptist Church this evening, Dr. Olin T. Binkley, religious leader and head of the Wake Forest Department of Religion, has endeared himself to the people of this community with his splendid sermons. His appearance here this week has added to the religious life of this community and its people. Sizable crowds have heard him each evening, and it is with a feeling of regret that local people realize they will hear him for the last time in the present series. They are hopeful the minister will be able to return at some time in the future.

Dr. Binkley, during his brief stay here, has made many friends who point out that his series of sermons have already proved of much value in enriching the spiritual life of the community.

A synopsis of Dr. Binkley's sermons: Tuesday Night—Subject: The Art Of Self-Communion. Every person talks to himself. What an individual says to himself is more significant in the development of his character than what his friends and enemies say about him. We need to say to ourselves what Jesus said to himself, "I am not alone, the Father is with me." This recognition of the reality and the nearness of God calms the mind, steadies the nerves, and releases energy and inspiration.

Scouts To Pitch Tents Tomorrow

Local youths are eagerly looking forward to tomorrow when they will entertain a pre-camporee for district Boy Scouts on the graded school grounds. Scoutmaster Horace Ray stated this morning that 120 boys had definitely signed up for the event which is being held to train the boys for the area camporee in Kinston next month.

Mr. C. E. Williams, general manager of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company here, and Messrs. D. N. Hix, V. J. Spivey, W. E. Dunn, John L. Goff and W. C. Manning will serve the camporee as judges and inspectors.

Holding a short meeting last night, local Scouts made plans for a parade tomorrow afternoon at 2:45 o'clock.

A high spot in the camporee program will be the Camp Fire Court of Honor on the grounds tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock when Mayor Hassell will welcome the boys and certificates will be awarded.

The boys are anticipating an enjoyable event, and the public is invited to visit them. D. G. Modlin is staking off 30-foot squares for the campers this afternoon and other details are being handled preparatory for the boys when they arrive tomorrow morning.

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Besides her husband, she is survived by six children, most of them of a tender age. Their names are, Mary Elizabeth, Willie Justice, Emma Ruth, Lena, John Henry, Jr., and Walter Earl Lynch.

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