

Ellis Nassef Ramey Dies At Home Here After Short Illness

Last Rites This Afternoon for Respected Citizen and Public Servant

Ellis Nassef Ramey, highly respected local citizen and a faithful member of the Williamston police force for almost a decade, died at his home on West Main Street yesterday afternoon at 4:40 o'clock following an illness of only two days' duration. Heart trouble, aggravated by the excessive heat, was given as the immediate cause of his death.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Nassef Ramey, he was born in Phaloga, Lebanon, 64 years ago next month. When a young man he left his old home and family and came to America, landing in New York in 1896. Impressed by the New World, he immediately entered into its ways and customs, gaining in due time his citizenship. After a stay in New York he moved to Massachusetts and soon went on the road as a salesman for a northern manufacturer. His business brought him to the South. He liked this section of the country and he located in Rocky Mount, later going to Louisburg to make his home. While there he met and married Miss Genevieve Holmes. During his stay there he served as fire chief and as an officer of the law, following a few years in the mercantile business. Quitting Louisburg he moved to Norfolk where he spent a short time before moving his family to Williamston in January, 1924.

He was engaged in the mercantile business here for several years, but the depression years came along and he opened a small cafe on Washington Street. In 1931 he became a member of the local police department. Times of stress were experienced by all and salaries were reduced, but Mr. Ramey never complained and he never faltered in his service or his willingness to help others. He was faithful in his duties and his humbleness and willingness to cooperate in things worthwhile gained for him the admiration of everyone. He was always ready to accommodate his fellowman and lend his bit in the support of his community. Mr. Ramey was recognized as a good citizen in the community. In all kinds of weather he proved dependable in his work as an officer and he seemed to find pleasure in guarding the property rights and lives of others through the long cold nights week after week and year after year. His service was unselfish for he worked at times for little remuneration, and as the end approached he continued at his post of duty until forced to his home late Saturday afternoon.

In his home Mr. Ramey was a devoted husband and father, one who cherished the finer ideals in life. He was a faithful member of the Catholic church for a long number of years and enjoyed an extensive friendship throughout this section. Although far removed from his native land, he seemed to establish those ties that bound him close to the people here and there was every indication of sincerity and pride when he referred to Williamston as his home. A sufferer of asthma, Mr. Ramey never complained, and often when physical disabilities made it difficult for him to do so he continued at his post, humbly rendering his best service in the protection of life and property of others.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 5:00 o'clock from the Biggs Funeral Home on Main Street. Interment will follow in the local cemetery. Father Gilbert, of Washington, will officiate.

Mr. Ramey leaves besides his wife, four daughters, Mrs. Raymond Jackson, of Plymouth; Mrs. Robert Dail, of Windsor, and Misses Shamma and Mary Ramey, of Williamston, and one son, Ellis George Ramey, of Rocky Mount. He also leaves four sisters and one brother, Joseph N. Ramey, and Miss Theresa Ramey, of Farmville, and Mrs. Farris Ramey, and Misses Shanie and Tabatie Ramey, of the old home in Lebanon.

Fluctuations In Price Of Liquor

For the second time in a month, the price of liquor is fluctuating with a growing demand for added revenue by governmental agencies and a renewed cry for cheaper liquors by the consumers. The federal government scored a hit on July 1 when prices were upped from 10 to 15 cents for each pint. Now, the consumer is to receive a break in the price fixing, reports from Raleigh stating that the State Liquor Board had ordered a reduction.

The order coming from the State authorities who fix the price schedules without consulting the county units, will effect reductions in profits accruing to the counties and towns, but will affect very little the handsome profits now pouring into the State treasury.

Nearly Complete

The huge task of checking compliance under the agricultural program is nearing completion on the farms of this county.

Scattered Rains Offer Slight Relief From Sweltering Heat

Scattered showers, falling late Sunday night and again last night, brought slight relief from the sweltering heat wave that had held this section in its grip for ten days. Temperatures while ranging above normal by several degrees have been lower during yesterday and today than at any time since week before last when the heat wave struck and sent the mercury well above the 100 mark. During nine straight days, the mercury went above 100, reaching a climax at 103 degrees the early part of last week.

The slight relief found a section about whipped. Activities on every front were geared down, and even then many suffered attacks as a result of the intensive heat. Thermometer readings as high as 125 degrees were reported in the sun. At noon today the mercury stood at 93 degrees, or about 6 below the average for the past week.

County Liquor Sales Continue To Increase

UNUSUAL

The unusual in merchandising took place here last Saturday when the mercury was pushing its way ahead of the 100 mark. Rev. Jack Vinson, county Presbyterian minister, bought a nice overcoat from Margolis Brothers, local merchants. It was a timely purchase as the minister is leaving shortly for China mission field where overcoats are needed. The item is one in a long list Mr. Vinson is gathering before he starts the long trek over the country and on across the Pacific.

Hot Weather Takes Hundreds Of Lives During Past Week

Many Prostrated by Continued Heat Wave; Animals Die Here Saturday

The death toll mounted, additional thousands were prostrated and animal life suffered as one of the most severe heat waves on record continued to hold this section in its grip over the week-end. Seriously menacing the health of humans and animals in its beginning, the hot weather seemed to have reached even more serious proportion in this immediate section last week-end when animals dropped dead and numerous cells were made for doctors by prostrated heat victims. However, up until late yesterday only one death in this county was attributable directly or indirectly to the hot weather. A colored child was drowned a week ago in Gardner's Creek while trying to escape the heat.

The nation's death toll from the wave steadily climbed toward the 1,000 mark last week-end when hundreds either drowned or died directly from the piercing heat. Suffering was great, and thousands upon thousands of people sought avenues of escape. Record activities were reported by the beaches and pools, and air-conditioned amusement houses were fairly crowded.

A work horse, belonging to the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company, died here Saturday.

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Seeking Old Jars For School Lunch Canning Projects

Anticipating a strong demand for free lunches, the local Parent-Teacher Association is doubling its effort to make available ample supply of canned vegetables for local school children next term. Hundreds of quarts of food have been prepared and stored for use during the coming term, but the shortage of jars is now threatening the success of the canning project.

The P.-T. A. head, Mrs. Jimmy B. Taylor, is calling upon local people to donate any old jars that can be used in the canning project. While jars of half-gallon size are preferred, Mrs. Taylor states that any kind of glass container is acceptable. "We need more than 1,200 jars at once," Mrs. Taylor said today. Those who have jars to spare or who would donate new jars are cordially asked to deliver them to the canning room in the grammar school building or notify Mrs. Taylor by telephone.

The need is urgent, and the donation of even a single jar now might mean that several children can enjoy a good meal next winter. Don't wait to meet this small but urgent request.

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The fugitive had rich and influential friends in his native state, and they interceded with the Governor until he refused to grant the requisition. A long official correspondence followed. Prominent men in South Carolina told the Governor that he had not been treated with proper official courtesy by the Governor of North Carolina. The result was that the South Carolina Governor, accompanied by a large party of friends and advisers journeyed by stage to Raleigh, the capital of North Carolina, for a conference about the matter of giving up the criminal.

The Governor of North Carolina, with a large party of distinguished friends met the Governor of South Carolina several miles from town, and escorted them to the Governor's mansion with all the ceremony due such distinguished visitors. Before the object of the visit was stated the entire party sat down to an elaborate dinner. After dinner, wine was served, and after wine came brandy the applejack for which the Old North State is famous.

After many rounds of drinks the decanters and glasses were removed, and the Governor of South Carolina stated the object of his visit. He demanded the surrender of the fugitive criminal. The Governor of North Carolina refused. Then followed a long and heated discussion, in which the Attorney Generals of the two states took an active part. Finally the Governor of South Carolina grew angry, and rising to his feet, said: "Sir, you have refused my just demand and offended the dignity of my office and my State. Unless you at once surrender the prisoner I will return to my capital, call out the militia of the State, and returning with my army, I will take the fugitive by force of arms. Governor, what do you say?"

All eyes were turned on the Governor of North Carolina, and his answer was awaited with breathless interest. The Governor slowly rose to his feet and beckoned to a servant who stood some distance away. His beckoning was firm and dignified as became his position. He was slow about answering, and again the Governor of South Carolina demanded, "What do you say?"

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Robersonville	6,374.50	7,269.30
Oak City	2,596.10	2,308.05
Jamesville	2,305.70	2,790.90
Totals	\$25,174.25	\$25,625.08

The store at Oak City was the only one in the county to show a decrease in its sales, and while the gains in Williamston and Jamesville were about equal to the increase in Robersonville was unusually large, one report declaring the local police force had done much to eliminate illegal competition during the period. Of the \$25,625.08 rung up in the cash registers, \$15,311.76, or nearly 64 per cent was paid to the distillers. Gross profit on sales was \$9,313.32. Operating expenses reduced that figure to \$5,880.04. A small additional profit was made possible by discounts, the net profit for the period standing at \$5,987.35. This amount includes profits on sales as well as discount profits.

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Invasion of England Thought Near at Hand

Savage Attacks On British Coast Are Now Taking Place

Economic War Between Germany And U. S. Is Well Underway

Directing the most intensive air attack of the war on coastal Britain today, Hitler is now believed to be making ready for an attempted invasion of Britain. The attack was centered on Dover just across the Channel from France, observers believing that Germany would attempt to land its invading hordes there. In support of this belief, reports coming out of France maintained that German forces were moving in great numbers in the conquered territory from Dunkirk to Brest, the move constituting a part of gigantic preparations for the possible attack on England.

England's invasion has been "just around the corner" for several weeks and some believe that an invasion is impossible. The record to date shows that Hitler has attempted the "impossible" and accomplished the "impossible." Only an attempt will prove his power to advance his latest plan of attack. It is reasonable to believe, however, that if Hitler attempts to invade England he holds the idea that he will succeed.

Rail transportation in France has been interrupted presumably by large troop movements. This would indicate that Hitler still entertains a plan of invasion. It is also apparent that he is making every effort to blockade the Isles, recent claims maintaining that 200,000 tons of British shipping had been sunk in the past three days.

Germany's intensified air raids, while causing much damage and inflicting many casualties among the civilian population, were costly within themselves, the English airmen shooting down 23 of 100 planes making the mass attack early today. Although in direct line of attack, many of Dover's 40,000 people remained out of bomb shelters to see the dog fight in the air. They counted the German planes, several of which were shattered when their bomb cargoes were hit and caused to explode.

Italy broke into the limelight after a general holiday yesterday, and claimed damaging attacks had been made on British ships in the Mediterranean.

The situation in Japan is growing tense, Japanese authorities ordering the arrest of more than 500 British pupils and instructors. The arrests were made as a part of a drive against a wide spy plot allegedly carried on by England.

As the Pan American conference draws to a close in Havana today it is apparent that some good has been accomplished that will prove disappointing to Germany. However, there was some dissension, and all is not well in this hemisphere.

Little has been said about it but the United States and Germany are rapidly locking horns in an economic war. Supplies needed by Germany in prosecuting the war are being cut off in their entirety, and the United States is checking the flow of dollars into conquered territory to keep them out of the hands of Germany. The battle of economics is expected to have a telling effect. The Japanese situation is believed to be well in hand now. The Japanese can either play ball or fight, and if they choose to fight they will be at a disadvantage because the Axis powers are blocked off and can offer little or no aid. If England can hold out and keep an eye on the Atlantic, the United States can more than take care of the situation in the Pacific just now.

On the home front, the conscription bill has been temporarily placed aside, but there is a decided move noticeable day by day in the direction of a greater defense program.

Jamesville Church To Hold Meeting

The Jamesville Primitive Baptist Church is making extensive preparations for entertaining large numbers of friends and visitors at the yearly meeting to be held here on Sunday of this week.

Prominent leaders in the church are scheduled to participate in the special service, and hundreds of visitors from associations in this section of the State are expected to attend. Elders J. H. Rawls and L. Z. Salmie, of Meigs, Ga., and Elder S. T. Denny, of Wilson, will appear on the program as guest preachers. Elder P. E. Getinger, of this county, is pastor of the church. He and members of the church are extending a cordial welcome to the public to attend the services.

Members of the congregations and many friends of the church will entertain the visitors in their homes during the week-end.

Warren Seeks An Investigation Of Potato Situation

FIRST DIRECT SALE

The first direct sale made by the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company since the new factory of the company was placed in operation here two weeks ago yesterday was effected last Friday when Farmer W. J. Weathersbee, of Columbia, backed up his truck for a load of containers. The bill for the first direct delivery from factory to farmer amounted to \$20.40.

Carload shipments are moving fairly regularly to the company's main distribution center in Glassboro, N. J.

Serious Charges Pending Against Local Negro Man

Sentenced to the Roads in County Court for Being Drunk and Disorderly

Wheeler Rice, Negro janitor who almost starved his wife to death, was sentenced to the roads by Justice J. L. Hassell last Friday evening for being drunk and disorderly. Rice appealed but was unable to raise bond in the sum of \$200 and his case was heard in the county court yesterday. Judge H. O. Peel upheld the lower court and Rice was committed to the roads late yesterday afternoon.

While Rice is serving his term for being drunk and disorderly, a case, charging him with inadequate support and cruelty to his wife, is being prepared by the sheriff's office. The defendant, upon the completion of his present term on the roads, will be called to answer to the serious charges.

Pleading guilty on the drunk and disorderly count, Rice perked up when the trial justice sentenced him to the roads for thirty days. "Wait a minute. You can't do that," Rice advised the justice and immediately pleaded for his own liberty behind the pitiful condition of his half or three-fourths starved wife. "I've got to look after my wife," Rice explained to the court.

Mayor Hassell said that someone would be placed in the home to look after the starved creature. "But they would do her like I would," Rice insisted. "I hope not," the mayor replied.

Facing only the charge of being drunk and disorderly, Rice was not called to answer in the case now pending against him and charging inadequate support and cruelty to his wife.

At the magistrate's hearing, Rice was accused of associating with another woman, the witness declaring he had seen them both in a drunken condition fighting during the late hours of the night in the white cemetery. Rice offered to defend himself, but the trial justice explained that he was being tried only in the case charging him with being drunk and disorderly. In the way of comment, Mayor Hassell said that the appearance of Rice's wife offered mute evidence to the fact that she had been half starved.

After the home was opened last Thursday night following the arrest of Rice, representatives of the welfare department stepped in and provided her with the necessities of life and someone to look after her. Weighed by a representative of the welfare department last Saturday, the half-starved creature weighed 52 pounds, one report stating that she had gained two or more pounds since her husband had been jailed.

Local High School Teacher Resigns

Charles B. Toxey, able member of the local school faculty for the past two terms, resigned last week-end to accept a position in the Charlotte schools.

His resignation was the second received by the local school committee during the past week, Miss Irene Mizelle, home economics teacher, having resigned a few days before to accept a post with the federal government's Farm Security Administration with headquarters in Smithfield.

Reports indicate that there are quite a few openings in the larger schools where a longer term is in effect and that more resignations in the smaller schools are to be expected.

Dr. C. J. Sawyer Dies Suddenly At Edenhouse Sunday

Specialist Maintained Office In Williamston Number Of Years

Dr. Charles J. Sawyer, who for a number of years maintained a clinic here, died suddenly at the home of his son, Charles Sawyer, at Edenhouse Beach, last Sunday evening about 8 o'clock. He had just finished the evening meal and gone out on the porch when he suffered an heart attack. Regaining consciousness he spoke a few words but died just about the time medical aid reached him from Edenton.

Dr. Sawyer was born in Camden County 72 years ago last February. Graduated from Reynolds Academy in Gates County, he attended the University of Maryland, earning his degree there he started the practice of general medicine in Elizabeth City, later locating in Windsor. He specialized in ear, eye, nose and throat for more than a third of a century, his course of training including studies at Cornell and Harvard.

Maintaining an office in Williamston for a number of years, Dr. Sawyer operated one of the largest tonsil clinics in this section of the State. He did an able work in that field, and is remembered here especially for making his services available to those in all walks of life through special clinics.

Dr. Sawyer was recognized as a Williamston citizen. He had many friends here and throughout the community. They enjoyed his company and it was a pleasant evening last Saturday for several who engaged in conversation with him at the local baseball park.

He married Miss Lucy Purefoy Allen, of Wake Forest in 1901. There are four children, Charles J. Sawyer, Jr., of Windsor, James Purefoy Sawyer, of Windsor; Mrs. William A. Pierce, Jr., of Weldon, and Miss Sara Pearson Sawyer, of Windsor; and six grandchildren. He is survived by these children and a sister, Mrs. T. S. Robertson, of Bell Cross, and a brother, F. H. Sawyer, of Philadelphia, Pa.

Burial services will be conducted at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, with burial in the church yard, on Tuesday at 4 o'clock.

Dr. Sawyer had been a vestryman of this church for more than 30 years. He was a Mason, a Rotarian, an honorary member of State Medical Society, and a member of First District Medical Society, and the American Medical Association.

Much Activity On Industrial Front

Increasing activity marks the industrial and business front as workmen battle the hot weather to advance an expansion and improvement program.

The foundations for enlarging the plant of the Farmville-Woodward Lumber Company plant are being laid. Local Manager Dean Speight announcing yesterday that plans were virtually complete for the installation of a fourth boiler, additional machinery and the construction of a small plant at Kelford which with the enlarged unit here will replace the mill that burned at Hobgood a few weeks ago.

The G and H Building and Supply Company is installing machinery in its new plant, but it is not definitely known when operations will be started.

Construction work on a new saw mill for Saunders and Cox is progressing rapidly, and work on a dry kiln and storage house for the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company is almost complete.

Delayed during the past two weeks construction is being advanced rapidly on a new home for the Paul Auto Supply Company on Washington Street.

Repairs to the two store building on Main Street, owned by Clark and Gordy, will be completed this week.

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Washington, D. C.—(Special to The Enterprise)—Representative Lindsay Warren today called on Attorney General Robert H. Jackson to investigate the potato situation in North Carolina and Virginia with the view of bringing criminal indictments under anti-trust laws. Mr. Warren described to the attorney general the plight of potato growers over a long period of years, the effort to help them by legislation and described to him the methods and practices in the raising and marketing of the crop. Representative Warren stated that he was confident that the anti-trust laws were being constantly violated by price fixing and depression of the market during the digging season. He told the attorney general that potato growing was about the most uncertain and precarious of all farming.

Several years ago the Federal Trade Commission roundly condemned the practices of those buying and contracting potatoes.

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Marketing Cards
Hundreds of marketing cards have been received here for Martin tobacco farmers. The cards, radically different from those used in the past, will be distributed in ample time for use in marketing the current crop.