

Mrs. Mary G. Perry Dies At Her Home Yesterday Morning

Funeral This Afternoon For Highly Respected Citizen

Mrs. Mary G. Perry, widow of Simon S. Perry, died at the home of her son, County Commissioner Robert Lee Perry, in Bear Grass Township yesterday morning at 8:20 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Eighty-seven years old the 18th of last July, Mrs. Perry was active until about a year ago when the infirmities of age forced her virtual retirement from a daily and routine life that she loved in and around her home. Up until that time she was interested in local and State-wide events and spent much time reading the papers. The weight of added years caused her to lose much interest in the affairs of the world, but her interest in her loved ones and friends never waned. Since last November her condition had been regarded as critical, and only at times was she aware of the movements about her. The death of a daughter about ten days ago apparently aggravated her condition and hastened the end which came peacefully.

The daughter of the late Jack and Polly Woolard, Mrs. Perry was born in Pitt County, not so far from the Martin boundary, on July 18, 1853. When she was only two years old her parents moved to Martin County and located in Bear Grass Township where she spent the remainder of her life. Sixty-nine years ago when she was a girl of only sixteen, she was married to Mr. Perry, who died in 1911.

Mrs. Perry joined the church at Macedonia more than half a century ago, and while she was not a regular attendee upon its services, she lived a devout life and walked humbly before the Creator. Experiencing the hardships, trials and tribulations that confronted the South during the Civil War and the reconstruction days that followed, Mrs. Perry never murmured, but accepted her fate without complaint. In the way of a devoted wife and beloved mother she did her part in rebuilding the South, rearing her children to become useful citizens in the professions of medicine, business and farming. As a member of the old school and caring little for modern life's creations, Mrs. Perry found her greatest happiness with her loved ones and friends around the family hearth. She was a good woman and a devoted mother until the end.

She is survived by four sons, Messrs. W. Amos and Robert Lee, of Bear Grass Township; B. F. Perry, of Williamston, and Dr. S. B. Perry, of Hopewell, and three daughters, Mrs. Mollie Harris, Mrs. George Robertson, of Griffiths, and Mrs. E. W. Garrett, of Lenox, Ga. Mrs. Garrett, who had been here during the death

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Three Automobile Wrecks In County In Past Week-end

Unidentified Driver Crashes Into Filling Station Near Hamilton

No one was badly hurt and little property damage resulted in three automobile accidents reported in this county during the past week-end. The scene of the accidents was shifted from U. S. No. 64 to the Hamilton-Hassell territory where Sergeant L. L. Jackson of the Highway Patrol investigated two of them. In a third accident, an unidentified driver after crashing into Tommie Griffin's filling station, backed out and escaped.

Operating a car owned by C. C. Rawls near the Council Service Station west of Hassell, DeWitt Andrews, Bethel Negro, crashed into a car owned by Walter Jones. One report stated that the Jones car was parked on the highway without lights. After investigating the wreck, Sergeant Jackson arrested Jones for the alleged operation of an automobile while intoxicated, parking on the highway without lights and operating a motor vehicle without license. Andrews was charged with operating an automobile without license. It was pointed out by the sergeant that Andrews had been denied a driving permit on account of alleged incompetency. Andrews and a passenger in the Jones car were slightly hurt. Much damage was done to the cars.

While investigating the Andrews-Jones wreck, Sergeant Jackson was an eye witness to another one. A car driven at an excessive speed by Perry Hopkins, Jr., Negro, turned over near the Council filling station on Highway No. 11. Hopkins escaped uninjured but his mother was hurt about the head and face. Charged with reckless driving, Hopkins was fined in the county court here yesterday.

It was reported that the unidentified driver crashing into the Griffin filling station near Spring Green in Hamilton Township caused a damage estimated at \$25.

CO-OWNERS OF BASKET FACTORY



Purchasing the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company plant with Mr. G. H. Harrison here last week-end, Messrs. Jesse Whitley, left, and N. C. Green, right, are making plans for placing the plant in operation in late March or early April.

Draft Geo. H. Harrison For Road Commission

CANDIDATE



Mr. G. H. Harrison was recently drafted as Martin County's candidate for a place on the State Highway and Public Works Commission. His candidacy is assured a strong support. Mr. Harrison again figured in the local news last week-end when he, with Messrs. Whitley and Green, purchased the basket factory here.

Fire Department Gets Three Calls

Williamston's volunteer firemen were on the move again last week-end when three calls—two on Saturday and one yesterday—were answered by them.

A fire of serious possibilities was checked in the Martin-Elliott Wholesale Company building on South Houghton Street last Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. Starting from a flue, the fire burned a sizable hole in the ceiling and was eating its way to the roof timbers when the firemen reached there and brought it under control with a small hose line and chemicals. No official estimate on the damage could be had immediately, but the loss will range around \$50, it is thought.

Early that afternoon sparks from a flue fired the roof on Fred Bennett's home on Washington Street. Very little damage was done. Yesterday afternoon a chimney burned out at the old Hassell home on Simmons Avenue. Cracking the chimney, the fire filled one or two rooms with smoke but no great damage was caused. Burning soot fell on the roof and fired it, but the fire was soon extinguished.

So far this year, the local fire department has received sixteen calls, an average of about one every three days. Fires inside the town limits have been of little consequence, the losses ranging from a dollar or two to about \$50. Most of the fires were started by sparks falling from flues on dry wooden shingles and from defective flues.

UNFILED

Martin County's February Civilian Conservation Corps quota has been forfeited, the welfare office stating yesterday that only one applicant reported for a place in the camps. The young fellow, Archie Brown Hardison, was advised that it would be necessary for him to wait until March or April when a special effort would be made to get several others to accompany him to camp.

Several youngsters not quite 17 will be ready for service in the conservation camps in April, it was stated.

County Men Select Local Man At Meet Held Here Recently

Special Appeals Will Be Made To Governor To Recognize County Candidate

In a recent meeting held in the courthouse, a number of county citizens drafted George H. Harrison, local man, as a candidate for a place on Governor Broughton's new highway commission. Leading citizens from Goose Nest, Robersonville, Williamston, Griffiths, Williams and Jamesville Townships attended the meeting and unanimously pledged their support to Mr. Harrison's candidacy.

Called upon for considerable support in financing the early highway program, Martin County citizens pointed out at the meeting that more than one-half million dollars had been advanced for main highway projects by the county taxpayers, that no direct recognition had ever been accorded the county during the approximately 20 years the highway commission has been in existence.

It was also pointed out at the meeting that few men in North Carolina and certainly in this section of the State are better acquainted from a layman's standpoint than Mr. Harrison. He has given much time to a study of the secondary road system not only in this county but also in other counties in eastern North Carolina. He has recognized in the road program a means of progress for the State, and he has studied it from every angle. During the past dozen or more years he has been closely associated with the highway forces not only in this State but in Washington. He has served on various road committees and actively cooperated with the highway commission in its program.

At a second meeting after Mr. Harrison had agreed to be a candidate for the position, a number of citizens last Saturday night in the courthouse formulated plans for advancing Mr. Harrison for commissioner from this district. Special delegations plan to call on Governor Broughton during the next few days, and ask that Mr. Harrison's candidacy be given favorable consideration.

The action taken by citizens in this county came only after D. C. Barnes, of Murfreesboro, had resigned his position on the commission. Several of the fourteen counties embracing this district are said to be advancing candidates. Martin County has never had a representative on the commission, and in view of that fact and the fact that it has participated in a large way financially in promoting the highway program it is believed that Mr. Harrison's candidacy will receive consideration.

Selectees Warned Against Drinking

Eleven Martin County selectees left yesterday for Fort Bragg where they entered Uncle Sam's Army. Warned against the use of liquor by Draft Board Chairman R. H. Goodman, the young men, coming from various parts of the county, were sober as judges, nearly all of them declaring they did not use alcohol in any form. All of the young men called reported and joined about 40 others here from other counties for the trip to Fort Bragg.

Five Negro trainees, James Edward Woolard, Henry Howell, Jr., James Curtis Brown, Leo Harvey Butler and Bonnie Lee Peel, leave from this county Friday. All of the men are volunteers, and three of them, Howell, Butler and Peel, were not included in the draft registration. The other two volunteers held order numbers above 1,495.

Farm Bureau Hears Timely Discussion By Bertie's Agent

Dr. B. E. Grant Stresses the Value of Soil-Building Practices

Speaking before forty Martin County farmers in the agricultural building here last night, Dr. B. E. Grant, Bertie County farm agent, stressed the value of soil-building crops in a long-range farm program. His talk, unusually entertaining and instructive, was quite timely, the group listening intently to his suggestions.

"The main problem facing agriculture today is the proper care of the soil," Mr. Grant said, adding that we must maintain the fertility of our soil because poor soil is good only for growing poor folks. "The history of any nation is closely related to the history of its soil," Mr. Grant said and he went on to point out why China is always on the verge of starvation. He declared that China had no definite program for conserving its soil. The floods came because the timber has been depleted and no sod-growing crops or legumes have been planted in accordance with a well-planned program. It is true that China teems with hundreds of millions of people, but millions die of starvation with a certain degree of regularity.

Continuing, he said, "The Tennessee Valley Authority has recognized the value of soil-building practices, and so have big hydro-electric power operators. In the course of time, soil washes from ill-kept lands and fills the drainage basin, rendering worthless power plants that cost millions of dollars to build."

"We in North Carolina have not recognized the value of soil building practices, and next winter we are going to find that our soil conservation payments have been reduced. We must get busy and carry out the soil-building practices."

"In Alabama, 190,000 farmers are successfully working on a five-year program, and they are planting as much as one-fourth of their cleared acreage to legumes. Each farmer is seeding an acre of permanent pasture each year."

"In Bertie County we have two groups of farmers. One group is carrying out its soil-building goal and even going farther. The other group is carrying out only one-third of its goal. Which group will leave better soils for their children? Which group will enable the generations to come to successfully fight for a livelihood?"

"Gentlemen, we may have deeds for our lands, and we may not have a debt against them, but no man has a moral right to misuse that land. Back in the pioneer days, land was cleared and farmed to death. The farmer moved to new fertile soils. Today, the frontier has been reached, and we have a 100 million acres of sub-marginal lands not including the lands that have been rendered useless by erosion. If we don't do something, our children and their children's children will be on the verge of starvation—just as many millions in China are at more or less regular intervals."

Mr. Grant briefly reviewed the

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Hitler's Submarine Offensive Scheduled For Month Of March

British Say They Are Ready For Vast U-Boat Fleet With Secret Weapon

Claiming a vast submarine fleet, Adolf Hitler in a speech at Munich yesterday, boasted that Germany was ready to direct a knock-out blow against England. Said to have built 600 small submarines during the winter, Hitler has scheduled his submarine offensive for early March. It was pointed out some time ago that the mad man would launch a costly attack against British shipping before making another attempt to invade the British Isles. The Nazi leader declared yesterday that German U-boats are now ready to strike British shipping on all the oceans, but intimated that the attack would be centered in the North Atlantic and around the British Isles.

British quarters have reported that Germany is building 1,000 of the pocket submarines, but along with that report came an announcement that England is ready with a secret weapon to meet the promised U-boat blitzkrieg. According to German reports a part of the U-boat fleet is apparently in operation now as heavy British shipping losses have been claimed in recent days.

Hitler, in his 90-minute talk in the Munich beer garden cellar, did not mention old promises and he steered clear of the Balkan situation which is becoming more tense hour by hour. The British in Bulgaria have burned their confidential records, and made ready to quit Sofia, the Bulgarian capital. Hitler's march through the Balkans toward Greece is virtually assured, late reports stating that the German forces have oc-

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Goldman Package Manufacturing Company Factory To Be Placed In Operation By Local Interests

CLARK'S PHARMACY OWNERS



Purchasing the stock and fixtures of Clark's Drug Store here last Saturday, Messrs. C. B. Clark, Sr., left, and C. B. Clark, Jr., right, opened Clark's Pharmacy in the same building next to the Watts Theatre here yesterday.

Harrison, Green and Whitley Buy Basket Manufacturing Firm

Williamston Package Manufacturing Co. To Start Operations in April

Purchasing the \$150,000 plant of the Goldman Package Manufacturing Company here last week-end, Messrs. G. H. Harrison, Jesse S. Whitley and N. C. Green are making plans today to start operations the latter part of next month or early April. It was officially announced by one of the new owners. The business was incorporated as the Williamston Package Manufacturing Company with Messrs. Harrison, Green and Whitley as the principal stockholders. No purchase price was mentioned stating that the purchase was made outright and that it would be operated entirely by local interests.

Complete plans for the operation of the plant are now being formulated. Mr. Harrison stating that a few changes would be made in the plant and that its storage facilities would possibly be enlarged within the near future. He also stated that operations would be advanced on a larger scale and that present plans call for a 50-week operating schedule annually. "We are making plans to work two eight-hour shifts, the first to employ 150 workers and the second to employ 100 workers, on an average," Mr. Harrison explained. It is estimated that the weekly payroll will approximate \$5,000.

The new company has not announced its operating management at this time, but E. G. Johnson, prominently connected with the old firm, will be offered a place in the organization, it is understood. Experiencing reverses and heavy losses during the last August flood, the old firm is withdrawing from the manufacturing business and will center its attention on its old established retail trade in New Jersey and Philadelphia.

The sale of the factory here has been pending for several months, the builders delaying plans for resuming operations during that time.

Taking over the properties the latter part of this week, the new owners are planning to make several changes in the plant in addition to the construction of larger storage houses. The big saw will be moved to expedite the handling of the logs before they are placed in the steam vats, it was pointed out.

The operation of the plant last summer meant much to general business throughout this community, and the announcement by the new owners will be well received. Plans are being advanced for the construction of several new homes for plant workers, but no details have been announced in that connection.

Young Farmer Dies In Hospital Early On Sunday Morning

Funeral Services Are Held Yesterday Afternoon For Alfred P. Griffin

Alfred Paul Griffin, well-known young Martin County farmer, died in a Washington hospital at 1:40 o'clock Sunday morning following a long period of declining health. A sufferer from diabetes for one and one-half years, he had been in declining health during that time, but his condition was not considered critical until just a few weeks ago. He entered the hospital about ten days ago, the end coming gradually.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Alonza D. Griffin, he was born in Griffiths Township 38 years ago. He married Miss Minnie Rogers on December 30, 1933, and after a stay of a few years in Griffiths Township, he located on a farm near Williamston. He was a successful farmer and a highly respected citizen, taking an interest in community affairs and in the welfare of his fellowman. He possessed a friendly character and had many friends over the county.

Besides his wife, he leaves two small children, Susie and Alfred Paul, Jr. He also leaves his parents, a sister, Mrs. Heber Peel and a brother, Coy Griffin, both of Griffiths Township.

Funeral services were conducted from the home of his parents in Griffiths Township yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock by Elder J. L. Ross, of the Primitive Baptist Church, assisted by Rev. W. B. Harrington, county Baptist minister. Interment was in the family plot on the home farm in Griffiths Township. A large crowd was present to pay a last tribute to the memory of the young man.

Wets Predicting Easy Victory Over the Drys

Drys Will Be Given Hearing In Raleigh Thursday Afternoon

60,000 Persons Sign Petition Calling for Referendum Next November

Overcoming obstacles in getting their bill into the legislative hopper, the drys are now lining up their forces to fight for a referendum on liquor. Armed with petitions carrying 60,000 names, the prohibition leaders will invade Raleigh for public hearing Thursday afternoon. While the bill is causing some speculation and much talk has followed the introduction of the bill by Representative McGowan last Friday morning, the wets apparently are not greatly alarmed. Reports coming out of Raleigh maintain that the bill will possibly find its way out of the committee room but that it will be defeated two to one on the floor.

If there has been any trading done it has been handled in a truly secretive manner. At the beginning of the session, some kind of a swap was mentioned, the wets, according to a gentleman's agreement, to get its just representation in the Assembly and the wets to hold their liquor in the east. In recent days there has been little heard about the liquor question until Representative McGowan uncorked the bottle last Friday. Possibly the wets are reminding the drys of their word earlier in the session, and while the drys will be allowed free reins during committee hearings they will be given a slap when the proposed bill reaches the floor of the House.

The Legislature, including some of the drys coming from the west, has worked with the apparent understanding that the liquor question would not come up for an open vote this session. Wine bills have been introduced and passed which the new bill would invalidate.

The McGowan bill is believed to have upset the equilibrium of the legislature, and while some say that the lawmakers will close shop on March 8th and not later than the 15th, it is possible that the liquor

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Weather Interrupts Work On River Fill

Repair work on the Roanoke River fill damaged by flood waters last August has been interrupted again by unfavorable weather. Proceeding at a slow pace from the beginning, work on the job is hardly more than half complete at this time, and while unofficial reports state that the dirt contractors will complete their project by early May it is believed by many that it will be some time next summer before normal traffic can be resumed.

Work on the four bridges is progressing at a fairly rapid rate, the foundations having been laid for three of the four spans. Traffic, while still traveling over the route today, found the road slippery and muddy. Widening of the fill has just about been completed, and the contractors will start work shortly tearing up and moving the concrete left by the flood waters.

BUYS STORE



Purchasing the stock and fixtures of the Williamston Hardware Company here last week, George Harris, Jr., announced today his operating personnel for the firm on Washington Street.

Day Of Prayer To Be Observed Here

This year the World Day of Prayer will come on February 23, the First Friday in Lent. The theme of the program for this service is "Thy Kingdom Come." There is a special significance about this particular service since it was written by the committee in Shanghai, composed of Americans, Chinese, Japanese. Every sentence comes to us freighted with their new incredible understanding of what the Kingdom of God implies—in penitence, in forgiveness, in confession, and in that worst searching for new power. The everlasting mercy breathes through every line, ready to bless the congregation in our town of Williamston as it has obviously blessed the Shanghai committee.

A group of women, representatives from the local churches, met a month ago to make plans for local participation in this world-wide observance. All details have been completed and every person in Williamston is urged to attend this service. It will be held in the Presbyterian Church on Friday afternoon, February 28th, at 3:30 o'clock.

GREEK FUND

Receiving renewed urgent appeals for funds, the local committee headed by Rev. J. W. Hardy for Greek Relief is calling for additional donations. A check for \$100 has been sent from this county to the committee in New York. Renewed drives are being conducted throughout the country in an effort to raise ten million dollars for the suffering Greek civilians.

A total of \$750 has been contributed on the second campaign here as follows:

J. McKimmon Saunders \$5.00
G. H. Harrison 2.50
Donations will be received by Rev. Hardy at the Enterprise office.