

Walter Halberstadt Passes Suddenly At His Home Saturday

Funeral Services Conducted Yesterday Morning At 11 O'Clock

Walter Halberstadt, well-known local citizen and a direct descendant of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, died suddenly at his home on West Church Street here Saturday morning at 5 o'clock.

The son of the late Casper and America Wilson Halberstadt, he was born in Philadelphia 59 years ago last February.

While he was friendly and accommodating and possessed of a pleasant nature, he found his greatest happiness not in the crowd but in his home and in his work.

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Mr. Halberstadt, besides his wife, leaves two brothers, Messrs. Leo Halberstadt, a short-time resident of Williamston, but who is now at home in Parris, Missouri, and Casper Halberstadt, of Philadelphia, and a sister, Mrs. James Brumback, of Memphis, Missouri.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday morning at 11 o'clock with Reverends B. T. Hurley, John Hardy, Z. T. Piephoff, J. H. Smith and John L. Goff officiating.

Several Sentenced In Federal Court

Several Martin County men were sentenced to federal prison in Atlanta and several others were placed on probation by Judge Isaac M. Meekins in federal court at Washington yesterday and this morning.

James Keys, Joe James, Fate Smith, Lorrie Williams, and Lemuel Harrison, Robert Taylor, Robert Bailey, Jr., James Russell Cherry, Foy Rogers and Toby Bowen were placed on probation for 18 months.

Hunters In County Are Urged To Help Prevent Forest Fires

Hunters turning to the woods tomorrow in search of squirrels are being urged to exercise every case possible in preventing forest fires.

Forest fires flared up in the county on a fairly large scale last week, at least one of them having been started by a "sportsman" hunting out of season.

County-Wide Drive for Farm Bureau Members

BOOKMOBILE

Making its first trip in the county as a county-sponsored project, the library truck or bookmobile placed 79 volumes, and laid the foundation for an increased patronage next month.

Russia's Stubborn Resistance Holding Nazi Invaders Back

Winston Churchill Releases a Bright Report on the War Today

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The high command claimed that a Russian tank unit in a northwest sector had slain or wounded 1,500 German officers and men, while 600 more enemy casualties were rolled up in dislodging the Germans from a stronghold in the same region.

Victim Of Accident Dies Last Evening

Injured in an automobile accident on Williamston's main street on May 30th of last year, Robert B. Elliott died in the county home near here last evening at 8 o'clock.

Merchants Battling New Tax Schedules

Meeting in the Chamber of Commerce office on Washington Street yesterday afternoon, local merchants and other business men tackled the new defense tax schedules.

Mystery surrounds the old gentleman's case. He was said to have been graduated from the University of Arkansas, but if he had any people or friends anywhere in the world he is carrying their names and addresses and all other facts about himself to the grave this afternoon.

Young School Girl Fatally Injured In Everetts Accident

Funeral Services for Lela B. Mobley Held in Cross Roads Sunday

Lela Brown Mobley, thirteen-year-old school girl, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Mobley, in Cross Roads Township, last Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock from an injury received on the Everetts school playground early that afternoon.

Struck by a foul ball, the seventh grade pupil slumped to the ground. At first it could not be learned what had happened, but several children on the grounds later stated that they saw the ball when it struck her in the temple, but her condition was not regarded as serious.

Goal Set For 1,000 New Members In County This Season

Membership Teams Named at Special Meeting Here Last Friday

Appreciative of the work the National Farm Bureau has done for agriculture in North Carolina and Martin County during the past few years, farm leaders and other interested county citizens in a special meeting held in the legion hut last Friday evening formulated plans and immediately started out to round up 1,000 members in the county this year for the organization.

Headed by captains, six membership teams immediately went into action following the meeting last Friday night and several hundred members have been signed since that time.

District Clubs To Meet Here Friday

More than 200 of the 1,025 members of women's clubs in this, the fifteenth North Carolina district, are expected to meet in annual session here next Friday morning.

Bill Beach, captain, of Hamilton, V. G. Taylor, Sam Everett, Tom Swain, Harrell Everett, Charles Daniel and C. A. Roberson. No. 2, J. R. Winslow, Robersonville, captain; Lester Everett, Reuben Everett, Roy Taylor, Jesse Crisp, John Eagle and T. L. House.

ALMOST

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Pay Day Tomorrow for School Employees In Martin County

Completing the first month of the current term and having earned their salaries during the past few weeks of summer weather, Martin County teachers tomorrow will enjoy their first pay day in five months.

The white principals are receiving \$1,750 as compared with \$1,342 last year. The colored principals are receiving \$364 against \$337.50 last year.

Tobacco Prices Hold Firm On Market Here

Yesterday's Block Sales Are Cleared Early This Morning

Williamston Tobacco Market last Friday, are holding their own today, farmers stating that they are unable to detect any change at all in the price schedule.

The quality of the offerings yesterday and today is hardly up to that of last Friday when a new high average for the season was established right at 39 cents.

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Practice Teaching In Local Schools

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