

Humber Addresses Jaycee Group In Regular Meeting

World Government Needed If World War III Is To Be Prevented

In furtherance of World Government Month, the local Junior Chamber of Commerce had as its speaker at its dinner-meeting on Friday, "The Father of World Government," Mr. Robert Lee Humber of Greenville. Mr. Humber was introduced by Jaycee Attorney Clarence Griffin.

In his opening remarks Mr. Humber praised the work of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, calling it "the most dynamic organization in America." He called upon everyone "to radiate World Government," pointing out that "time is running out and that we must work fast."

"We face the same problems today as were faced by the Roman Empire, trying new methods, trying to survive. Then came Feudalism which also rendered its services to be later superseded by Nationalism. Nationalism ruled the world but the forces of science have caused its failure, for through science the world has become a single community."

Mr. Humber stressed the fact that at present the only guarantee we have that this single community can prevent World War III, is treaties, and that we depend upon diplomacy to hold these treaties together. He said, "the only instrument we have to enforce treaties, if diplomacy fails, is war. The United Nations is a diplomatic organization with limited utilities and is certain of default. We must strengthen it or evolve it, for there is no way to enforce the demands of the United Nations if diplomacy fails."

"The basis of order is Law, the foundation of any political organization, city, county, or nation. There is no World Law, WHY? Suppress government and you can get no law. The aldermen make the laws for the community, 150 men make the laws for North Carolina, and less than 600 make the laws for the United States. Can we institute law in our world life?" In answer to this question Mr. Humber pointed out that to do so "we must guarantee to the weak and the strong and the rich and the poor, justice, or there will be no peace. Time is running out to reconcile conflicting interests. We must stamp war out or war will stamp out civilization."

He went further to explain his prophecy by saying that with the progress thus far made in atomic warfare that fifteen carefully placed bombs could destroy the United States. In closing Mr. Humber asked the question, "What can we do?" and then answered "World Government."

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Jos. Chase Dies Of Heart Attack

Joseph T. Chase, industrial leader of northeastern North Carolina for many years and retired vice president of the Virginia Electric and Power Company, died suddenly at his home in Roanoke Rapids last Sunday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock of a heart attack he suffered about five minutes previously.

Mr. Chase, well known in Williamston and section where he pioneered the expansion of the VEP Company properties, was born in Holyoke, Mass., on February 2, 1882, locating in Roanoke Rapids 41 years ago as a graduate engineer from Dartmouth College.

Following his retirement as an official of the power company, he was elected mayor of Roanoke Rapids, and was serving his second term in that office when he died.

Surviving are Mrs. Chase, the former Miss Coralie Welch, and a son, Chas. E. Chase of Roanoke Rapids; a daughter, Mrs. John F. Schaffner of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services are being conducted this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock in a Roanoke Rapids funeral home by Revs. Gordon L. Price and John W. Walker. Interment will be in the new Roanoke Rapids cemetery.

Makes An Urgent Appeal For Farm Bureau Support

Addressing a meeting of the Martin County Farm Bureau membership last Friday evening, President Chas. L. Daniel made an urgent and last appeal for support of the organization. This week has been set aside as Farm Bureau Week in the county, and the membership committee members and the public, farmers and non-farmers, are being asked to act immediately and help carry the county over the top in the drive which ends the latter part of this week.

Farm leaders, while confident the goal is not too high, are frankly disturbed over the comparatively poor response the drive has received to date. Asked to enroll 2,320 members, the county has reported only 1,268 members to date, but it is estimated that 200 others have been signed and are yet to be officially reported. "We have just about 850 members to

enroll between now and late Saturday if Martin County is to live up to its solemn obligation.

"Farm organization is at a turning point in this county and unless we get in there and support the movement we can expect little," Mr. Daniel said. It has been pointed out that the county's membership could be supported from the money made in a single day by farmers whose tobacco was received by the Stabilization Corporation. And, yet, it is an actual fact that some farmers who have made as much as \$15 on a single pile of tobacco taken in by the corporation are delaying joining the Farm Bureau, the organization that led the fight for the stabilization price support and is now leading the fight for equality for agriculture.

Special teams are planning to go out into the county on Thursday to solicit members. The public is asked to help them.

ROUND-UP

The drunks, drunken drivers and scoundrels made a bid for the town last week-end, but they did not quite take over; in fact, the police record shows that seventeen alleged law violators were taken over by the strong arm of the law and placed in the common jail. Three were booked for drunken driving, three for assault, seven for public drunkenness, and one each for larceny, non-support, indecent exposure and driving while license was revoked.

Four of the seventeen were white. The ages of the group ranged from 19 to 47 years, nine of the alleged violators being in their teens or early twenties.

Mrs. Jos. Oakley Died In Hospital Sunday Afternoon

Funeral Monday Afternoon At Her Home Near Williamston

Mrs. Joseph Oakley, highly respected citizen and a member of a prominent family migrating to this section to pioneer in the early culture of tobacco in Martin County, died in a Rocky Mount hospital last Sunday afternoon at 4:45 o'clock. She had been in declining health for quite some time, but her condition was not regarded as being serious until a short time ago and she was removed to the hospital.

Miss Elizabeth Pittman York before her marriage, she was born in Battleboro on January 2, 1875, the daughter of the late John W. York of Granville County and Mary Bernard York of Bertie County. The family came to this county about a half century ago, locating on the Helen Slade farm near Williamston. When a young woman she was married to Joseph Oakley who died in October, 1934. Since his death, Mrs. Oakley had successfully operated the family farm. She was a member of the Vernon Methodist Church for a long number of years, and is remembered as a woman of high Christian character, a devoted wife and mother.

Surviving are one son, John York Oakley; and two sisters, Mrs. Wiley Bunting and Mrs. D. C. Bryan, of Portsmouth, Virginia.

Funeral services were conducted at the home yesterday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Rev. B. T. Hurley, local Methodist minister, and interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

Suffers Hip Injury In Fall Here Sunday

Suffering a fracture of the hip in a fall at the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. B. Clark, on Academy Street last Sunday morning, Mrs. Wm. R. Fowden was removed to the local hospital a short time later for treatment.

Mrs. Fowden is 96 years old.

No One Hurt In Two Auto Wrecks In Martin County

Drunken Driver Crashes Red Light And Damages New Car Saturday

No one was hurt but considerable damage was done in two automobile accidents reported in this county over the week-end, according to information coming from police and highway patrolmen.

Purchasing a new Ford coupe last Saturday noon, Jesse W. Sumner, assistant county agent, had it badly wrecked at the corner of Main and Watts Streets about seven hours later. Sumner, driving north on Watts Street, stopped on the red light and moved into Main on the green just about the time Mack Webb Williams, driving west on the main thoroughfare, crashed the red light and plowed into the new car. The two right fenders were smashed, a wheel torn down and other parts broken on the new car which was turned around and knocked into the Presbyterian churchyard. No official estimate on the new car damage could be had immediately, but local police, investigating the accident, said it would run between \$200 and \$300. Damage to Williams' old model Chevrolet was estimated at about \$50.

A passenger in the Williams car was slightly bruised on the nose. Williams, charged with drunken and reckless driving, was jailed and his case is scheduled for trial next month.

The county's patrol quartet, Messrs. Naron, Parker, Rowe and Saunders, investigated an accident on N. C. 11 between Bethel and Oak City Sunday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock. David Corey, RFD 3, Bethel, drove up behind McKinley Powell's 1939 Ford and crashed into it when his brakes apparently failed. Corey's old 1936 model car swerved to the left and sideswiped Richard McCrae Meek's 1938 Chevrolet, doing about \$200 damage to it. Damage to the Corey car in the two crashes was estimated at \$200, and repairs to the Powell car will cost about \$25. No one was hurt.

While cleaning up the wrecks, Melvin Willis Mazingo of Oak City drove up, allegedly with improper lights on his truck. He was cited to the courts.

A minor accident was reported by Cpl. T. Fearing on the old Bear Grass road last Friday evening at 6:30 o'clock when Jim Outerbridge, Jr., drove into a parked car belonging to Sidney W. Dunn of Greenville. The Dunn car was parked near Bowen's station. No one was hurt and the damage was negligible. Cpl. Fearing said, Outerbridge was detained for the courts.

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Thirteen Divorce Cases on Calendar In Superior Court

Ten of the Actions Are Based On Grounds of Two- Year Separation

Thirteen divorce cases were recently placed on the calendar by members of the bar association for airing at the special civil term of Martin County Superior Court convening for two weeks on November 17. In addition to the divorce actions there are 52 civil cases, including several fairly sizable damage suits and a number of boundary line disagreements.

Ten of the divorce actions are based on two-year separation grounds. Two are based on charges of adultery and in the thirteenth case, the plaintiff is asking that her divorce be declared null and void because the man she married was already under matrimonial contract with another woman down in Alabama.

No judge has been assigned to preside over the court.

In the divorce case of Emmett Thomas against Ethel Thomas, the plaintiff says they were married in October, 1938, and separated in June, 1944, that two children born to the union lived with the defendant but were supported by the plaintiff. Contesting the action, the defendant says there are three children, that they lived together until the middle of 1945 when the plaintiff abandoned her with child.

It was a short married life for Bonnie E. Bland and Alease Moore Bland. In his claim for a divorce, Bland bases the action on two-year separation and alleges adultery, claiming that the defendant committed adultery during the summer of 1944. The defendant denies the allegations and pleads that the action be dismissed. The plaintiff and defendant were married on December 8, 1942 and separated on December 9, 1942.

Married six years ago and separated about three years later, Joe Scott in his case against Martha Scott is offering two-year separation as grounds for divorce.

Declaring that her husband, Herbert Goode, was married to Evelyn Goode in Birmingham when she was married to him on June 1, 1944, Hilda Goode is asking that her marriage be declared null and void. The plaintiff says that she did not know Goode was married until about two years after they were married, that he obtained a divorce early in 1946.

In the case of Jesse M. Ayers against Neva Bell Ayers, the plaintiff says in the complaint that they were married on December 15, 1927 and were separated on August 25, 1945, that the three children now living with the mother are supported by him. Contesting the action, the defendant alleges the plaintiff abandoned her because "he had become enamored of another woman, lost all interest in his wife and family and left them." The defendant admitted that the plaintiff contributed some support to the children, but that the support was not sufficient. She asks that divorce be denied the plaintiff and that she be given a reasonable allowance.

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Kills Big Snake Here Last Night

H. B. (Cap) York killed an unusually large snake in his yard between Simmons Avenue and Grace Street early last night. Displaying the reptile in front of the town hall, Mr. York declared he could not tell what kind of snake it was.

The snake was given several names—copperhead, moccasin, cottonhead moccasin, python, boa constrictor and so on. Measuring just about six feet in length and several inches in circumference, the reptile was believed by some who examined it to have escaped from a carnival.

Henry S. Manning Dies Suddenly At Home Here Sunday

Funeral Monday Afternoon For Heart Attack Victim; Burial In Windsor

Henry Stancill Manning, popular young man, died at the home of his mother here on Simmons Avenue shortly after 6:00 o'clock Sunday morning, the victim of a heart attack. Explaining to relatives that he was not feeling well, he retired last Friday evening and continued in bed Saturday and Sunday night and was apparently getting along very well until early Sunday morning when he had a violent coughing spell and the heart attack and death followed a few minutes later about the time medical aid reached him.

The son of Mrs. Blanche Hodges Manning and the late Rev. Asa J. Manning, he was born in Griffins Township on September 19, 1910, and moved with the family to Williamston when he was six years old. Graduated from the local high school, he attended the University of North Carolina for three years and was employed in the mercantile business before forming a partnership with his brother for the operation of the Central Service Station here. Later he entered the insurance business and for the past six years had been associated with the local peanut and tobacco markets. Kind-hearted and always willing to accommodate others, he was most considerate and his friendship knew no bounds. He was favorably known as "Chick" by his many friends and acquaintances. He was a member of the local Christian Church for about twenty years.

Married to Miss Julia Askew of Windsor in 1936 he is survived by her, one son, Henry, Jr., his mother, four brothers, James C., Robert E., Asa J., and Chas. H. Manning; and two sisters, Miss Ruth Manning and Mrs. W. H. Sessoms, all of Williamston.

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To Bury Hero In National Cemetery

While final arrangements are being delayed pending further advice from the government center in Charlotte, tentative plans have been made to bury Lloyd Hassell, World War II hero, in the National Cemetery in New Bern.

Pfc. Hassell, son of Mr. Charles A. Hassell of Jamestown and the late Mrs. Maude Dillon Hassell of Washington County, made the supreme sacrifice in Belgium on December 16, 1944. His body was returned to this country on the Army transport Joseph V. Connolly a short time ago.

Native Injured In Virginia Accident

Mrs. M. K. Herrington, the former Miss Elizabeth Mobley of Williamston, was painfully but not badly injured in an automobile accident near Yorktown, Va., last Saturday night. Her father, Mr. S. A. Mobley, and brother, Jack Mobley are visiting her in a Portsmouth hospital and complete details of the wreck could not be learned immediately. One report stated that she suffered a scalp injury, a broken thumb and that one car was cut. Other victims of the wreck were critically hurt, according to information reaching here.

PEANUTS

With ideal weather prevailing following the rains last Saturday morning, farmers started threshing the 1947 peanut crop on a fairly big scale Monday, but the work was blocked when rain started falling about 8:30 o'clock this morning.

A few sales have been reported on the local market, all at government grades according to reports, but no great activity is anticipated until favorable weather prevails for several days.

Propose Increased Acres For Cucumber Production

With an estimated 9,000 acres going out of tobacco and peanut production next year, Martin County farmers are planning to expand cucumber acreage along with more corn, small grains and possibly cotton.

Recognizing the certain shift from tobacco to peanuts, representatives of a large New York produce exchange were here last week studying the farm outlook. "We can make arrangements to open a receiving station in Williamston to handle any size cucumber crop that can be produced in this section," the representatives said. "And we'll guarantee a minimum price of \$1 a bushel for large cucumbers and proportionate increases for certain grades," the company representatives added.

It has been pointed out that possibly cucumber production was

not advisable when so many acres were devoted to tobacco and peanuts. However, if this county and section are to absorb the loss of revenue certain to follow a marked decrease in the two main cash crops, it will be necessary to shift to other crops. The advantages and disadvantages associated with cucumber production, at least, should be considered in the 1948 farm program. It has been proved that the crop offers a cash income when money is "tight" for the farmer, and that growers have found the crop very profitable. With a receiving station close to them, Martin farmers will find it more convenient to dispose of the crop.

The representatives appointed Jim Leggett to represent their company in this section, and he is contacting farmers, explaining contracts and other detailed information.

Hospital Committee Selected For County

Will Investigate Costs And Seek A Vote Opportunity

Lions Ask Cooperation Of Others In Support Of Hospital Plan

Holding their regular monthly meeting at the "Switch" last Thursday evening, the board of directors of the local Lions Club voted to conduct the annual sale of White Cane here the week of November 14th to 20th. Two thirds of the receipts of the White Cane sale will go to the support of the North Carolina State Association for the Blind, an organization that provides help for the blind and visually handicapped in this state. This organization was created by the Lions Clubs of the state. The local club has been assigned a quota of \$280.00 for this drive.

A lengthy discussion concerning the need and possibility of erecting a hospital in this county under the Hill-Burton Bill was held. It was moved, seconded and voted that the Lions sponsor a drive to place before the people of Martin County an opportunity to vote on whether or not they are willing to help pay the county's part of the cost of such a hospital through an additional tax levy. A committee of Lions, W. B. Gaylord, chairman, John Henry Edwards and Wheeler M. Manning was named to make investigations as to the cost and possibility of building and operating a hospital. This committee is expected to work with committees representing other civic clubs and also interested individuals of the county.

The directors voted to defray the expense of buying glasses and transportation expenses for a local visually handicapped man to go to Durham for examination.

Lion H. P. Mobley announced that the club has recovered approximately \$100.00 from the sale of White Cane.

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Firemen Called Out Here Sunday

Williamston's volunteer firemen were called out last Sunday noon when fire threatened the home of Gabrielle Wiggins on South Sycamore Street. Apparently starting from a spark fire was eating its way across the dry shingle roof when the firemen reached the scene. Damage was done to the roof and the furnishings were badly battered when members of the family and neighbors moved them out into the street hurriedly and in a careless manner.

No warrants were issued but several motorists, trailing almost on the wheels of the fire-fighting apparatus were warned that the law prohibits vehicles moving within a block of the fire truck and firemen's cars.

ALMOST

Williamston's tobacco market almost reached the twelve million pound mark yesterday when 125,472 pounds were sold to boost the total for the season to date to 11,919,520 pounds. Today is a holiday for the market, but the twelve-million mark is in reach for Wednesday or Thursday.

Sales continue to hold up unusually well with no marked change in prices. No definite date for closing the market has been mentioned, but sales are likely to continue through part if not most of next week.

Health Officer Makes Report On Spotted Fever

Unable To Get Definite History Of Cases Reported In The County

By Dr. John W. Williams Martin County Health Officer

No report of cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever has come to this office, but I have reason to believe there are several cases in the county that are highly suspicious, though the attending physicians can get no history of tick bites, found no rash and therefore have to depend on blood changes which sometimes are a little late coming on, and are making the diagnosis therapeutically. This means they have a drug at their command which generally cures, and the fact that the patients get better under its influence leads them to believe that it is Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, though they have seen no tick bite or rash. The drug is P-A-B-A and soda, but must not be taken except under doctor's orders.

Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever makes you mighty sick and until this new drug was found the mortality was very high. Prevention is better than cure. It is caused by a tick bite, naturally then, the best prevention is not to be bitten. Everything should be done to destroy ticks. Burn brush and vegetation on infested areas, dust dogs and cats and dip other animals. Protect fingers when handling ticks, wear tick proof clothing when going in infested areas. If a tick is found on the body, detach and destroy it. The site being strong carbolic acid or its equivalent. You can consult your family physician, who may advise vaccination or prophylactic doses of the drugs mentioned, but be sure to tell him about the trip in the woods or the tick bite, if you begin to run fever in three to ten days.

Those working in woods where known cases of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever have occurred.

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Announce Changes In Ministers For Two Of Churches

Rev. B. T. Hurley Going To Stantonsburg; Dr. Knight Leaving

Two major changes in Williamston's ministerial personnel was announced last Sunday when Dr. Ira D. S. Knight explained to his congregation at the morning service in the Baptist church that he had accepted a call to the Virginia Beach Baptist Church and Rev. B. T. Hurley was assigned by the annual Methodist Conference in session at Elizabeth City to the Stantonsburg Methodist Church.

His seven years of continuous service breaking all precedents in the local church, Rev. Mr. Hurley plans to enter upon his duties in Stantonsburg about the 19th of this month after delivering his farewell sermon here next Sunday morning. The minister, while going to a smaller town, will serve a modern church with a larger membership than the one here, it was learned. Although he leaves Williamston a bit reluctantly and his members and many friends regret his leaving, he is looking forward to his work in the new field.

Rev. E. R. Shuller, a native of Arkansas and pastor of the Hookerton Methodist Church in Greene County for seven years, has been assigned to the church here. A graduate of Duke Divinity School, he is a comparatively young man. He entered the ministry about 1925 in Arkansas and came to North Carolina three years later. He plans to move his family—wife and three children—here next week.

Announcing the minister assignments, Bishop Peel of the conference stated that the Cashie church, included in this charge for the past several years, is being returned to the Windsor field, leaving the new minister with the church here and the one at Holly Springs.

The Rev. B. E. Bingham is succeeding the Rev. Mr. Lewis at Roper and he will serve the Jameville and Siloam churches in this county.

His action coming as a surprise to his congregation and numerous friends here, Dr. Knight announced Sunday that he had accepted the Virginia Beach call, effective December 1. Long in the ministry, Dr. Knight came here from the West Palm Beach Church in July, 1945. His return to Virginia is almost like returning home since he preached in Norfolk for a number of years.

Both Mr. Hurley and Dr. Knight have made many friends during their stay here and the community regrets to see them leave. The two ministers have cooperated

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Young Man Dies Of Heart Attack

Joseph Roberson, young farmer of Poplar Point, died at his home there at 4:00 o'clock Monday morning of a heart attack, suffered late the previous afternoon. He had been physically handicapped since suffering infantile paralysis in early life, but he was in his usual health Sunday and was sitting in the living room playing with his three-year-old nephew when he was fatally stricken by 6:00 o'clock.

The son of Mrs. Juliet Bland Roberson and the late James H. Roberson, he was born near Williamston 38 years ago on February 23, 1909, and had made his home in Poplar Point for a number of years. Despite his physical handicap, he busied himself on the farm, raising chickens and handling little odd jobs. He joined the Presbyterian Church at Poplar Point Chapel some years ago and attended religious services where as long as his health permitted him to be out.

He never married and is survived by his mother and two brothers, Harry and Theodore Roberson of the home.

Funeral services are being conducted at the home Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock by Elder W. S. Grimes, former minister of the community, and burial will follow in Woodlawn Cemetery here.