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## Walter Salsbury Died In Hospital Sunday Morning

### Funeral In Hamilton Monday Afternoon For Retired Business Man

Robert Walter Salsbury, retired business man-farmer, died in a Tarboro hospital Christmas morning after a long period of declining health. His condition had been serious for several weeks.

The son of the late Robert Hyman and Laura Purvis Salsbury, he was born in Hassell 77 years ago, and spent his early life on the farm, later engaging in the mercantile business there and in Hamilton where he made his home for a number of years. He was also engaged in business at Williamston for some time, handling fertilizer accounts and buying farm products. He retired about two years ago on account of declining health.

His wife, the former Miss Bettie Davis of Tarboro, died in September, 1948.

Surviving are two brothers, Paul L. Salsbury, Scotland Neck, Robert H. Salsbury, Hassell; five sisters, Mrs. W. A. Ayers, Clinton, Mrs. W. Z. Morton, Greenville, Mrs. Paul Edmondson, Hassell, Mrs. Julia Cherry and Miss Louise Selsbury, Tarboro.

Funeral services were held from the home in Hamilton at 3 o'clock, Monday afternoon, December 26, conducted by Elder W. E. Grimes, pastor of Spring Green Primitive Baptist Church, assisted by the Rev. E. W. Stewart, Baptist Pastor of Hamilton. Interment followed in the Hamilton Cemetery.

## Victim Of Heart Ailment Improved

Undergoing a delicate heart operation in a Durham hospital several weeks ago, Jack Harris, young son of Mrs. Estelle Harris and the late Garland Harris, is mending satisfactorily following his return to his home in Bear Grass last week.

He returned to the hospital early last week for an over-night check-up, and was back home in time for Christmas. The youngster, friends say, is deeply grateful to all those, especially church and other organizations, who lent a helping hand and made his Christmas a happy one.

## Improving Following Stay In Hospital Here

Ill recently for ten days or more, Little Miss Nancy Harrison was reported much improved following treatment in the hospital here. She is stable, and had an enjoyable holiday, and that she is greatly appreciative of the blood donations and contributions from various sources, all of which helped make Christmas a happy one for her.

### ROUND-UP

Jailer Roy Peel had a full house in the county hoosegow during the holidays. The records show that twenty-one persons were arrested and temporarily detained there, ten for drunkenness, two for drunken driving, four for assault, two for bad checks, and one for non-support.

Thirteen of the twenty-one were white, and the ages of the group ranged from 18 to 68 years.

## Farm Bureau Supporters



Among the most liberal and loyal supporters of the Farm Bureau in this county are the Cratts out in Bear Grass. Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Cratt and their seven children, William, Luther, Naomi, Wesley, James, Lennie and Joseph, all members of the organization. They have been members of the Bureau for several years, Mr. H. U. Peel, canvasser, explained.

### HOLIDAY

Next Monday will be observed as a general holiday by local business firms, including the post office, banks and county and town offices.

There'll be no mail deliveries, and the county commissioners will hold their meeting a day late. There'll be no session of the county court and the county and town offices will not be open Monday, the town commissioners postponing their regular meeting until the following Monday.

## Contest Winners Named by Judges

After making close observations on repeated inspections, four judges declared the winners in the local Christmas decorations contest sponsored by Williamston Boosters, Inc. Three prizes of \$15 each was offered for originality, yard, roof or doorway. Mrs. Roy T. Griffin received the prize for originality, the decoration centering around a hand-painted sign on a window. The yard or tree prize went to the N. C. Greens who attached small red lights in numbers to a tree, and the W. H. Carstophens won the roof-porch prize.

Judges were Mrs. Edgar Brown of Jamestown, Mrs. John Howell and Miss Nancy Worsley of Oak City and Mrs. George Haislip of Hamilton. They were almost two hours in making the prize selections.

## Special Service In Local Church

A union mid-night candlelight and worship service will be held in the Memorial Baptist Church here Saturday night, beginning at 11:00 o'clock and lasting one hour, it was announced by a representative of the Williamston Ministerial Association today.

Made up of voices from the various participating churches, a mass choir will render special music, Rev. Stewart B. Simms said. Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Christian Church, will deliver the message.

## Ola L. Harrell Died Suddenly Last Saturday

### Goose Nest Farmer Visiting Neighbor When He Suffered Heart Attack

Ola L. Harrell, Goose Nest Township farmer, died suddenly at the home of a neighbor near Palmyra last Saturday morning. He left his home about 8:30 o'clock that morning and walked to the neighbor's home, planning to accompany him to Scotland Neck. He was in the living room when he suffered the attack and died almost instantly. Apparently he was in his usual health just before he was fatally stricken.

The son of the late Will and Emma Fleming Harrell, he was born in Goose Nest Township 65 years ago on March 23, 1884, and lived and farmed in that section all his life.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Dora Weathersbee. Surviving are his widow, three sons, Luther Harrell of Fayetteville, Virgil Harrell of Wake Forest and Curtis Harrell of Hampton, Va., one daughter, Miss Ola Mae Harrell of the home; a grandson; two brothers, J. H. Harrell of Hamilton and J. O. Harrell of Darlington, N. C.; and two sisters, Mrs. J. M. Harrell of Oak City, and Mrs. L. O. Bacon of Palmyra.

He was a loyal member of the Williams Chapel Methodist Church for a number of years, and the pastor, Rev. W. B. Sherman, of Battleboro conducted the last rites there Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Interment was in the Oak City Cemetery.

### Local Business Man Improves In Hospital

Taken ill about ten days ago, Mr. B. S. Courtney, prominent local business man, was reported improving in the hospital here Thursday morning. If he continues to show improvement, he'll return home in a day or two, it was said.

**HOME FROM HOSPITAL**  
Undergoing an operation in a Durham hospital, Mr. Jos. Harrison returned home last week and is getting along fairly well.

## P-MA Community Committees For New Year Named

### Quite a Few Changes In the Personnel Line-up Are Made In Election

Quite a few changes were made in the Production-Marketing Administration or old Triple A community committees in the elections recently. Several of the old committee members were not candidates for re-election, and in other instances the members shifted jobs. Some who had served as chairmen were elected as regular members, others as vice chairmen and still others as alternates and so on. However, there is sufficient experienced personnel on the committees to carry on the work without interruption.

In a rather "hot" election last Thursday, the county P-M. A. committee was elected. George Griffin was retained as chairman. R. T. Griffin was elected vice chairman, and Dewey R. Edmondson is regular member. First alternate is C. L. Keel and second alternate is Julian Mizelle.

The list of community committees follows with the chairman listed first; vice chairman, second; regular member, third; first alternate, fourth and second alternate, fifth:

**Bear Grass:** H. U. Peel, E. C. Harrison, Elmer Griffin, H. G. Harrison, Ophus Bailey. There were no changes in the regular set-up in that district.

**Cross Roads:** J. M. Griffin, H. L. Roebuck, G. H. Forbes, J. F. Bailey and W. L. Aushorn. J. M. Griffin was elected to succeed Roebuck as chairman, while Mr. Roebuck will continue on the group as vice chairman. G. H. Forbes, former vice chairman, is now a regular member.

**Goose Nest No. 1:** Julian Mizelle, Sidney Mallory, Jasper Whitfield, Irving Hyman, M. E. Bennett, H. A. Early and M. E. Hyman are retiring as chairman and vice chairman, respectively.

**Goose Nest No. 2:** Minton Beach, Jr., Jack Smith, H. H. Worsley, N. L. Hyman and Melvin Crisp. This committee continues about the same with the chairman and vice chairman having changed spots.

**Griffins:** S. E. Manning, D. C. Gurkin, Lester Griffin, Arthur Revels and Raleigh Lilley. S. E. Manning and D. C. Gurkin changed places on the committee to account for about the only change in this group.

**Hamilton:** W. E. Purvis, J. H. Lillard, J. D. Etheridge and L. R. Beach. Mr. Purvis is new as chairman, succeeding L. R. Beach the new first alternate.

**Jamesville No. 1:** Howard Hardison, A. L. Modlin, Arthur W. Lilley, J. C. Griffin and J. A. Coltrain. H. A. Sexton retired as regular member and Arthur W. Lilley succeeded him.

**Jamesville No. 2:** R. G. Coburn, Arthur Ange, Leo Gardner, James Long and R. C. Sexton. Mr. Ange (Continued on page eight)

### A BIT LATE

The Enterprise, after suspending its early issue this week, comes out a bit late on the last lap. Extensive alterations were necessary, and unexpected delays threw the current edition a few hours late.

Machines had to be moved, old flooring torn out and a fairly large patch of concrete was to be laid. Power was restored only late yesterday, and the electricians, after working over time, had the lights burning shortly before dark. For most of the force there has not been much holiday, but there is little of the floor that isn't concrete now!

## Prominent Farmer Died In Hospital Monday Afternoon

### Funeral Service Wednesday At Daughter's Home For John Daniel Biggs

John Daniel Biggs, prominent county farmer died in the Williamston hospital Monday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock after a long period of declining health. A patient in the hospital for about four months, he had been critically ill during that time.

The son of the late Eason and Eliza Ann Bateman Biggs, he was born near Williamston 73 years ago on December 14, 1876, and farmed all his life. He engaged in other business activities at intervals, but devoted most of his attention to the farm. Mr. Biggs was a diligent worker until ill health forced him to retire, but he continued interest in the happenings of the day until the last.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Lucy Caroline Mobley who survives with a son, Hubert Biggs of Williamston; two daughters, Mrs. Mack Leggett and Mrs. Wixie Rogers, both of near Williamston; and five sisters, Mrs. Ida Gurganus and Mrs. Fannie Leggett, both of Oak City, Mrs. Lewis Rogers and Mrs. Will Everett, both of Norfolk, and Mrs. Joe Ball of Williamston.

Mr. Biggs was a member of the church at Christian Chapel at Cross Roads for a long time. Funeral services were conducted from the home of his daughter, Mrs. Mack Leggett, in Bear Grass Township Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the Williamston Christian Church, and interment was in the Mobley Cemetery in Bear Grass Township.

Mr. Biggs was widely known both as a citizen and successful farmer and had many friends throughout this section.

## Mrs. P. L. Everett Dies In Virginia

Mrs. P. L. Everett, mother of Mrs. Sam Woolford of Williamston, died at her home in Holland, Virginia, Wednesday evening at 9:00 o'clock after a long period of declining health.

Mrs. Everett, during visits with her daughter and family, made many friends in Williamston over a period of several years.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Holland Baptist Church Friday afternoon by her pastor. Interment will be in the Holland Cemetery.

Surviving besides her daughter here, is a daughter, Mrs. Robert Cramer of Elizabeth City.

## Father Of Local Resident Passes

Ivey W. Strickland, father of Mrs. J. L. Jackson of Williamston, died in a Rocky Mount hospital Tuesday night after a brief illness. A retired Nash County farmer, he was 76 years old.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the Johnson Funeral Home in Rocky Mount by Dr. J. W. Kincheol, and interment was in Forest Hill Cemetery at Nashville.

Surviving besides his daughter here are two sons, and four daughters, two brothers and two sisters.

### Suffers Attack At His Home Here Saturday

Mr. Roger A. Critcher, II, was reported resting very well at his home here on Watts Street Thursday following a heart attack suffered last Saturday.

## Advance Christmas Spirit In Local Holiday Parties

Williamston's Jaycees had a big Christmas party on Wednesday evening of last week. Entertaining about fifty underprivileged children, the Jaycees worked diligently on old toys, spent right much money and went to a great deal of trouble to entertain the little folks. And the party was a great success.

Bringing in the little tots in their own cars, the Jaycees planned a very entertaining program. Miss Evelyn Hancock, Mrs. J. W. Sumner and Edgar Gurganus and Nelson Leggett led the little folks in several Christmas songs, but the singers eagerly anticipated a visit from Mr. Claus and they would not sing very well. The youngsters enjoyed the contests,

however, and when Santa Claus did make his appearance, there was joy in the land. One little tot, saving his well-wrapped package until he reached his home to open it, gently patted the wrappings during the evening, keen anticipation written all over his bright, little face.

The Jaycees were very liberal, and the party was very successful. In addition to the work by the Jaycees, the Lions prepared and delivered packages Christmas morning to a goodly number of families.

Reports state that other civic as well as religious organizations remembered the less fortunate at Christmas time, and it was a great season in the ole county.

## Road Accidents Mar Holiday Observance

### One Killed And Several Injured In Martin County

### Seven Wrecks Reported By Members Of Patrol In Three Days

A series of highway accidents, causing one death and injuries to several others, marred the holiday observance in this county. Incomplete reports from members of the State Highway Patrol showed there were at least seven accidents during the three-day period from Saturday through Monday. Investigations were not complete in one or two of the accidents.

Eddie Jones, 63-year-old colored man, was fatally injured and other members of his family were painfully injured when the car in which they were riding came out of a side road into Highway No. 11 not far from Oak City and crashed into the side of a Buick driven by Fred Cox, 1115 Boston Road, Bronx, New York. Jones was thrown from his old 1935 model Ford and suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries. Removed to a hospital in Tarboro, he died there a few minutes later.

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Surviving besides her daughter here, is a daughter, Mrs. Robert Cramer of Elizabeth City.

None was injured in the Cox wreck. About 2:00 o'clock Saturday morning, Robert Biggs of Robersonville lost control of Stonewall Parker's car on a curve near Cross Roads church and the machine turned over, stopping with its four wheels in the air. No one was hurt and damage to the machine was estimated at \$150 by Patrolman B. W. Parker, the investigating officer.

Christmas afternoon, LeRoy Godard lost control of his 1948 Dodge on a curve near Bear Grass and damaged the side of the vehicle by about \$75, Patrolman Parker said. No one was hurt.

Sunday night about 11:00 o'clock Spencer Bullock, driving from Bethel toward Robersonville, started to make a left turn at Parmele when James W. Jones (Continued on page eight)

## Thirty-Three In The County Unit National Guard

### Have Until Early February To Build Up Guard Unit In County

Meeting in the Legion Hut on Watts Street here Tuesday evening of this week, approximately 65 men were advised that the government is curtailing its military expenses, that unless that Martin County unit of the National Guard is activated by early February, no unit could be organized in the county.

So far thirty-three men have enlisted in the National Guard, but a minimum of fifty is needed. Another meeting will be held on January 10 when a last attempt will be made to activate the unit, Captain James L. Harris, Jr., said yesterday.

Reserve units are being curtailed, and it was pointed out that the National Guard was almost up to strength, that unless the unit in this county takes shape pretty soon, it will be lost.

Any of the thirty-three men whose names appear below will be glad to discuss the Guard unit plans with interested young men between the ages of 17 and 35 years.

Those who have enlisted to date are:

Captain James L. Harris, commanding officer; Lt. W. W. "Billy" Biggs, 1st Sgt. Leslie T. Fowden, Vernon Grey Bullock, Dallas Scott, Raymond S. Cherry, George Edward Bunch, Henry Grey Corey, Wiley Woolard, J. O. Manning, Jr., John Prentiss Rogerson, Elmo D. Mims, Samuel Eli Gurganus, Kader Burroughs Taylor, Thomas Merlin Bullock, Nathan Cowan, Thad F. Harrison, Otis Hoell, Melville V. Wynne, Arthur M. Bailey, Joseph F. Davenport, Wallace R. Warren, Lenard R. Roberson, James Morris Stalls, Barney Allen Terry, Sidney Ray Lewis, Marvin B. Manning, Robert Louis Stevenson, Willie Gray Lee, William B. Gaylord, Jr.

## Robbers Entered Store Saturday

Climbing to the roof of the warehouse, robbers broke through a second story window into the Martin Supply Company store on Washington Street sometime during last Saturday night.

Thought to have been amateurs, the robbers got a few dollars from a small cash register but apparently took no merchandise. An attempt was made to open the large cash register, but when the mechanism did not respond to the touch, the robber left it undamaged. No effort apparently was made to enter a third register.

### Vice President And Wife Pass Through Here

After spending a wedding trip in Georgia, Vice President and Mrs. Barkley traveled through here Wednesday afternoon en route to Washington, D. C. They were the dinner guests of Congressman Herbert Bonner earlier in the day.

### FIRST CLASS

Definite figures can't be had until the end of the year, but the volume of business is definitely of sufficient size to move the Williamston post office from second to first class, according to unofficial information released following the business rush.

At least \$40,000 business must be handled to support a first class office, it is understood.

### DOWNWARD

The tax value of motor vehicles is definitely following a downward trend for 1950, County Tax Supervisor M. L. Peel announced early today following a hurried study of the Red Book motor vehicle value listings.

For instance, a car listed at \$1,510 by the book last year is valued in the book at \$830 for 1950. Mr. Peel stated that it was planned to follow the book listings. The list-takers met Thursday to fix personal property values.

## Funeral Friday For Dr. Harrell

Funeral services were conducted in the Church of the Advent here last Friday afternoon by the pastor, Rev. T. L. Hastings, for Dr. William H. Harrell, captain in the medical corps, USN, who died the Tuesday evening before in Naval Hospital, Portsmouth. Interment was in the family plot in Woodlawn Cemetery here.

The large American flag, draping the casket, was delivered to Mrs. Harrell by Captain Charles Jones' wife suffered cuts and bruises but was released from the hospital following treatment. Their four-year-old daughter, Evelyn, suffered head injuries, cuts and bruises and a broken arm, according to a report released by Patrolman R. P. Naron who made the investigation. Another passenger in the Jones car, Roy Jones, was not hurt.

## Gets Lease On Cherry Building

The three-story building occupied during the past several years by Jos. Cherry's "Good and Bad" Furniture store, has been leased by Mr. K. D. Worrell. After renovating the building, Mr. Worrell will move his electrical appliance business from his next-door place within the next week or ten days. In addition to the electrical appliance business, the firm will handle used furniture.