

Suffered A Fatal Attack At News Of Sister's Death

Funeral in Fairview Church This Afternoon For Mrs. John Modlin

Mrs. Walter Gardner, beloved citizen of Williams Township, died at her home there Tuesday night at 11:30 o'clock of a heart attack. She had been suffering with a heart condition for several weeks, but her condition was not considered critical until about 8:00 o'clock that evening when she learned of the death of her sister, Mrs. Anna Hardison Modlin, in Rocky Mount, a short time before. Mrs. Gardner, receiving hospital treatment at periods during the past month, was up and about the home Monday and early Tuesday, but was not very active on account of her condition.

The former Miss Lidia Elizabeth Gardner, she was born in Williams Township 48 years ago on December 15, 1901, the daughter of the late Julius and Julia Ann Hopkins Hardison. She lived in that community all her life, taking an active part in home demonstration work and religious activities there. She was a member of the Fairview Christian Church, serving it faithfully as a leader for years and also as a leader in women's work in the church. She was a devoted wife and mother, a good neighbor and friend to all.

In early womanhood, she was married to Mr. Gardner who survives with three sons, Randolph Gardner of Plymouth, Wilbert and Ralph Gardner of the home; two daughters, Miss Mildred Gardner of Raleigh and Miss Neva Faye Gardner of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Mollie Twiddy of Norfolk and Mrs. Minnie Stoyens of Plymouth; three brothers, Luther, Church and Ernest Hardison, all of Washington County; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Fairview church this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, about two and one-half hours following the service for her sister. Rev. P. E. Cayton, the pastor, assisted by Rev. F. A. Lilley of Washington, will conduct the service and burial will be in the Gardner Family Cemetery near the home. The body is being moved from the home to the church one hour before the service.

Judge J. C. Smith Quite Ill at Robersonville Home

In feeble health for some time, Attorney J. Calvin Smith, prominent county citizen and former judge of the Martin County recorder's court, suffered two heart attacks at his home in Robersonville yesterday afternoon, and continues "real sick" there, according to reports reaching here shortly before noon today.

Robert Bradshaw To Make Address At School Finals

Other Events On Closing Program Here Have Been Scheduled

Principal B. G. Stewart today announced the events, marking the close of the current school term here. Rev. Robert W. Bradshaw, pastor of the First Methodist Church, Wilson, will deliver the commencement address next Monday night at 8:00 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The first in the series of finals events will be the senior class night program tomorrow evening at 8:00 o'clock.

The senior class will present a play, "Attic Memories." In this play the seniors come from pictures on the wall and relive commencement night. They find an old trunk of souvenirs of their high school days, and a good time is had by all. Some of the features of the play are as follows:

Daisy Chain by the Junior Class; Salutory by Rachel Chesson; Prophecy by Rush Bondurant; Poem by Bobby Harrison; Last Will and Testament by Rachel Chesson; History by Jessie Melson; Gifts by Asa Manning.

The senior class mascots, Helen Ann Harris and Johnny Biggs, will also be in the class night play.

Commencement Sermon May 28—8:00 P. M.

Processional, "God of Our Fathers," Miss Grace Talton; Invocation, Rev. Stewart Simms; Hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," congregation; Scripture reading, Rev. James I. Lowry; selection, "Children of the Heavenly King," Junior Glee Club; Prayer, Rev. E. R. Shuller; Commencement sermon, Rev. James I. Lowry; selection, "Thou Lord of Hosts," chorus from St. Glee Club; benediction, Rev. John L. Goff.

Awards Day Program May 29, 1950—10:00 A. M.

Attendance, Mr. Stewart; Seventh Grade Scholarship, Mrs. Crawford; Bus Driver's Safety Award, Dr. Gray; Miscellaneous Awards, Miss Privott; Home Economics, Miss McDaniels; Science, Mr. Abdalla; Library, Miss Peterson; Commercial, Miss Hopkins; (Continued from page five)

Report Transfer Of Local Property

Building a country home on their farm between Hamilton and Oak City, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Ayers this week sold their home on Franklin Street to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Barnhill. Mr. and Mrs. Ayers plan to complete their new home and move about the middle of July, it was learned. The property between the B. S. Courtney and Son Furniture Store and the J. E. King residence on Main Street was subdivided this week, 30 feet going to the store owners, 30 feet to the Kings, and the owner, M. M. Levin, retaining 45 feet in the center of the lot.

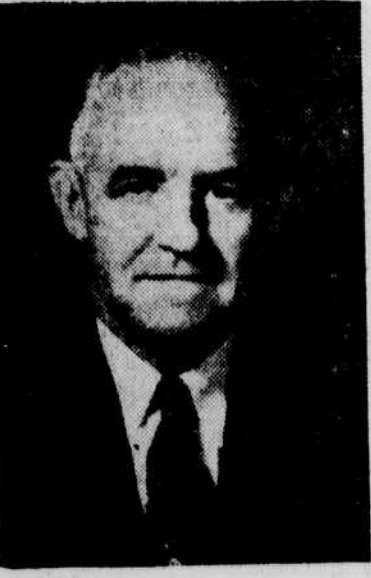
AVAILABLE
Thrown out of work with the closing of various plants for the season, quite a few workers are available for such jobs as house cleaning, etc. Kelly Gay, manager of the State Employment office, announced this week. There'll be little work for them until tobacco harvest time, and housekeepers needing help in their homes are asked to contact the employment office where assignments can be made.

Four Seek Three Seats On Education Board



With four seeking the three open seats, the race for membership on the Martin County Board of Education is attracting more attention as the primary nears. Reports, declaring that a political plot was brewing in or near the race, were said to be without foundation. Pictured above, left to right, Ferd W. Holliday, incumbent of Jamesville; George C. Griffin, incumbent of Griffins; Ernest Edmondson, incumbent of Hassell; and Howard B. Gaylord, former school teacher and personnel director of the North Carolina Pulp Company, of Jamesville.

Main Contenders In Senate Race



Pictured above are the three main contenders for the United States Senate. A picture of the fourth candidate, Ola Ray Boyd, could not be had. Pictured, left to right, are Willis Smith, Raleigh lawyer; Frank P. Graham, incumbent; and Robert R. Reynolds, lawyer of Washington, D. C., and Asheville. The contest, bitterly fought and marked by smearing, is expected to be a vote puller in the primary on Saturday of this week.

Saturday Last Day For Annexation Registration

Saturday of this week is the last day to register for the special election being called to determine the wishes of the people in those areas just outside of Williamston on the proposed extension of the town's corporate limits.

It has been pointed out that a special registration is necessary, that one must register either with Chas. B. Wynne in North End or with Dennis Hardy in West End to be eligible to vote in the annexation election on Saturday, June 10. It was also explained that registration for any other election does not qualify one to participate in the June 10 event.

Registrars Wynne and Hardy reported yesterday that the registration is progressing very well in both districts, that during the past two Saturdays, 240 had registered, 125 in North End and 115 in West End. Mr. Wynne said that possibly twenty-five persons in his area who are eligible to register had not yet placed their names on the books there. It is estimated that possibly 100 have not registered in West End, but a last-minute movement will take place toward the registration center on Saturday.

On Saturday, June 3, the books will be open for challenge; that is, to examine names and make certain they are legally registered as to age and residence. And then the vote on the annexation proposal will follow on Saturday, June 10.

Short Session Of Recorder's Court Monday Morning

Hours during which there will be activities at the Williamston Municipal Swimming pool, the Youth Center and the high school athletic field, were announced for this summer by Stuart Maynard, local recreation director, yesterday. Mr. Maynard noted that for the first two weeks, June 5 through June 23 there will be no morning recreation program because of the conflict with the Vacation Bible school being held by Williamston churches.

On Mondays there will be activities at the high school grounds from 9:30 to 12:00 in the morning at the swimming pool from 2 to 5:30 and from 7 to 9 in the afternoon and evening, but the Youth Center will not be open.

Tuesday's hours: 10 to 12 at the pool in the morning, 2 to 5:30 and 7 to 9 afternoon and evening, and 8:30 to 10:30 at the Youth Center.

Wednesday, the playground operates from 9:30 to 12:00, the swimming pool from 2 to 5:30. Thursday the swimming pool is open from 10 to 12; 2 to 5:30 and (Continued on page eight)

Native Of County Died Tuesday At Home In Nash

Mrs. Annie Bell Hardison Modlin, native of this county, died at the home of a son near Rocky Mount Tuesday afternoon at 5:00 o'clock after a long period of declining health. Her condition had been serious for some time. Her sister, Mrs. Walter Gardner, 48, died at her home in Williams Township a few hours after learning of Mrs. Modlin's death, having suffered a fatal heart attack apparently from shock.

Mrs. Modlin was the daughter of the late Julius and Julian Ann Hopkins Hardison. She was born in Williams Township 61 years ago and spent her early life there. Following her marriage to John R. Modlin, she made her home in Washington County, and after his death she went to Rocky Mount to live with a son. She was well known and had many friends in her native and adopted communities.

Surviving are three sons, W. J. J. and L. R. Modlin, and a daughter, Mrs. W. O. Wrench, all of Rocky Mount; two sisters, Mrs. W. O. Twiddy of Norfolk and Mrs. Charles Stoyens of Plymouth; three brothers, Ernest, Church and Luther, all of Washington County.

Fifteen Cases Are Handled Before Small Group Of Spectators

With a small docket and no complicated cases scheduled for trial, the Martin County Recorder's Court completed its work and adjourned before noon last Monday. Fifteen cases were handled by Judge Chas. H. Manning and Solicitor Paul D. Roberson. Fines, imposed during the short session, amounted to \$220.

Charged with an assault with a deadly weapon, Robert Winbush was found not guilty. Pleading guilty of hit-and-run and drunken driving, Junior Williams was fined \$125, taxed with the cost and lost his license for a year. A six months' road sentence was suspended and the defendant is to remain sober for a year.

John Paul Price was taxed with the costs in the case in which he was charged with speeding. Found guilty of interfering (Continued on page eight)

Saturday Is The Day For Battle of Ballots

Bible School Leaders To Meet Tomorrow

A meeting of superintendents of beginners, primaries, and junior departments and all helpers of the Union Vacation Bible School has been called for Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock in the junior department of the Baptist church by the director, Rev. John Goff. A full attendance is urged.

Graham Manager In Martin County Issues Statement

Expresses Appreciation for Consideration Shown During Campaign
While quite willing to await the expressed will of the people in saying who'll lead for the U. S. Senate in Martin County, Frank P. Graham's manager, W. C. Manning, this week expressed his appreciation to the people of the county for their kind consideration and the help and support voluntarily offered in behalf of Mr. Graham's candidacy. Manning said the prospects for a great Graham victory were very encouraging, but he appealed to his co-workers and other friends not to slacken their efforts in behalf of Graham's campaign until the polls are closed at 6:30 Saturday evening.

"We have encountered some disappointing obstacles, but the questionable tactics and the injection of hatred and prejudice have backfired and the voters are swinging toward Senator Graham in ever-increasing numbers," the county manager declared. "The opposition's charges have been proved unfounded one after another, and the smears made in a desperate effort to gain votes have been exhausted without being accepted by the large majority of the people," the manager added.

Explaining that he had known Frank Graham for years, that he had found him always working for the advancement and good of North Carolina and its people, the manager again appealed to all voters to work for (Continued on page eight)

"Miss Bright Leaf Of Williamston"

Miss Norma Fagan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julia Fagan of Dardens, has been selected as "Miss Bright Leaf of Williamston" in a contest concluded here yesterday. She is to represent Williamston in the world premiere of "Bright Leaf" being held in Raleigh on May 31.

Miss Polly Manning took second place and Jean Carol Griffin was third in the competition sponsored by the Viccar Theatre here. Other contestants were Lib Cherry, Thelma Carrow, Betsy Horton, Sarah Manning, Jessie Mae Melson, Lilybet Muse, Truliah Ward Bailey, Leona Hardison and Katie Leggett.

Miss Fagan will be an honor guest in Raleigh where she will ride in the parade and attend a luncheon and later in the evening a reception at the Governor's Mansion.

PAPER COLLECTION

Badly in need of funds, Williamston Boy Scouts will make a waste paper collection next Wednesday morning in all parts of the town. It was announced today by Scoutmaster Thurman Matthews. The boys will gladly receive old newspapers, magazines, cardboard and other waste papers. The people of the town are asked to help the Scouts along with the collection.

Thirty-four Names On State, County And Local Tickets

Eighteen Candidates Seeking Nine District and County Offices

Everything is all set for the big battle of the ballots in the thirteen precincts in this county on Saturday of this week. The politicians have been a shooting the words for weeks, attacking and counter-attacking, but the voters themselves will open their baggage at 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning. The firing will cease promptly twelve hours later at 6:30 o'clock that evening.

It is possible that the day's activities will not determine all the battle winners. A second primary is possible in four contests—U. S. Senate, State Senate, State House of Representatives, and County Board of Education. Some observers see a real threat for a second contest for the State House of Representatives.

The State ballot carries only eight names and three contests, as follows:

- For United States Senator (Vote for One)
() Frank P. Graham
() Willis Smith
() Robert R. Reynolds
() Ola Ray Boyd
- For Appropriate Justice of Supreme Court (Vote for One)
() Emery B. Denny
() Oscar O. Efrid
- For Commissioner of Insurance (Vote for One)
() Waldo C. Cheek
() Hoke R. Bostian
- The county ticket carries the names of eighteen candidates who are seeking nine positions, as follows:
For State Senator (Second Senatorial District) (Vote for Two)
() Dallas' Mallison
() O. L. Williams
() Sam M. Campen
() Hugh G. Horton
- For Member of State House of Representatives (Vote for One)
() E. G. (Andy) Anderson
() Luther Hardison

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Review Of Votes And Registration

Judging from the recent registration a fairly large vote is to be expected in the primary election on Saturday of this week. However, judging from the size of the vote total in the 1946 and 1948 primaries, no large vote is expected.

Observers are fairly confident that the total will range from 3,900 to 4,200. The sheriff's race on the county ballot is likely to be the main vote puller, but the other contests on that ticket are not to be overlooked. On the State ballot, the U. S. Senate contest will overshadow the other two contests on that ticket. Then the contest in Jamesville, Williamston and Hamilton Townships are not to be overlooked, reports indicating that the lower-level contests are creating much interest, especially in Jamesville and Hamilton.

Below are listed the registration totals and the 1946 and 1948 primary votes, by precincts:

Reg. Precinct	1946	1948
695 Jamesville	286	309
325 Williams	89	102
503 Griffins	241	254
529 Bear Grass	227	249
1057 Williamston 1	344	371
1304 Williamston 2	485	521
460 Cross Roads	218	157
1060 Robersonville	456	486
275 Gold Point	88	126
250 Poplar Point	144	93
237 Hassell	80	93
370 Hamilton	137	160
589 Goose Nest	194	228
7634 Totals	2989	3149

Bring Registered Stock To County

By D. W. Brady
Assistant County Agent
Seven registered Guernseys from some of the best blood lines ever to have been purchased by Martin County farmers were brought into the county as a result of the Guernsey sale in Goldsboro Friday.

Mr. J. A. White, Williamston, bought a bred heifer from Cedarock Farm, Salisbury, N. C., and a bull from Guernsel Farm, University, N. C., whose dam is averaging 65 lbs of milk daily which is equivalent to 7.6 gallons. Mr. Lester Edwards, manager of Taylor's Dairy, purchased two bred cows from Cedarock Farm, and Quail Roost Farm, Rougemont, N. C., and a bull from Crossdale Farm, Durham. Mr. Linwood Knowles, Dardens, purchased two bred cows, one from Wake Field Farm owned by George Watts Hill and is presently on an official milk and butterfat test. The other was bred and consigned by A. C. Mims, Rocky Mount.

Start Measuring County Cropland

Between eight and ten "surveyors" or supervisors as they are officially called, started measuring tobacco, peanut and cotton acreage in the county this week. It is estimated that approximately 32,000 acres of the crops are to be checked. Twenty or more surveyors are to join in the task next week with orders to complete the task on or before June 25.

Crops In County Damaged By Hail

Crops on several farms between Jamesville and Dardens were damaged by hail early last evening. According to reports here, young tobacco and corn were just about ruined on one or two farms, and damage was fairly heavy on several others. Complete reports on the damage could not be had, but it was said that the hail struck the farms of Dennis Coburn, H. L. Davis and several others. Insurance was carried by some of the farmers.

GETTING GOOD

People in this section apparently are getting "real good", reports from the justice of the peace courts stating that no criminal cases had been handled there during the past few days. Maybe farming and politics are keeping everybody so busy that there's no time for those things that carry people into court.