

Retired Business Man Died Sunday Of Heart Attack

Funeral This Afternoon In West End Church For Exum L. Ward, Sr.

Exum L. Ward, Sr., well-known business man and prominent leader in religious and civic affairs, died suddenly here Sunday morning about 10:45 o'clock of a heart attack. Virtually retired from business on account of a heart condition, he was feeling possibly better than usual Saturday evening and early Sunday morning and attended Sunday School. He made a report and short talk to the assembly in the West End Baptist Church at the close of the Sunday school hour and suffered an attack just after taking his seat. He was removed immediately to a local hospital where he was pronounced dead upon arrival. He had suffered several previous attacks, including a severe one the latter part of 1948, but continued interested and active in church work.

Mr. Ward was born on a farm in Halifax County near Enfield 58 years ago on January 18, 1892, the son of the late Frank and Pattie Exum Ward. In early boyhood he moved to Rocky Mount where he made his home and later engaged in business before locating in Williamston in 1927. He managed the Gold Star store of the Gwaltney Company and was associated with the Harrison Wholesale Company for several years before going into business for himself. Eight years ago he opened the Martin Sandwich Shop in West End.

Held in high esteem by all who knew him, Mr. Ward was active in religious and civic circles, always working for the betterment of his community and its people. He, possibly more than anyone else, was instrumental in the establishment of the West End Baptist Church, and it was in its service that he handled his last earthly work. Those whose privilege it was to know him, are certain he, if it had been in his power, would have wanted it that way, for he had happiness, peace and contentment while about his Master's work. Just before he was stricken, he had outlined plans for the church's new year. Mr. Ward was also active in other affairs, and he was always found working for all that's good and noble in the sight of God and righteous man. He put much in life and he seemed to get much.

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Patients In The Martin General

The following patients were listed in the Martin General Hospital this morning:

W. T. Ross, Little Miss Edwina Peele, Geo. Jenkins, Mrs. Sam Woolford, Mrs. Dalton Roberson, Mrs. Frances Lilley, Mrs. W. W. Whitehurst, Mrs. Lee Davenport, C. W. Forbes, Mrs. J. T. Barnhill, Miss Sarah Gurganus, Billy Buck Whitecloud, Mrs. Clyde Barber, Mrs. Lester Bunting and infant son, Mrs. Dalmus Holliday and Mrs. Joe Godard and infant son of Jamesville. Colored: Mary Coffield, Ella Sykes, Mattie Little and E. D. Peel.

SCOUT FUND

With nearly \$1,000 already in hand, the current Boy Scout Fund drive in this county is making real progress in this county, Chairman V. J. Spivey announced yesterday. Williamston, with seven canvassers yet to report, has raised \$685. Robersonville, with about half of its reports in, has \$200 in hand. Jamesville is over the top, and Hamilton, Oak City, Hassell and Bear Grass are doing all right in their drives, Mr. Spivey said.

The East Carolina Boy Scout Council is trying to meet \$56,000 budget in its combined area of 22 counties, and the prospects are bright, it was explained. The drive is to end this week.

Crowds At Kehukee Association Here



Pictured above are a few of the estimated 4,000 visitors in attendance upon the 185th annual meeting of the Kehukee Primitive Baptist Association held at Skewarkey a few days ago. Ample food was prepared for the multitude, and the meeting was one of the best held in this section in many years.—Photo by Royal Photographic Center, Williamston

Congressman Heard At Fair In Jamesville

DOUBLING UP

Eli Carr, of the Robersonville section, doubled up on his law violations Sunday and was caught both times.

Cited to the courts for operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license that morning, Carr was caught and charged with a similar offense that afternoon. Making the arrest, Patrolman Parker said Carr on the second approach tried to hide his face behind a hunting cap. It won't no use, for the officer had the "dead wood" on the violator.

James Rawls Died At Home Saturday Of A Heart Attack

Funeral Service Held Monday Afternoon In Oak City For Postmaster

James A. Rawls, prominent Martin County citizen and Oak City postmaster, died suddenly at his home here last Saturday morning at 11:30 o'clock. Apparently in his usual health, Mr. Rawls handled his office duties that morning and returned to his home to do a little work around the house. Explaining that he felt ill, he went into the house, suffering a heart attack and dying a few minutes later.

Mr. Rawls was born on a farm at the edge of Oak City 59 years ago next month the son of the late Robert and Amanda Savage Rawls. After spending his early life on the farm he moved to Oak City and was associated with the Oak City Supply Company for some time before going into business for himself. In 1945 he was made postmaster, faithfully serving his county as tax lister just prior to that time.

A member of the Oak City Baptist Church for many years, Mr. Rawls was active in religious and civic affairs, and was always found working for the good of his community, county and fellowman. He was an active Mason, holding membership in the Skewarkey Lodge after the Conoh Lodge was disbanded. He was also a member of the American Legion.

A veteran of World War I, Mr. Rawls served as corporal in Co. M, 322nd Infantry, and participated in several major battle overseas in 1918.

In early manhood he was married to Miss Pauline Johnson who survives with one daughter, Miss Shirley Rawls, of Oak City; four

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Urges No Letup In Preparing A Strong Defense

Congratulates Fair Sponsors And Praises Cooperation Behind Project

Addressing the second annual Jamesville Community Fair last Friday afternoon, Congressman Herbert Bonner discussed several timely and important farm topics and went on to urge no let-up in preparing a strong national defense.

C. A. Askew, of the Ruritan Club which sponsored the fair along with the Jamesville Woman's Club and other agencies, opened the fair when he welcomed the large crowd and introduced Curtis Olds, president of Ruritan National, as Master of ceremonies. After leading the parade, the Plymouth High School Band, appeared in a short concert at the speaker's stand, and A. Corey, Jamesville patriarch, welcomed the visitors and introduced the main speaker. Invocation was spoken by Mr. Floyd Moore.

Congratulating the community for promoting an agricultural fair unequalled in most counties of the State, Congressman Bonner went on to stress the importance of organization. However, he warned that when men bind themselves into clubs, labor unions, societies and other organizations, they have a responsibility not only to their community, but also to the children, to the county, State and nation. "You have here today demonstrated to the rest of the people of this county and section what success can come from your organization," the congressman said.

Continuing, he said, "You do not promote such events to make more for yourselves but to make a better community and better citizens."

Mr. Bonner declared that if doctors, lawyers and others have a right to organize, certainly farmers have a similar right. "You have here in Martin County a strong farm organization, one of the strongest in the nation. I am proud of its work, for it has accomplished much for the farmer. Those who support the organization are making possible benefits for all, and any farmer who is not a member should hang his head in shame," the speaker frankly declared. "It is only fair that farmers should organize to make certain that those who produce the fundamentals of life enjoy the fruits of their labors," he added.

Mr. Bonner explained that he

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Men From County Left Today For Physical Exams

Group Expected Back Late This Evening From Fayetteville

Between thirty-five and forty young Martin County men, most of them in their early twenties, left today by special conveyance for an army receiving station at Fayetteville for pre-induction physical and mental examinations. They are expected to return late tonight.

The call was for forty-five men, but several of them had asked to be transferred to boards in other parts of the State and country.

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Tobacco Sales Near Nine - Million Mark

MEETING

The Williamston Colored High School P. T. A. will hold its second meeting Thursday evening, October 12, at 7:30 at the school.

All parents, teachers and friends are asked to be present for an important business session.

Prize Winners At Jamesville Fair Announced

Exhibits Reflect New Peak In Progress of County's Agriculture

Reflecting possibly a new peak in Martin County's progress in agriculture, farm and home exhibits at the Jamesville Community Fair last week-end baffled judges in selecting the winners.

The fair, centered in the gymnasium, had fourteen modern commercial booths, and displays of canned foods, farm products, farm and home, forestry, and booths by the Boy Scouts, Jamesville Woman's Club, Jamesville School, Beta Club, Future Farmers of America, Future Home Makers and Veteran Farm Trainers.

The farm and home booth prepared by Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Holliday listed twenty-three different canned foods. Farm and garden products included, an appealing country ham, peanuts, sweet and Irish potatoes, carrots, squash, okra, butter beans, field peas,

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John Long Died Saturday At His Jamesville Home

Funeral Services for Well-Known Citizen Held There Sunday

John G. Long, well-known county citizen and retired farmer-business man, died at his home in Jamesville last Saturday morning at 10:35 o'clock after nearly four years of declining health. Five months ago, Mr. Long suffered a stroke and was confined to his home since that time. His condition has been critical since Tuesday of last week when he suffered a second stroke.

Mr. Long was born on a farm near Jamesville 74 years ago on November 7, 1885, the son of the late Theodore and Elizabeth Long. He spent his early life on the farm and was married in 1909 to Miss Mollie Sexton who died in May, 1927. A short time after his marriage he located in Jamesville where he continued his farming operations and maintained a livestock exchange business until ill health forced his retirement. His second marriage was to Mrs. Ada Sexton about eighteen years ago.

He was a thoughtful neighbor and a kind friend, and served as a member of the board of commissioners in Jamesville for several years.

Surviving are a son, James William Long of Jamesville; two daughters, Mrs. Delores L. Beard of Williamston and Mrs. Mary

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Church Making Plans For Quarterly Union

Members of the Spring Green Primitive Baptist Church are making plans for entertaining the union there on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, October 27, 28, 29, and they are calling on their friends for assistance.

A group is to meet at the church Wednesday morning, October 18, to clean the church yard and cemetery and erect tables. Those who have relatives buried in the cemetery are especially asked to lend a helping hand.

New High Peak Hit by Individual Sales On Monday

Tobacco Moving In To The Local Market From Dozen Counties

Tobacco sales and prices continue to hold up unusually well on Williamston's market, and present indications point to larger sales this season than were handled by the market in 1949.

While the over-all average yesterday established no new record, individual averages reached a new high peak. Coltrain and Ward, Martin County farmers, sold more than 1,200 pounds for an average right at 75 cents a pound. Prices for individual piles ran right on up to 95 cents a pound and quite a few piles sold in the 70- to 80-cent range.

The market last Friday sold 259,904 pounds for an average of \$59.04. Yesterday, 214,268 pounds were sold for an average of \$59.16 per hundred pounds.

Tobacco was delivered to the market here yesterday from twelve counties in two States.

While some grades do not appear to bring prices comparable to those paid for certain other types, sales, as a whole, are proving most satisfactory.

Warehousemen are not making any predictions, but since 8,532,470 pounds have already been sold for an average of \$57.61 per hundred pounds, it is believed that the market will handle well nine million pounds this season.

Fair-sized sales are under way here today and prices are holding firm, it was stated.

County's Farmers Seeding Large Acreage To Pasture

Martin County farmers are seeding what has been described as an all-time record acreage to pasture this fall. A report from the office of the Production-Marketing Administration in this county shows that approximately 1,250 acres have been seeded to new pastures to date, and applications are still being received. However, no more purchase orders will be issued after Friday of this week.

Discussing the trend toward more pastures, representatives of the P.-M. A. office said that 400 requests had been received for pasture seed this season, that approximately \$33,000 had been advanced under the agricultural conservation program, \$24,000 from the 1950 allotment and the remainder drawn against the 1951 allotment.

Accidents Piling Up On County Highways

Four Injured In Series Of Eight Wrecks Last Week

Property Loss Estimated At \$3,325 By Investigating Officers

While steering clear of death by narrow margins, motorists on county highways and streets piled up the vehicles last week. The count, placed at eight by members of the highway patrol and local officers, fell three short of the eleven accidents reported the previous week, but the number of injured was doubled and the property loss, estimated at \$3,325, was nearly three times greater than it was the week before.

The four persons listed as injured were not seriously hurt, patrolmen said.

Following an accident on Monday in the Free Union section, motorists traveled accident free until Thursday when they started piling up the vehicles.

Margaret Ayers Batchelor of Scotland Neck lost control of her 1950 Chevrolet on Highway 125 near the Sherrod Farm between Williamston and Hamilton Thursday afternoon at 4:15 o'clock and ditched it. She was not hurt and damage to the car was estimated at \$50 by Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock William Hubert Pollard of Rocky Mount was driving west on Highway 64 and stopped to wait for a car in front of him to make a left turn into the Prison Camp of old Greenville Road, near Williamston. Hillary Byrd Wallace, driving a 1948 Ford panel truck belonging to the Hub Electric Company of Greenville, could not stop and plowed into Pollard's Frozen Food truck driven by Pollard, doing about \$200 to the Ford truck and about \$25 to the frozen food machine, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation.

Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, James Crandall was driving Clayton Carson's bread truck on Williamston's East Main Street and stopped for the traffic light at the Watts Street intersection. Robert Cooper of Elizabeth City was behind him in a new Pasquotank school bus. The brakes on the bus failed to hold and the machine plowed into the rear of the bread truck, hurting no one but causing about \$200 damage to the school bus, according to Officer Chas. R. Moore who made the investigation.

A large tractor-trailer unit, hauling potato chips, plowed into a ditch just inside Williamston's town limits at Sunny Side Inn on Highway 17 at 4:00 o'clock Friday afternoon. Driving at a moderate speed, the driver applied his brakes quickly when a small child darted into the street in front of him. The brakes on the right wheel are believed to have stuck, throwing the vehicle to the right and into the ditch. No one

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It is estimated that the cost of seeding an acre of pastureland runs from \$25 to \$27, the government program advancing from \$16.23 to about \$17.80 per acre.

Some of the farmers used one and one-half tons of lime, 800 pounds of 2-12-12 fertilizer, two pounds of Ladino clover seed and ten pounds of fescue seed per acre.

Most of the farmers are going all out for the Ladino clover. It is estimated that 1,100 acres were seeded to pasture in the county last year.

The demand for pasture material has been so great this fall that several farmers have been forced to delay seeding, but every effort has been made to provide for maximum acreage.

GOVERNOR

Governor Kerr Scott will make his first official visit to Williamston on Wednesday of next week when he will deliver the main address at the town's third annual harvest festival. He will be introduced by Congressman Herbert Bonner.

Executive Secretary Al Sweat said today that plans for the festival are moving at a rapid pace and that a detailed program will be released later in the week. Seven bands, nine princesses, dozen or more special floats, National Guard unit and others are already lined up for the Wednesday parade. He says the event promised to be the biggest of 'em all, that thousands are expected.

Mrs. C. C. Rawls Died Thursday At Home In Hamilton

Funeral Held Saturday At Hassell; Burial In Robersonville

Funeral services were conducted in Hassell Christian Church last Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for Mrs. Martha Magnolia Coburn Rawls who died at her home in Hamilton Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. Olin Fox, Rev. James M. Perry of Robersonville, Rev. E. R. Stewart, Baptist Minister of Hamilton, and Rev. R. A. Phillips, a former pastor now of Kinston, conducted the service. Interment was in the Robersonville cemetery.

The daughter of the late Jesse and Pattie Johnson Coburn, Mrs. Rawls was born in the Gold Point Community, near Robersonville, 65 years ago on September 28, 1885, and spent her early life there. Following her marriage in early womanhood to Cromwell C. Rawls, she located

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Martin Professor In District Post

Professor George McRorie, principal of the Everetts School, was named vice president of the North Eastern District, North Carolina Education Association, for 1951-52, at the 28th annual meeting of the organization held in Greenville a few days ago.

In addition to Professor McRorie's election to the post of vice president of the district, the following teachers in Martin County schools were named vice presidents of divisional departments:

Charles J. Howard of Oak City, dramatic arts; Miss Harriet Tucker of Williamston, school librarians; and Keily Abeyounis of Robersonville, council for social studies.

Department Head Expects New Era For Agriculture

L. Y. Ballentine Addresses Fair At Jamesville Last Saturday

Addressing a small group at the Jamesville fair last Saturday morning, North Carolina Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine declared agriculture is facing a new era, that if we are to maintain our position we must better utilize our resources—land and labor—and go the limit in year-round farming.

The address, climaxing the second-day program of Jamesville's annual community fair, was quite timely and to the point. Geo. Baker, master of the morning exercises, introduced A. Corey who offered a hearty welcome and introduced Professor V. B. Hairr who introduced the speaker. Mr. Corey, in a short talk, declared that united effort makes for better fellowship and fellowship makes better farms, homes and communities. He urged his hearers to guard against decay of fellowship, explaining that it could be lost, by selfishness, indifference and neglect. "In these annual events our responsibilities are pointed out to us, and we must carry on," Mr. Corey said. He welcomed every interest and every act that helped make the fair a success, and referred to Professor Hairr who with his students worked so hard to make the exhibit hall reflect a progressive agriculture in this area, especially in the Jamesville Community.

After praising the Ruritan and Woman's Club and the community leaders for bringing together the fine farm and home exhibits, Commissioner Ballentine urged the farmers to take an inventory, adding that he was certain this section would fall far short of a desired goal.

"We must bring in more crops, including livestock. We need to know more about other crops. We do not have an adequate understanding of distribution and marketing," the commissioner declared, adding that farmers have taken marketing as a matter of fact. Mr. Ballentine explained that there are adequate facilities for marketing tobacco and some other crops. For other crops the outlets are not so good, the speaker pointed out.

It was the commissioner's idea that there is a need for more processing plants close to production, and he maintained that there was sufficient capital right here at home to finance those plants.

Exploring the field of marketing as a major problem, Commissioner Ballentine said that farmers had made progress in production. Tobacco has made larger yields possible, "but as we increase production we should consider marketing and distribution," he said. It was pointed out that the farmer has much to do with marketing in that he must try to produce the kind and size of farm products in demand. "If you carry tobacco to market in bad condition, you can expect a low price," he explained, adding that the way or condition in making money or losing money. He also said that farmers work hard to produce a crop and then get careless in marketing it. "I have seen value of a good crop dissipated in a few hours just because the same effort put forth in producing it was

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ROUND-UP

Law violations, held to a minimum week before last, showed a 400 percent increase in the county last week-end. Eight persons were arrested and detained and several others were released under bond. Four were charged with public drunkenness, two with drunken driving, and one each with assault and non-support. Two of the eight were white and the ages of the group ranged from 21 to 75 years.

There's more sorrow behind the arrests than appears in the statistics. One defendant had painfully beat his wife, mother of nine children.