

## Funeral Friday For Well-Known Citizen

### C. B. Clark, Sr., Died In Hospital Thursday Noon

Prominent in Business and Civic Affairs Here For Almost Forty Years

Funeral services were conducted in the Church of the Advent here Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock for Claude B. Clark, Sr., prominent business man and community leader, who died in a local hospital at 12:00 o'clock, noon, Thursday. The pastor, the Rev. Thomas L. Hastings, conducted the rites, and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Members of Skewarkey Masonic Lodge served as honorary pall bearers.

Undergoing a major operation back in 1943, Mr. Clark had experienced declining health gradually since that time but continued active until last September 9 when he had a leg amputation. Recovering from that operation, he was thought to be getting along unusually well, continuing an active interest in his drug store and his community. On December 5, he suffered a slight stroke and was removed to a Rocky Mount hospital, transferring to the local hospital a few days later, his condition being critical all the while with no encouraging reports coming from his doctors.

A son of the late J. A. and Julia Whitaker Clark, he was born in Durham 61 years ago on March 31, 1891. He spent his early life there and after completing the Durham public schools he attended and was graduated from the Page School of Pharmacy, Greensboro, coming to Williamston in 1910 after serving his apprenticeship in Greensboro and Durham drug stores. He was associated as a registered druggist with the old firm of Saunders and Fowden for several years before moving to his old home in Durham about 1914. After a stay of several years there, he returned to Williamston and bought an interest in the Saunders and Fowden firm. For more than a quarter century he had owned and operated his own store here with the assistance of one of his sons in recent years.

Mr. Clark was active in every phase of community life down through the years, serving as a member of the Church of the Advent Vestry for a long time, as a member of the local school board for years, and as a member of the town board of commissioners for several terms. He was a charter member of the Williamston Kiwanis Club, and director of the Martin County Building and Loan Association for more than a quarter century. In addition to his unselfish and untiring work as a leader in business, civic and religious affairs, he was active in Masonic circles and in promoting the general interest of his adopted community and supporting the welfare of its people. His was a great devotion for his home and family, and was always willing to render a favor or help anyone in need.

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### New Officers For Farm Life Club

Succeeding Stephen Manning as president, Oscar Roberson was installed as president of the Farm Life Ruritan Club last Tuesday evening, the ceremony climaxed a splendid program. Mr. A. Corey, state official in the organization, made the main address.

Retiring President Manning explained \$60 and \$75 is being distributed among the needy in the community this Christmas season. A certificate, showing outstanding service to the community during the past year, was presented to the club by the national organization. The ninth grade served the Ruritans, and Evan Griffin, a Blue Manning and their boys, assisted by two from Bear Grass, furnished special entertainment.

### DIES IN HOSPITAL



Claude B. Clark, Sr., prominent businessman, died in a local hospital Thursday noon after a long period of declining health. Funeral services were conducted in the Episcopal church Friday afternoon and interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

### Jos. B. Whitaker Died Thursday In A Local Hospital

Funeral Service Held In Pentecostal Holiness Church Saturday

Joseph Blount Whitaker, retired farmer, died in a local hospital Thursday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock following a long period of declining health. Suffering with a heart condition, he had received hospital treatment at intervals over a period of months. Last Wednesday he was taken worse and returned to the hospital for treatment. Following the death of his wife the tenth of last month, his health had worsened rapidly.

Mr. Whitaker was born in Cross Roads Township 73 years ago on August 22, 1878, the son of the late John and Charlie Frances Leggett Whitaker. He lived and farmed there until seven years ago when failing health forced his retirement. Locating in Williamston, he insisted on occupying himself with light tasks and assisted his sons in the operation of their lumber mill until a short time ago.

He was married to Miss Ira Virginia Swain on December 31, 1905, and was a devoted member of the Pentecostal Holiness Church for a number of years.

Surviving are six sons, Earl, Dennis, Archie, R. T. Curtis and Horace Whitaker, all of near Williamston; two daughters, Mrs. (Continued on Page Six)

### Loses Fingers In Freak Accident

Walter Gardner, prominent farmer of Williams Township, lost his fingers and most of two others from his right hand in a freakish accident at his home last Wednesday noon.

A skill saw he was using kicked back and completely sawed off two fingers, leaving only a nub on the index finger and a badly mutilated little finger.

Following treatment in Martin General Hospital, he returned to his home Saturday.

### 1951 FINAL

This issue of The Enterprise is the last of the 1951 series. In keeping with a custom long established and greatly cherished, the publishers will not issue a second edition Christmas week. The next edition is to appear on January 1, 1952.

The entire force joins others in extending best wishes to all this holiday season.

## Release Schedule For Chest X-Ray Survey In County

### Make Plans To X-ray Eighteen Thousand In Effort To Stamp Out TB

A schedule for conducting a mass chest X-ray survey in this county has been released by the Martin County Health Department. Plans have been made to X-ray every person in the county fifteen years of age and older, health leaders expressing the hope that not one less than 18,000 would take advantage of the free check-up.

It has been pointed out that the survey offers a great opportunity to run down and stamp out tuberculosis in the county.

Brought here by the North Carolina State Board of Health in cooperation with the Martin County Health Department, and the Martin County Tuberculosis Association, the four mobile units will be located in just about every community in the county, beginning January 11 and continuing through February 2.

When the first mass survey was made in this county several years ago, the operations were handicapped by adverse weather conditions. With favorable weather in January and early February, the survey should meet with great success. No cost is attached to the service for the individual and to have an X-ray made requires only a minute.

One of the mobile X-ray units will be located in front of the Guaranty Bank and Trust Company building in Williamston from January 11 through February 2 every day except Sunday and Mondays. Another unit will be located at the Public Oil Company's Service Station in Robersonville from January 18 through February 2 except Sundays and Mondays.

The schedule of other stops in the county are:

- Gordon's Tourist Home at West End, January 11.
- Gold Point at R. H. Weaver Store, January 11 and 12.
- Prison Camp (For camp and public), January 12.
- Everetts, January 11 and 12.
- Bear Grass School, January 15 and 16.
- Parmele, January 15 and 16.

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## Higher Postal Rates To Go Into Effect First Of Year

The penny post, a bulwark in the line against inflation, is bowing to the inevitable and will jump to two cents, plus the first of the year when other postal rates climb upward. The action leaves the penny almost without value except for sales taxes and parking meters.

Those who have the penny cards on hand and after January 1 may use them by affixing a one-cent stamp next to the one printed thereon. In addition to the increase of one cent, the cards when purchased in lots of fifty or more will carry a ten percent levy. One may purchase forty-nine cards for 98 cents, but fifty cards will cost him an extra ten percent or \$1.10.

The first class three-cent letter will go at the same old rate, but the drop-letter rate goes to two cents on January 1 for local delivery at offices where city carrier service is not maintained and when such letters are not collected or delivered by rural or star routes.

### APPROVED

A \$406,982.00 bid for widening and improving U. S. Highway 64 from Williamston to the Washington County line was approved by the State Highway and Public Works Commission in a meeting held at Raleigh Thursday. The contract was let to Nello L. Teer Company of Durham.

No report has been released, but it is expected that work on the project will get underway early next year. The contract calls for widening of the 17.3 miles of the 36-foot road to 22 feet, elimination of several bad curves and resurfacing.

### Tourists Enraged Over Paint Scratch On Cars

Two tourists, one from New York and the other from Pennsylvania, almost flung a fit a few days ago when one of them rounded the corner at Main and Haughton Streets and scratched an inch or two of paint off the other's car.

"You had all the highway over there to pass, but you came over here and hit me, you said so," one of the motorists said.

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## James L. Harris Died In Hospital Early Thursday

### Funeral For Prominent Local Business Man Held Friday Afternoon

James Luther Harris, Jr., prominent young Williamston business man, died in a Rocky Mount hospital Thursday morning at 4:00 o'clock. Troubled with high blood pressure at times, he was taken ill on December 1, entering the hospital a short time later for treatment of a heart condition. Although he seemed to improve at times, doctors gave the family and friends very little encouragement. After valiantly fighting for life for three weeks, he declared the fight could not last much longer.

A son of the late James L. and Zena Alice Vick Harris, he was born in Seaboard, Northampton County, 41 years ago on May 5, 1910. He spent his early life there and after completing his schooling at home, he studied at the University of North Carolina, after resigning as a cadet at West Point where he spent a year.

When the Virginia Electric and Power Company opened its offices here, he was an accountant with the company, transferring about five years later in 1937 with the Raleigh Gas Company and making his headquarters in Raleigh and Asheville for several years before going with the Stone and Webster Engineering firm in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

While in Rhode Island he entered the army and was commissioned a lieutenant in July, 1943. He served as captain in the 12th Armored Division and commanded a tank unit in the European theater. Following his discharge from the service in February, 1946, he returned to Williamston and was employed by the North Carolina Pulp Company a short time before going with the Woodard Furniture Company as its manager.

Mr. Harris figured prominently in business activities and had prominent parts in religious and civic circles in the community as a member of the Methodist church and the Lions Club.

He was married December 16, 1937, to Mrs. Eva Harrison who survives with three sons, James Randolph, Thomas Vick and Jerry Woodard Harris; two brothers, Chief Petty Officer Randolph Harris of Pittsburgh and Reid V. Harris of Seaboard; one sister, Mrs. Whit Griffith, of Murfreesboro; a half-sister, Mrs. Charles Sepler, of Lubbock, Texas, and his step-mother, Mrs. J. L. Harris, of Seaboard.

Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. R. E. Walston, assisted by the Rev. John L. Goff, pastor of the local Christian church.

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### Drainage Group Holds Meeting

Holding their first meeting, commissioners of Martin County Drainage District No. 2 last Friday perfected their organization. J. R. Winslow, appointed for a three-year term, was made chairman. Rufus Taylor was appointed for a two-year term while Henry Roberson was named for a one-year term. Mr. Taylor, being with Mr. Roberson in the election, got the longer term by the flip of a coin, it was learned.

The commission members will meet again on Friday, December 28, to discuss advertising for bids on the project which is centered between Highway 64 at Collie Swamp and the railroad running between Parmele and Hassell.

### Continues Critically Ill At Home Of Daughter

Mrs. Amanda Roebuck, widow of the late Sheriff A. L. Roebuck and mother of the late Sheriff C. B. Roebuck, continues critically ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rupert Cowan, on East Main Street here, according to a report coming from her bedside at noon Saturday.

Mrs. Roebuck suffered a stroke earlier in the week, and has been unconscious since that time.

## Tax Authorities Fix Schedule Of Values

### FUNERAL FRIDAY



Funeral services were conducted in the Methodist church here Friday afternoon for Mr. James L. Harris, Jr., former U. S. Army captain, who died in a Rocky Mount hospital early Thursday after a short illness.

### Martin Farmers To Get Lime For Land Next Year

Four Thousand Tons Will Be Made Available During the 1952 Year

The Martin County office of the Production-Marketing Administration will start receiving orders for ground dolomitic limestone in January.

Expected to order a minimum of 2,000 tons of lime, Martin farmers may get a maximum of 4,000 tons, it was learned.

Arrangements for handling the orders and effecting distribution of the material have been completed, farm leaders announced. A Wilson contractor has agreed to move the lime to the farms in bulk at a cost of \$1.85 per ton to the farmer. For an additional \$1.15 or a total cost of \$3.00 to the farmer, the contractor will spread the lime in the fields. There is a five-ton minimum for each farm, reports indicating that there are few farms in the county that will not qualify for at least that much, and that possibly there are few farms that do not need at least five tons of the material.

Under the Soil Conservation program the government is allowing \$3.65 on the cost of the lime, meaning that a ton of the material spread on the farmer's land costs \$6.65 per ton. The government's accepted share of the cost is based at the rate of about \$1.50 per acre times the number of cultivated acres on a farm. In other words, a farmer with thirty cleared acres in cultivation is eligible to receive approximately \$45 for soil-building practices.

Orders placed early in January will be filled possibly a few weeks later or before the spring plantings. Orders, booked later, will hardly be filled until after the 1952 crop harvest.

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### Under Bond For Reckless Driving

Geo. John Jones, alias George Owens, was bound over to the county court Wednesday afternoon when Justice Chas. R. Mobley found probable cause of guilt in the case charging the defendant with careless and reckless driving. Bond was required in the sum of \$500 which was arranged. Jones is to be tried in the county recorder's court January 14. The hearing was held in Williamston.

Jones was driving on U. S. 17 near the Jamesville Highway intersection on the afternoon of December 15 and pulled out of the line of traffic, crashing almost head-on into Farmer N. C. Everett's new Mercury. Mr. Everett was driving into Williamston on the main north-south highway.

Suffering a seven-stitch cut on his nose and chest injuries, Mr. Everett is doing all right.

### GREETINGS

Williamston merchants and other business men are taking time out in this issue of The Enterprise to undergird the well being and happiness of their patrons and other friends with Christmas greetings. Devoid of all commercial intent, the messages are designed to convey a personal and most sincere expression in keeping with the spirit of the season and the great event the whole Christian world pauses to celebrate. Read the little messages with the assurance that they carry hope and cheer and great meaning, without which most of the cherished things in life would be lost.

