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SAM T. HARRISON DIES AT HIS HOME HERE THIS WEEK

Was 82 Years Old; Funeral Held at Home Thursday Afternoon

Sam T. Harrison, 82 years of age, and one of Plymouth's well known and highly respected citizens died at his home here on Madison Street Wednesday morning at 7:30 o'clock, following a prolonged illness.

Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock with Rev. Mr. Clifton officiating. The funeral was largely attended and the floral offerings were very beautiful. Burial was made in the Grace Episcopal church cemetery.

Besides his wife, the deceased is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Johnson Barden, Jof Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Clyde Cahoon, and Miss Sammie Harrison, both of Plymouth.

Mr. Harrison had lived in Plymouth for the greater portion of his life, and was of a fine Christian character. He was well liked by all who knew him and had many friends here and throughout the county.

Mrs. W. W. White Hostess To Methodist Ladies' Aid

Mrs. W. W. White charmingly entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of Pleasant Grove at her beautiful home Wednesday afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock. The president, Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton, presided. Miss Corinne Bell led the devotional exercise, while the minutes of the last meeting and roll call were rendered by Miss Myrtle Tarkenton. Mrs. C. W. Snell gave the financial report.

After the business session a social hour was greatly enjoyed, during which a two-course luncheon was served, consisting of macaroni souffee, crackers, and pickles, and gold fruit punch and cake.

The society will meet with Mrs. T. W. Tarkenton in November.

Swain's Woman Club Holds Regular Meet

Swain's Woman's Club held its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, October 21, at the home of Mrs. N. C. Vail. The meeting was opened by singing the club song. The roll was called by the secretary and three members renewed their membership and one new member was added to the roll.

Miss Covington appointed Mrs. C. E. Swain coming leader to accompany her to the Tarboro Fair to arrange the Washington County exhibits. Following, she gave a demonstration on curtains and draperies. After the business session, the hostess served refreshments that were enjoyed by all.

No Halloween Celebration Planned Here Tomorrow

There will be no Halloween celebration here Saturday night to commemorate the eve of All-Saints Day as is the custom in many towns and cities throughout the land. However, there may be private parties.

Still, no celebration does not mean that witches, ghosts and spookes and other alleged apparitions will not come forth from the hinterlands, hedges and heather to frighten those who venture forth on this night.

Years ago, people used to take their Halloween seriously and it was nothing uncommon for a man to awake in the morning and find his favorite mule or horse painted blue or green. The present day custom is more lenient however, and the occasion is usually celebrated by wearing costumes and playing innocent jokes.

Agent Announces Curb Prices Here for Saturday

Curb market prices for Saturday have been announced as follows: Special for Saturday, young chickens, 20 cents per pound; (producers may sell as many Saturday as they like).

Turnips, 2 1-2 pound bunch	8c
Eggs, per dozen	25c
Ald hens, on foot, pound	20c
Young chicken dressed, not over 1 1-2 pounds, pound	30c
Hens, dressed, all over 1 1-2 lbs. 27c	

No scales used Saturday except curb market scales.

Local Masons To Honor Rev. Edwards Tuesday

Perseverance Masonic Lodge has prepared a special program for Tuesday night of next week in addition to the regular work, in honor of Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, esteemed member, who is expected to be sent to another charge after the Methodist conference meets. Refreshments will be served and a number of speeches will be delivered.

All members of Perseverance Lodge are urged to be present, and all visiting Masons are cordially invited.

Say Peanut Quality Good; Yield Is Poor

MASONIC SERMON

Rev. R. G. L. Edwards, pastor of the Plymouth Methodist church, will preach a Masonic sermon at his church Sunday night, November 1, it was announced here yesterday. Members of the local Masonic lodge will march to the church in a body.

The general public is also cordially invited to attend this service, which is expected to prove very interesting, as well as helpful.

PEANUT PRICES TO BE TOPIC AT MEET TUESDAY

Bankers, Merchants, and Farmers Urged to Go To Murfreesboro

A monster mass meeting has been called for Murfreesboro, at Chowan College, Tuesday, November 3, at 10 o'clock, of peanut growers, merchants, bankers, fertilizer dealers, and others interested in seeing a living price paid for this crop of peanuts, according to an announcement given out this week by Secretary N. G. Bartlett of the Eastern Carolina Chamber of Commerce, the sponsoring organization of this meeting.

The meeting has been called by the sectional organization at the request of merchants, bankers, and peanut growers of the peanut belt of North Carolina. The quality of the peanuts this year is better than it has been in several years, they all say, and the supply on hand of old stock is comparatively nothing, reports have it. Unless the growers get a living price for this crop, disaster is sure to follow.

It is the belief of those familiar with the conditions that if the crop is not rushed on the market, better prices can be had. The meeting at Murfreesboro will have this for the main topic of discussion. Everybody that is interested in keeping the peanut belt prosperous is invited to this meeting. The meeting is not being called to try to organize a cooperative marketing association. It is called to formulate definite plans and will get immediate results. This is a time when the cooperation of every patriotic citizen is needed and is sought.

Roper Missionary Society In Meeting Wednesday

Roper, Oct. 26.—Mrs. W. S. Davenport was hostess to the Roper Circuit Missionary Society on Wednesday afternoon of last week. Mrs. J. Bascom Hurley led the devotional, and Mrs. A. R. Hooker presented a leaflet on "World Occurrences in Africa." Mrs. W. S. Davenport read "Building Walls Through the Week of Prayer." The society is planning to observe the week of prayer at the home of Mrs. J. Bascom Hurley on Thursday, November 5, at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. W. B. Davenport was received as a new member to the society. At the conclusion of the business session, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

Westover Farmer Hurt By Freight Train Wednesday

Sam Ange, a farmer of the Westover community, was badly cut and bruised about the head about 3:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when he walked into a moving freight train on the Norfolk Southern Railway near his home. The train stopped and picked Mr. Ange up and brought him to Plymouth, where medical attention was received.

Only meager details could be learned concerning the accident. Just why Mr. Ange walked into the train, or why he was not fatally injured is not known.

Elected Secretary Student Government Body at Salem

Miss Louise Brinkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul W. Brinkley, of Plymouth, was awarded a position of important student trust in the recent elections of the Student Government Council. Miss Brinkley was elected secretary.

Salem College has long been a pioneer in student self-government, constantly stressing the absolute personal responsibility which is implied by the term "self-government."

The representative officers are chosen by a student vote, and this procedure is conducted with all the dignity and solemnity of a thoroughly formal student election occasion.

DO NOT BELIEVE CROP IS LARGE AS FIRST REPORTED

Say Yield Will Not Average More Than 8 or 9 Bags Per Acre

Several farmers in Washington County are taking issue with the story published in last week's Roanoke Beacon, in which it was stated that Washington County was harvesting one of the biggest peanut crops raised during the past five years. However, the Beacon published the article last week in good faith, having been informed by various people that there was a big crop of peanuts.

But since the publication of the last week's story, several Washington County farmers have informed the writer to the contrary.

J. T. McAllister, of Roper, N. C., wrote us the following letter: "Dear sir: With reference to your statement in the Beacon under date of October 23, 1931, in regard to a large crop of peanuts in Washington County this year, I beg to differ with you and peanut buyers.

"I have been growing peanuts in Washington County for 40 years and now picking on my farm and also my neighbors around me are picking. We are only making an average of 15 bags per acre on our best improved land. This would tend to show that on a county average, the yield would not exceed 8 or 9 bags an acre. In my opinion, this is no bumper crop."

E. H. Liverman, local merchant, who operates a farm, informed the Beacon today that he did not have any bumper crop this year. Mr. Liverman stated that the quality of his peanuts was good but that the quantity was not large.

A number of other farmers have also informed the writer that the quality of their peanuts was good this year, but that the yield was far from being large.

Several farmers have also suggested that in their opinion it will not be the wise thing for the peanut farmers to dump all of their crop on the present market. They are of the opinion that the farmers will get a better price for their peas if they hold them back and put them on the market gradually.

A. L. Owens, one of Plymouth's best known citizens, who operates several farms, informed the Beacon that the quality of his peanut crop was good, but that the yield was only fair. Mr. Owens stated that he believed it would be best if all the farmers who could would hold their peanuts and put them on the market gradually. By doing this, he stated that he believed the farmers would get a better price than by dumping them all on the market at one time.

Basketball Team Organized By Creswell School Girls

The Creswell girls have organized a basketball team for the coming season under the leadership of Coach L. B. Farabee. The officers elected were: Captain, Annie Spear; manager, Minnie Furlough; assistant captain, Myra Gibbs; assistant manager, Blanche Spear. The schedule of games has not yet been arranged, but practice games will start immediately. The prospects for a team are very good, as there is much promising material among the high school students.

Hallowe'en Carnival

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the local M. E. Church, South, will give a Hallowe'en carnival Friday evening from 8 to 10:30, in Dr. McGowan's old office building in front of the post office. A small admission price will be charged, and an evening chock full of entertainment is furnished you once you get inside. Aside from the amusements, which will include bobbing for the apples and free fortunes, and other concessions, there will be booths from which home-made candies, cakes, and peanuts, ice cream, and other sweets will be sold.

The receipts will go toward the pipe organ fund.

Suffers Injury To Hip In Fall Here Last Monday

Bill Norton, manager of White's store here, was badly hurt Monday morning when he fell from a ledge in the store where he was arranging the display of merchandise. His hip bone was knocked out of place.

He has been confined to his room ever since, but he is getting along as well as could be expected. A Mr. Davenport, of Greenville, is relieving Mr. Norton at the store.

SUPERIOR COURT BEGAN MONDAY FOR CIVIL CASES

Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, Presiding; Will Finish Work Today

October civil court convened here Monday morning with Judge Henry A. Grady, of Clinton, presiding. The first case called for trial was Eastern Cotton Oil Company vs. A. L. Alexander, et al. This case involved an action in which the plaintiff sought to recover judgment against the defendants.

This case was hard fought, consuming Monday and Tuesday. The plaintiff was represented by Attorneys Whedbee, of Hertford, and W. L. Whitley. The defendants were represented by Attorneys Edward L. Owens and H. S. Ward, of Washington.

This case was finally continued to be tried at a later date by Judge Grady following the jury's verdict, returned late Tuesday afternoon.

Late Wednesday afternoon motion was made by the Virginia Electric & Power Company and Stone & Webster Engineering Corporation, defendants, through their counsel, Attorney Zeb Vance Norman, to remove the cases to another county for purpose of trial. The numerous plaintiffs, through their lawyers, Edward L. Owens and H. S. Ward, offered affidavits to the court showing cause why the same should not be removed from Washington County, and Judge Grady ruled in favor of the plaintiffs.

It is expected that the docket will be cleaned up today and court will probably adjourn late this afternoon.

TEACHERS AND PARENTS MEET AT CRESWELL

First Meeting of Current Term Held Friday Night Of Last Week

The Creswell Parent-Teacher Association held its first meeting of the school year in the high school auditorium Friday night, October 23rd. Rev. C. E. Williams conducted the devotional after which the business of the evening was taken up. The Parent-Teacher Association is offering a valuable picture as an award to the grade having the largest percentage of parents present at each meeting.

After completing the business, the president, Mrs. H. G. Walker, turned the meeting over to the program committee. The chairman, Mrs. R. T. Hopkins, explained the seven objectives of the program outlined for the year. A very interesting and worthwhile series of programs is planned.

Mr. C. H. Aderholdt, the principal, gave a talk on "What Parent Education Is All About," which was both instructive and entertaining. Mr. Winstead sang a solo, and the new teachers and principal were introduced to the audience by Mr. R. L. Litchfield.

A large number of parents and interested citizens were present at this meeting. The Parent-Teacher Association in the Creswell school is unusually active, supporting the school in every worthy enterprise it undertakes. A very successful year seems to be in store for the school with the association aiding in every way it can. The next meeting will be held Friday night, November 13th, at which an even larger number of members is hoped for.

Birthday Party

Little Miss Priscilla Ann Lyon was a gracious hostess on Tuesday afternoon, when she delightfully entertained a number of her friends at a party celebrating her fourth birthday.

The little folk gathered on the lawn and spacious veranda of the Lyon home and for an hour enjoyed outdoor games and contests, then they repaired to the dining room, which was attractively decorated suggestive of the Hallowe'en season. The dining table was covered with a banquet cloth and centered with a beautiful white birthday cake, upon which burned four tiny candles, whose mellow glow joined that of several yellow and black tapers lighted elsewhere in the room. At each place were tiny favors, candy-lollipops, representing witches.

After feasting on ice cream molded in little pumpkins and chocolate block cake, the guests then presented the hostess with a big pumpkin filled with a gift from each of the 31 guests present.

Program of Services At Episcopal Church

The Rev. A. H. Marshall, rector, announces that the following services will be held in Grace Episcopal church here Sunday, November 1: Sunday school, 10 a. m. Holy Communion and sermon, 11 a. m.

County Exhibit Wins First Prize at Coastal Plain Fair

CLUB MEMBER TELLS HOW YARD CONTEST HELPED

Definite Plan in Making Improvements Is One Of Requisites

By Mrs. CLINT TARKINGTON

I have worked hard to have my yard one of beauty, a resting place for my family and friends, and the passer-by, and especially one that would give pleasure and happiness.

It seems to me that the ideal setting for true home life is the detached house with some space around it. Again, we can not expect an attractive home without exercising some effort. Most people make their home the center of their social life, and spend most of their leisure hours there. This being true, we should try to make our home and its surroundings just as attractive as possible.

With the aid of our demonstration agent, Miss Pratt Covington, who so kindly and willingly came to my assistance, I have worked toward a definite goal. And right here that is one thing I want to especially stress; be sure you follow a definite plan in planting your yard, unless you do your yard will look like a patch-work quilt.

I have completed my plan as near as possible. I moved my fence, which gave my yard added spaciousness. Around the two back sides of the yard I planted a hedge of dogwood, cedar, spirea, an hydrangia to break the view from the outhouses in the rear. I then removed the fence in front of my yard and set out a hedge of privet. I moved all of my shrubbery and had a driveway paved leading to the garage. I had the steps cemented and had hauled in 35 loads of soil before planting my grass seeds. One old outbuilding was moved, four trees cut down and five stumps dug up. Next, I had the house, garage, meat house, and lawn and porch furniture painted. The underpinning was completed, which added a wonderful improvement.

I bought some shrubs and got many native shrubs from near-by woods to complete my planting. I purchased one bird bath, four urns, one pergola, and one double lawn swing at very little cost. With a little help I put a tree bench around a tree on the side of the lawn where I wanted my outdoor living room (right here I found that I made a mistake in selecting the place for my outdoor living room; the outdoor living room should be on the opposite side of the house to the driveway and not on the same side). I also added two rustic lawn seats, several benches, ten flower stands, several porch and window boxes and one bird house. Two iron trellises were put up on each side of the house with American Beauty and Dorothy Perkins roses to furnish shade.

I have not just worked for the prize, but I realize the wealth of happiness to be derived from a pretty yard. The attractiveness of a yard lends an example to all who may pass, and that has been my goal in planting my yard. "With the fragrance of my flowers, and the melody of the little birds," I feel I have a prize to look forward to each day of the year.

Mrs. Lyons Hostess

Mrs. Zeno Lyons was a gracious hostess on Wednesday afternoon when she delightfully entertained the members of her bridge club at her home on West Main Street. The residence was beautifully decorated with bright colored autumn forming the immediate background for the tables appointed for the game, while zennias, late roses and other summer flowers were artistically arranged elsewhere in the room.

After many interesting progressions scores were added and Mrs. J. Lloyd Horton, holding high score, was awarded an attractive box of dusting powder as a prize.

At the conclusion of the game, the hostess was assisted in serving a delicious salad plate consisting of congealed salad, sandwiches, pigs-in-blankets, saltines, mints and hot coffee.

Special guests to the club were Mrs. Z. V. Norman and Miss Martha Horton.

Young Son of Mr. and Mrs. Whitley Is Hurt

Wilford Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Whitley here, suffered a cracked collar bone last Saturday afternoon when he was tripped and fell while playing circus at the home of James H. Ward. Medical attention was rendered by a local physician and Wilford is getting along as well as could be expected.

Think You're Not Lucky? Look at This

Coming into this section last Friday, to buy chickens and eggs, O. G. Loftin, Portsmouth produce man, met with a series of adverse circumstances. The man had loaded his small truck with chickens and was several miles out of Washington when he saw a new Ford car, driven by the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hardison, of Martin county, turn over. The car was resting bottom side up with the radiator and front wheels just off the concrete roadway headed toward the woods. Mr. Loftin drove up close to the overturned machine, but did not drive off the hard surface, later stating that he stopped his car on the road so the lights would shine on the wrecked car and its four occupants, all young people of this county.

Mr. Loftin, with several other travelers, righted the car after the young people crawled out, and was returning to his small truck when J. R. Campbell, also of Martin county, drove his Essex car with full force into the rear of the small truck, sending it down the road 50 or 75 yards. Mr. Loftin was making ready to get in his truck when the car struck it, knocking him down and breaking his arm.

Luck was against him from then on. A coop of chickens was stolen. At Washington hospital he was charged \$55. During the night he declared some one removed \$85 from his pockets. Leaving the hospital late Saturday afternoon, Loftin was stopped and relieved of his chickens under papers issued by Campbell in an effort to recover damages to his Essex car.

WILSON COLLEGE WILL CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OCT. 31

Alumni of Atlantic Christian College Planning for Imposing Demonstration

Wilson, Oct. 28.—Atlantic Christian College of this city, only college in North Carolina of the Disciples of Christ, will celebrate its thirtieth year here on Saturday, October 31.

The alumni association, under the direction of C. Bonner Jefferson, president, is planning the largest homecoming in the history of the institution. Out of three thousand alumni scattered over the 48 States of the United States and many countries of the world, over 500 are expected to attend the celebration at the college.

An interesting program has been arranged, including an address by Mr. Felix A. Grissette, director of the alumni loyalty fund of the University of North Carolina. An unique idea will be an old-fashioned barbecue and picnic dinner spread on the campus grounds at 1 o'clock. The program, beginning at 11 o'clock in the morning will also include regular chapel hour, at which the student body will participate, entertainment by the college glee club, which has created wide attention with its broadcasts over radio station WPTF, Raleigh, N. C., short talks by alumni, soccer football games between the Hesperian and Altheian literary societies, and other sports. Between the hours of 4 and 5 p. m., the dormitories, which were completely renovated during the summer months, will be open to public inspection. Social organizations of the school are planning special entertainment for their members.

The day will be one of gala events, as never have been known at the small college before. Grads from even the first graduating class, when the institution was no more than a prep school, are expected to return and renew old acquaintances. With the alumni and student body the gathering could be no more colorful if it boasted a powerful football team primed to tackle a Notre Dame eleven. Many surprises await old grads as they return on this day of days at Atlantic Christian College.

Mission Services To Be Held at Creswell Church

Creswell, Oct. 29.—The Rev. C. F. Huske, of Kinston, will be the speaker at the mission services which will be conducted at Christ Episcopal church during the week of November 1 to 8.

THREE PROJECTS ARE DISPLAYED BY CLUB WOMEN

Washington, Smallest of 7 Counties Competing, Is Named Winner

The three project booths put on at the Tarboro district fair this week by the home demonstration clubs of Washington County under the supervision of Miss Pratt Covington, home agent, was awarded the first prize, this being the first time Washington County has ever won one of the bigger prizes. Seven counties in the district were competing for this prize, including Nash, Edgecombe, Beaufort, Pitt, Martin and Halifax Counties. Washington County was the smallest in the district.

The three projects displayed by Washington County were house furnishing, yard improvement, and canning.

In the house furnishing booth the program of work for the year was stressed. An attractive mantle was arranged correctly, pictures correctly hung, curtains were hung stressing the lessons in the clubs on curtain hanging, and an interesting group of reconstructed furniture arranged for conversation, reading, or writing. Posters in design and color to harmonize with the furnishings, added just the right effect to offset the entire booth.

The second project was carried out by a miniature farm with all outbuildings painted alike. The farm yard showed well planned and planted lawns with proper planting. The miniature farm home was lighted and a poster on the blue wall just back of the booth was lighted with a blinking light to attract the eye to a guide for proper planning of the home grounds. This booth attracted considerable attention.

The third project stressed in detail the canning project put on in the county during the past summer. Posters, telling about the number of quarts of fruits and vegetables canned by the club women with articles published in the county paper told the story about this project. A display of canned products labeled, represented the surplus fruits and vegetables offered for sale on the curb market. Another group of canned goods had a poster in front of it showing that this group represented products used at home. Canning equipment with state bulletins about canning were seen on the opposite side of this booth. A poster told how many outfits of this kind had been bought in Washington County this year.

The three booths were draped in yellow and blue paper. A blue sky for the yard improvement booth was made with blue crepe paper and made the proper background for such an arrangement. The walls in the house furnishing booth were painted cream and matched exactly the cream background in the window draperies. The canning booth was pretty in yellow paper with a touch of blue. The color effect in the three booths harmonized perfectly.

Mrs. Clint Everett, Mrs. Edgar Swain, Mrs. George Bowen, and Mrs. Charlie Bowen, prize winners in the various projects carried out this year in the clubs, represented the county in helping the home agent put up the exhibits. The money won as first prize will be used to send prize winners in next year's projects to the State Short Course in Raleigh.

Pleasant Grove Woman's Club in Regular Meeting

The Pleasant Grove Woman's Club met at the home of Mrs. A. J. Barnes Tuesday afternoon, with Mrs. Barnes and Miss Mabel Barnes as joint hostesses.

Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton presided over the meeting. The minutes and roll call were read by Mrs. Dennis Chesson, after which Miss Pratt Covington gave a splendid demonstration on window draperies, showing some of the most beautiful samples, with matching pictures for each room in the home.

An interesting program was enjoyed. A comic poem was read by Miss Jamie Riddick. An original paper on "What We Get Out of Our Club Meetings" was read by Mrs. W. B. Chesson, and a very enjoyable magazine contest was sponsored by Mrs. J. C. Tarkenton. Mrs. J. E. Davenport and Mrs. W. B. Chesson won the prize, a lovely picture.

It was believed that this was the best meeting, with the largest attendance, the Pleasant Grove Woman's Club has ever had. A real social hour was enjoyed and a delicious sweet course was served with refreshing home made grape juice. The next meeting will be with Mrs. T. B. Bell.