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## ROPER BOY DIES RESULT OF BEING STRUCK BY AUTO

Wilbur Sexton, 13, Fatally Injured in Accident Last Saturday Morning

Funeral services were held Sunday at Holly Neck Christian church for Wilbur Sexton, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Sexton, of Roper, who was fatally injured when an automobile operated by H. C. Lawrence, of New Bern, struck the youth as he leaped from a cart in front of his home Saturday morning.

Rev. M. L. Ambrose, of the Christian church, officiated. A large crowd attended. Interment took place in the cemetery adjoining the Holly Neck church yard. Pall-bearers were Leon Spruill, Aubrey Dixon, Gordon Chesson, Joe Nowarah, jr., Bobby Furlough, Phillip Edwards. There were 10 flower bearers.

The lad was in the cart of J. L. Knowles, when he leaped out to run into the house to tell his parents that he was going to work with Mr. Knowles. The car behind the cart hit the youth, and Mr. Lawrence took him to a Washington hospital, where the lad died as he was being examined.

The parents are understood to have exonerated Mr. Lawrence of any responsibility in the tragedy, labeling the affair as an unavoidable accident.

## FINAL RITES FOR MRS. JAS. H. SMITH HELD LAST WEEK

Conducted in Episcopal Church Last Tuesday by Rev. Mr. Matthews

Funeral services were held in Grace Episcopal church here by the rector, the Rev. Sidney E. Matthews Tuesday afternoon for Mrs. James H. Smith, sr.

Mrs. Smith was born October 1, 1867, the daughter of Jesse Powell Hilliard, of Hilliardston, Nash County, and Carrie Belinda Garrett, of Washington County. Her girlhood was spent at Hilliardston in Nash County and "Island Home," in Washington County. At the age of 18, after the death of her mother, she came to live in Plymouth and was married to James H. Smith at the age of 23.

She was a devoted member of Grace Episcopal church and was an honorary member of the Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a descendant of prominent Colonial stock of Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina, being the tenth direct descendant of Major John Hilliard, who came from England with Lord Baltimore's colony and settled in the Province of Maryland in 1635. She was also the great-great-granddaughter of Captain Isaac Hilliard, of Revolutionary fame, and of Nathan Boddie, of Nash County, who was a member of the Provincial Congress that met in Halifax in 1776 and also member of the committee of safety from Edgecombe.

On her maternal side was the granddaughter of Major Alfred Garrett, of Washington County, and great-great-granddaughter of Daniel Garrett, who came from France and settled in Tyrrell County.

She is survived by her husband, one son, James Hilliard Smith, of Goldsboro; five daughters, Mrs. Sidney A. Ward, Mrs. Robert W. Johnston, Mrs. C. W. Cahoon, Mrs. Corinne S. Austin, of Plymouth; Miss Carrie Smith, of Tallahassee, Fla., one brother, Jesse Peace Hilliard, of Norfolk; one sister, Mrs. W. T. Spruill, of Roper; two half-brothers, W. C. Hilliard, Sidney P. Hilliard, of Norfolk; and six grandchildren.

Among those from out of town attending the funeral were Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, Mrs. S. Rome Biggs, Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mrs. T. S. Critcher, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Parker, of Williamston; Mrs. Haywood Hyman, Miss Mavis Thigpen and Charlie Hale, Scotland Neck; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Boney, J. P. Hilliard and Mrs. Doris Owens Parrish, of Norfolk; Mrs. John Phelps, Mrs. Walter Peal, and Mrs. Walter Starr, of Creswell; Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Spence, and Mrs. Forrest, of Goldsboro; and numerous friends from Roper and Maceys.

Union County farmers are going to more expense to earn their soil building allowances than they will receive in payments yet they feel the final results will more than justify the expense.

## Pulp Mill Regarded as Certain To Be Located Near Plymouth

No further information was forthcoming today as to the location of a plant here by the Kieckhefer Container Company. Zeb Vance Norman, local counsel, who is serving the company, is maintaining silence and would not hint at the progress made in negotiations.

However, it is reported that a local contractor has been approached about supplies for building; a story out of Atlanta, Ga., states that the plant will land here; W. O. Saunders, of Elizabeth City, here Saturday, told of the inside information

that he secured while in Norfolk from company officials which leads him to believe that this will be the place.

Many here do not believe that the odor usually accompanying a paper plant will come from the pulp plant that is proposed for Plymouth, as the product here will be made from pine and not old rags, as is the case in some plants. Pine, even in decomposition, does not smell, they say. No chemicals are expected to be used that will produce an offensive odor.

## Farm Notes

By W. V. HAYS, County Agent

The forms or applications for payment to be made to cooperation growers who participate in the 1936 soil conservation program will be received Friday and Saturday of this week at the following places:

Plymouth Township will go to the county office at the courthouse. Lees Mill Township will make application at the exchange office.

Skinner'sville Township applications will be signed at Pritchard's or Snell's old store at the foot of the Pea Ridge road.

Scuppernong Township will make application at Mr. Combs' office in Creswell.

These voucher forms must be executed or signed by both landlord and tenant who expect to receive payment. Tenant's signature must be made on these forms where tenants operated and share in the benefit payments, otherwise payment will be held up indefinitely. Those who do not make application or sign these vouchers on Friday and Saturday of this week may do so at the county office not later than December 19.

Those who are planning to plant an acre to cucumbers for pickling purposes should remember that cucumbers will come under the general soil-depleting base such as Irish potatoes and May peas and this should be taken into consideration when planting the next year's crop so as to be able to qualify and receive maximum benefits under the soil conservation program.

At this season of the year the damage done by worms and parasites in poultry and other livestock becomes very obvious in most of our flocks and herds. Almost every day we are asked for a remedy for this trouble in both poultry and young livestock. The best way to handle a situation of this kind is sanitation, or preventative measures, in handling young poultry and animals. Treatments for these troubles may be more or less effective, but at the same time leave a stunted, runty, or debilitated animal or bird.

I believe the time will come when permanent pastures will not be recommended generally for farmers. This is not done now for poultry, pigs, lambs, nor calves, and as the number of our livestock population increases most likely we will have trouble with our older animals.

On Tuesday, December 8, at 7:30 o'clock at the courthouse we will have a pig school. At this meeting Mr. H. W. Taylor, swine specialist of the extension service, will talk on growing pigs and swine sanitation and use two series of movies to illustrate this lecture. These are very good pictures, and I am sure will be enjoyed by every farmer in the county. At this meeting we will probably have the president and secretary of the N. C. Farm Bureau, who will also talk to Washington County farmers on organization for farmers and the benefits they may expect to receive when properly organized.

Soy bean prices have started off considerably better than opening prices were last year. With the continuation of our farm program the demand for soy bean seed to be used in planting soil conserving crops will be much heavier and we should have an increase of prices as the season advances. Mills and jobbers put a swift one over on us last year by buying our best seed early and selling these seed to our usual customers at profitable prices. Good soy bean seed will move almost any time from now on and as the season advances these seed should command very good prices.

At this time there is a demand for black walnuts. This is the proper season for planting walnuts for seedlings, or where we wish trees to stand. At least two select walnuts

## Warden S. F. Darden Urges Protection of Forest and Wild Life

"Let's Prevent Costly Fires in Washington County" Is Warden's Appeal

"Forest fires do as much to decrease game and to cause mounting losses in money each year as any other enemy of mankind, and I want to warn the people of Washington County to hold this monster in check," said S. F. Darden, Washington County forest fire warden.

"The quail is the greatest natural enemy of the boll weevil. Woods burning destroys the nests and young of this bird. Forest fires occur at their worst intensity when ground birds are mating.

"Burning destroys the natural cover for deer and other large animals and they will not stay in burned areas. It is impossible to track animals in burned areas as the dogs can not follow the trail. Fire destroys the food for game.

"Mature timber is damaged to the extent that both quality and quantity are reduced. The vitality of trees is reduced and scars are left by fires subjecting them to greater insect and disease damage. Great quantities of fuel wood are destroyed.

"Young timber is destroyed outright thereby reducing the future supply of timber, causing timber shortages and high prices. Fire impoverishes the soil by destroying the leaf cover which is a natural fertilizer. And in the end, fire reduces revenue to the county and state by lowering the value of taxable property.

"Let's prevent forest fires," says Mr. Darden.

## Number Cases Are Tried by Recorder

Bennie Clark and Leamon Spruill, with Clark getting three months on the roads, suspended upon payment of \$25 and costs; with Spruill getting one month suspended upon the payment of the costs. Clark was said to have assaulted Spruill with a knife.

James A. Brown, alias Porkchop Brown, was acquitted of any charges but agreed to provide for his wife. He left or told her to leave when, after being married about three months, he contracted a venereal disease, allegedly from her.

Cedric M. Davenport, 27, white, charged with operating a motor truck on highway recklessly and with not giving the traffic signal when stopping, was assessed with the costs, and then Raymond Ambrose, white, 19, charged with reckless driving in the same case, was assessed the cost but noted an appeal.

Vance Satterthwaite, 37, white, farmer, pleaded not guilty to a case of assaulting Walter C. Moore with a beer bottle on election night. However, he entered a plea of guilty to simple assault, and 30 days on the roads was suspended upon payment of costs and good behavior.

Robert Simpson, charged with assaulting Graham Harrington with a brick, was given three months on the roads. Simpson was also said to have obtained 20 cents a shoe shine in change for 25 cents, but never turned the 25 cents over to Harrington and kept the 20 cents and never paid for the shine.

LeeRoy (Bud) Sherrod, 21, colored, laborer, was found not guilty of stealing a pistol from the home of John Nurney.

## P. H. ROBERTS, JR. TO BE MANAGER VIRGINIA PLANT

Judson Bateman, of Washington, To Manage New Pickle Plant Here

Change in personnel of the local unit will not affect the plans for Plymouth's cucumber pickle plant, according to information reaching here today.

P. H. Roberts, jr., who was sent here several weeks ago by the C. C. Lang Company to open the local plant has been transferred to Milford, Va., to take the place of the manager there who is retiring, while Judson Bateman, of Washington, N. C., has been transferred to Plymouth.

In the meantime a defect in the drawing of the deed is not hindering plans that will soon see the start of the arrangement of 75 tanks 8 feet high and 12 feet in diameter on the property on Brinkley Avenue, opposite the old tobacco warehouse.

In addition to the tanks, it is hoped that work can be started on the building, measuring 103 by 75 feet, which, it is thought, will be made of brick, to serve as a receiving depot; and later a salt house will be added. It is not known what expense the building program will involve.

Farmers are urged by Mr. Bateman to come in at once to sign their contracts. All they have done heretofore is to pledge their acreage to Mr. Roberts, but now the blank contracts are here to be signed so that the company can proceed on a definite basis with the acreage.

It is hoped by officials that 800 acres can be secured for the local plant. Pickling is to start June 1 and shipping the middle of August. About 21 persons will be employed the year 'round with the employees being doubled during rush season. It is estimated that \$100,000 or more will be spent a year here by this firm.

If the acreage can be secured it is hoped to have this plant larger than the one in Elizabeth City, and the manager of the Elizabeth City plant, L. H. Roberts, may be transferred in the future to the Plymouth branch. P. H. Roberts, in leaving, thanked the people for their cooperation while here.

## "Ladies in Love" At New Theatre

With the most exciting and brilliant star combination ever to appear in one picture "Ladies in Love" opens Monday and Tuesday, December 7-8, at the New Theatre, a bitersweet romance of four lonesome, lovely ladies, and their adventures in search of love.

A quartet of Hollywood's most famous feminine personalities, Janet Gaynor, Loretta Young, Constance Bennett, and Simone Simon, appear in the film.

Of the four lovely ladies, one gambles for love and loses, one gambles and wins, one asks for love and gets it, love asks for the fourth—too late.

These four famous feminine screen favorites introduce four exciting new techniques for romance in "Ladies in Love," which promises to be one of the year's outstanding triumphs.—Press Agent.

## Expect Statement On Mill Next Week

An unofficial statement in connection with the proposed location of a one and a half million dollar pulp mill on the Lucas farm, near Plymouth, is expected the early part of next week, it was learned Thursday afternoon, following a conference of Kieckhefer Container Company officials with Messrs. Z. V. Norman and W. R. Hampton, local men.

The company officials, F. A. White and Mr. Walker, Mr. Frye, construction engineer, and Messrs. Hampton and Norman left Thursday afternoon for Raleigh, where they will discuss matters in connection with locating the plant with various state department heads, it was unofficially learned.

## Special Services Held in Creswell

A community Thanksgiving service was held in the Creswell Methodist Episcopal church, South, with Rev. O. L. Easter, pastor of the M. E. Church, in charge. A poem was read by Roger Davenport. Rev. John Hardy delivered the sermon.

## About Town

Elmer Roberson left Wednesday for Fortress Monroe after spending the week-end with his mother, Mrs. Walter Roberson, in the Pleasant Grove section. Recently he was promoted from a "buck private" to first class private in the army. His ambitions are to continue in the army until he reaches the top.

Top notchers in business are not as assuming as some believe, according to W. L. Whitley, local attorney, who in his profession has had the opportunity of meeting numbers of big men in the business world. "Generally they are unassuming, polite and friendly," says Mr. Whitley. Not long ago an executive of a Toledo bank was in this section and his unassuming manner reflected the personality that enabled him to climb to the heights in business.

A. W. Ambrose of the Cherry section of this county, was here last Friday and reported that farmers in his section would have a fairly good crop yield, as a whole, this year. Mr. Ambrose has been living on his present farm for 56 years.

Walter R. Clark is here with his father, Mr. W. H. Clark, engaged in the peanut business. The son at one time operated a candy shop in New York and Williamston, but has returned home to be with his parents. He made many friends while in business for himself.

There are now 71 look-out towers in North Carolina (like the one near Plymouth) under the supervision of the State Forest Fire Service, and this number does not include the towers and look out houses used in the national park service for the protection of national forests and lands," said S. F. Darden, Washington County game warden.

Rev. N. L. Gupton, of Pinetops, will preach in Mount Zion church Saturday and Sunday. All are invited.

North Carolina workers or their dependents in seven years have received \$6,500,000 in compensation benefits, plus \$3,250,000 in medical, hospital, and nursing care, or a total of \$9,747,775 in all benefits, under the Workmen's Compensation act, according to the fourth biennial report of the State Industrial Commission.

Fifty houses will be needed here to care for the employees of the pulp plant should it be located here. Abe Adler and others are interested in building if the plans include location of the plant here. It is authoritatively understood that this firm will not colonize and will not build any houses for their workers. This responsibility will rest upon the shoulders of real-estate investors here.

## Announces Series Special Sermons

"If the marriage tie is weak, the home will rest upon a weak foundation as our whole social order stands or falls with the home," said Rev. N. A. Taylor, pastor of the Plymouth Christian church, as he announced a series of seven sermons to be delivered on this theme.

"The home is either the saviour or the destroyer of civilization. This being true, the next seven Sunday evening services at the Christian church should be important," continued the minister.

Sunday, December 6, "Causes of Unsuccessful Marriage"; December 13, "A Gift From Heaven"; December 20, "The Parents"; December 27, "The Daughter"; January 3, "The Son"; January 10, "In-Laws"; January 17, "Old Folks."

## Mrs. M.F. Davenport Passes at Creswell

Mrs. M. F. Davenport, 55, died at her Creswell home Friday after a lingering illness. Last rites were held in the Scuppernong Christian church with Dr. G. A. Martin, Baptist minister, officiating. Interment took place in the adjoining cemetery.

Surviving are her husband, a daughter, Mrs. Joe Etheridge, South Mills; four sons, M. B. Davenport, Norfolk; W. A. Davenport, Morehead City; H. S. and P. S. Davenport, of Creswell; brothers, Eddie Gray and Lozer Gray, Edenton.

## Mrs. W. C. Brewer Now With W P A In Winston-Salem

Was Connected with Work In This County During Past Seven Years

Information has been received here stating that Mrs. W. C. Brewer, for seven years connected with welfare work in Washington County, has been employed in the organization of the WPA in Winston-Salem where the family lived before coming here years ago.

The cause of the dismissal of Mrs. W. C. Brewer from this WPA district is not clear. But it is her opinion that Mr. Wallace, district administrator, is not to blame and had nothing to do with it. However, since this is true she has landed a job up the state.

A statement by Mrs. Brewer to the press reads, as follows: "I loved the work here and have given my very best service through these trying years. I feel very grateful for recommendations from people here and elsewhere whose efforts opened the way for the new position.

"I have never met kindness anywhere or a more generous-hearted people than those living right here, and it is with sorrow that I say good-bye and God bless everyone of you."

Mr. Brewer with the family is remaining here for a while where he is employed at the Burgess Shoe and Clothing Store. He will join his wife about the first of the year or probably he will await the close of the schools next spring.

Miss Ella Mae Gaylord, with headquarters in Williamston, and who is serving as supervisor of the sewing rooms of Martin County, has been placed in charge of this department of the WPA work in this county.

## WILL JACKSON, 45, IS BADLY HURT IN AUTO COLLISION

Arm Amputated at Rocky Mt. Hospital; Accident Occurred Wednesday

A telephone call from a Rocky Mount hospital to relatives in Plymouth today advised that Will Jackson, 45, who was seriously injured when a motor vehicle he was driving and a truck operated by Bill Davenport, young man of Washington, N. C., collided Wednesday just over the Martin County line from Plymouth, was still in a critical condition.

One arm that was crushed in the wreck, had been amputated. Body injuries were painful as well. Consciousness returned to him at intervals during Wednesday night and physicians admit that his condition is very critical. Young Davenport escaped with minor injuries. Mr. Jackson is well known here.

Causes of the wreck have not been determined by official investigators, but it is known that it took place in the broad daylight.

## Mrs. Clyde Patrick Rites Held Sunday

Funeral services were conducted Sunday for Mrs. Clyde Patrick, 39, who died of heart failure. Services were conducted at Scuppernong Christian church, with Rev. N. A. Taylor, of Plymouth, and Dr. G. A. Martin, Creswell, officiating. Interment was in the adjoining cemetery.

Surviving are a husband, one daughter, Eulalee; three sons, Russell, John and Clyde, jr., Skippersville; father, J. T. Liverman, Conway; three brothers, E. H. Liverman, Plymouth; L. W. Liverman, Scuppernong; Joe Liverman, Creswell; sisters, Mrs. Wayne Cook, of Maceys; Mrs. Phillip Syrax, Norfolk; aunt, Mrs. W. T. Phelps, Creswell.

## Bishop Darst To Be Here Tuesday, 8th

Rev. Thomas C. Darst, bishop of the Diocese of Eastern North Carolina, from Wilmington, will speak at the Grace Episcopal church at 8 p. m., Tuesday, December 8. This will be the regular visitation of the bishop and a confirmation class will be held. The public is urged to attend.

## CHRISTMAS JOY FUND SPONSORED BY LEGION POST

Bags and Baskets To Be Distributed by Santa Here on 24th

The James E. Jethro post of the American Legion is sponsoring a Christmas Joy Fund this year for the poor children of Washington County.

Despite the fact that the depression is fading into prosperity there are still families in Washington County, who will not be able to provide things that go to make Christmas a happy occasion. Knowing this the American Legion has launched its joy fund campaign.

Receipts have been placed in pool rooms, drug stores, cafes, and other public places for receiving the contributions. If you prefer to make your donation personally you may hand it to Commander P. W. Brown. Names of donors who do this will be listed weekly in the Beacon. Churches and all organizations of this kind are urged to cooperate.

The money collected through this joy fund will be used to buy such things that go to make a boy and girl happy on Christmas morning. The fund will be closed on December 22. Ladies of the auxiliary will prepare the bags and baskets on December 23.

On Christmas Eve Santa Claus will arrive from the north on the 1:17 train and will go immediately to the Legion Hall, where the children or their parents will call for their bag or basket and old Saint Nick will deliver it in person.

During the Christmas season the American Legion will erect on the top of the Legion Hall building a Christmas tree with lights and decorations visible for a good distance. "Surely, the good people of Washington County will see to it that no child in the county will awake on Christmas morning without toys and confectioneries," said Commander Brown.

"Let's make it the happiest Christmas in many years," the Legionnaires say in their appeal to you.

## GARDEN LEADER OF HOKE CLUB TO GET FREE TRIP

Selected As Best Leader in County; Story of Garden Published

Mrs. Joe Browning, of Hoke Club, was selected as the best garden leader in the county. As a result she wins a free trip to Raleigh to farm and home week, which is held in the summer.

Each garden leader was asked to write a description and story of her garden. Mrs. Browning's was as follows:

I began planting my garden in March. I first set out 500 cabbage plants, then May peas, radishes, spinach, etc. In April I continued to plant vegetables, such as beans, okra, squash, egg plant, carrots, corn, etc. I followed with a succession of planting about every two weeks.

Most of the seed used was saved from last year. I gave 75 cents for my first 500 cabbage plant; next ones I raised myself. During the month of May and June I fed my chicks about 1 bushel of cabbage, mustard, kale, or turnip salad once a day. My sales have amounted to \$200, besides furnishing my table with all the vegetables we could use and have given away right many.

I have already planted my garden for this fall and expect to have a good year-round garden.

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. JOE BROWNING.

## Sunday Services at Methodist Church

The pastor, Rev. C. T. Thrift, will preach at the Methodist church on Sunday morning at 11, after which the Lord's Supper will be administered. Every member is urged to attend and bring an offering for the orphanage.

The young people will meet at 6 for a program of music and readings. There will be no preaching at night. Services this year will be held as follows: preaching first Sunday morning; second Sunday night; third and fourth Sundays, both morning and night; fifth Sunday morning.