

## Lincoln County Standing Behind Commissioner William A. Graham

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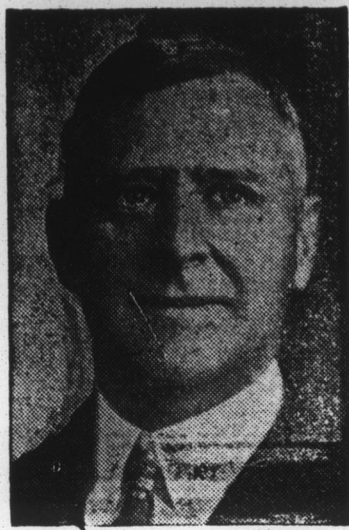
Among the last minute candidates to file for a state office was W. Kerr Scott, of Alamance, who seeks the nomination for Commissioner of Agriculture against William A. Graham, behind whom the democracy of Lincoln county will stand solidly in the June primary. If there is a public officer in whom the people of this county have a peculiar interest and who has their loyal support it is Commissioner Graham, who was born and reared here and has been active in public affairs since the days of his youth. He has been chairman of the Democratic precinct executive committee at Denver and a member of the County Executive Committee since he was 21 years old, and was for a number of years a member of the State Democratic Executive Committee from this District.

There has never been a fight for democracy in which he did not have a hand, since he became of age. He was elected to the State Senate and served this district in the session of 1923, when he was appointed chairman of the committee on agriculture. While he was chairman of this important committee, his distinguished father, the late Major William A. Graham, passed on, and Governor Morrison appointed him to succeed him as Commissioner of Agriculture. He assumed office in January, 1924, and in the primary of June, that same year, he won the nomination over two opponents.

Under the leadership of Commissioner Graham, the North Carolina State Department of Agriculture has continued to advance, while this distinguished son of Lincoln county, through his wide affiliations, has brought honor to his State. When he had been in office only two years, he was elected vice-president of the National Association of Commissioners of Agriculture, and the next year, 1927, he was elected president of that nationwide organization, succeeding Commissioner Berne A. Pyrke, of New York. He is at present a member of the executive committee of that organization and of the Southern Association of Commissioners of Agriculture.

Commissioner Graham, himself a farmer since his boyhood, has always given his support to and staunchly advocated farmers' organizations. He had been a member of the Grange since that organization's recent re-entry into North Carolina. Many of the things that have come to be sound agricultural practices have long been advocated by the North Carolina Commissioner, including a balanced agricultural program, including diversification, and opposition to overproduction.

On more than one occasion, Commissioner Graham has focused attention on the North Carolina Department of Agriculture through the recognition given it by well known leaders from other states. When Commissioner Nathan Mayo, of Florida, was in North Carolina to study the State Department of Agriculture, with a view of securing ideas to put into effect in his own department, he declared that the North Carolina Department had no superior in the United States. He was quoted in the Raleigh News and Observer as declaring that he doubted if it had an equal.



W. A. GRAHAM  
N. C. Commissioner of Agriculture, who announces he is a candidate for renomination to succeed himself.

who have visited the North Carolina Department and have commented favorably upon it during Commissioner Graham's tenure of office were: Commissioners Jewell Mayes, of Missouri; G. W. Koener, of Virginia; Arthur Gilbert, of Massachusetts; J. C. Holton, of Mississippi; Eugene Talmadge, of Georgia; Homer Hancock, of Tennessee, and Alcott King, of Connecticut.

There is little doubt but that Commissioner Graham will receive an overwhelming majority on June 6.

Political Adv.

### FINAL RITES HELD FOR W. W. DAVIS

Many Friends and Relatives in Person County.

Mr. Willie Washington Davis, a resident of Unionville, Va. was stricken down while at work in the U. S. Navy Yard at Washington, D. C. where he was employed in the moulding department, last Thursday, May 14, 1936 at 3 o'clock. He was taken immediately to Providence hospital where he lingered, without being able to speak or to move himself other than his left arm until 11:50 Saturday when he passed on. Mr. Davis was born in North Carolina 47 years ago and for the last 14 years had lived in Washington, D. C. He was employed in the Navy Yard the last seven years of his life. In 1935 he purchased the former home of the late Robert B. Harris and in March of the same year, with Mrs. Davis and Louis Davis, a nephew of Mrs. Davis, occupied this property. He was a quiet, energetic likeable man and made many friends in the neighborhood, since his sojourn here, who mourn his untimely passing and who extend to the bereaved widow and his family their sincere sympathy in this their sorrow.

He is survived by his widow, the former Miss Mary Mann, daughter of the late Edgar Mann and Lula Daniel Mann of Orange County, where Mr. Davis was born and reared, and two sisters, Mrs. J. R. Buchanan, Rougemont, and Mrs. J. G. Owens, Wooddale, N. C., eleven nieces and nephews.

His body was brought to his late home in the village Monday after-

noon where it was watched over by his neighbors and friends until interment in the cemetery of the Rhoadsville Baptist church on Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the presence of a large congregation. Funeral services were held from the church with Rev. E. V. Payton, the pastor, assisted by Rev. S. Southgate, pastor of Orange circuit, conducting the services.

The active pallbearers were: Mr. Joseph Stone, his foreman, Preston Kirk, Vitala Martino, George E. Lanham, John W. Corrie and John P. Taylor, his fellow workers in the Navy Yard. The honorary pallbearers were his friends here and other places.

Among those present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stone and his representatives of the Navy Yard, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Bud Gentry and Mr. Gay Owens of Wooddale, N. C., Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buchanan, Mr. Fred and

Miss Doris Buchanan, Mr. Tural Mangum of Rougemont, N. C., Mrs. Puline Napolitina, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Tilley and Mr. and Mrs. Leon Chambers, also of Rougemont, N. C., Mr. John Owen, Mr. Abner Mann and Miss Ora Mann of Washington, D. C., Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Davis, Baltimore, and Mr. and Mrs. Jonathon Mann of Port Deposit, Md.

So under cloudless sky, with nature at her loveliest, beneath a profusion of choice flowers, the tribute of loved ones and friends, we left our neighbor sleeping in the beautiful cemetery of the Rhoadsville Baptist church.

—Written by J. C. Clark, Unionville, Va.

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### ACTIVITIES OF BETHEL HILL Y. T. H. F. CLUB

Ten dollars in prizes was awarded to four outstanding agricultural students at the final exercises at Bethel Hill high school Tuesday night, May 12.

C. L. Perkins was winner of the first prize of three dollars in the tenth and eleventh grade section and James Shotwell won the second prize of two dollars. In the eighth and ninth grade section, Elvin Tuck was winner of the first prize of three dollars and Raymond Lester won second prize of two dollars.

This annual contest was sponsored by the local chapter of Young Tar Heel Farmers. The awards were made on the basis of the student's participation in the following activities: scholarship, leadership, community service, supervised practice

work, Y. T. H. F. meetings, Thrift and recreation.

Raymond Lester, eighth grade student, won first place in a public speaking contest in competition with two schools from Durham county. His subject was "Vocational Agriculture and the Future Farmer."

The Bethel Hill livestock judging team won first place as a team in a judging contest between four schools in Durham and Person counties. Joseph Hall, Bethel Hill student, made the highest individual score in the contest, with Wallace Tingen, also a Bethel Hill student, making the third highest individual score.

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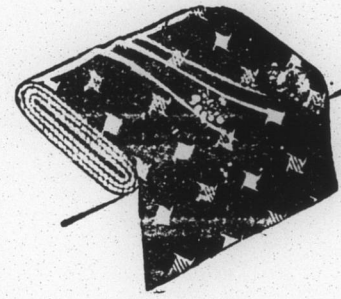
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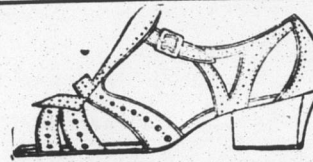
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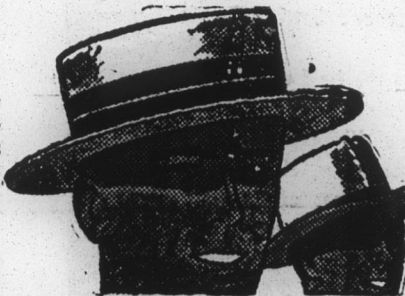
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