

# Obituaries

## MRS. HELEN H. STEVENSON

Mrs. Helen Harrison Stevenson, 47, of Rt. 2, Hertford died Thursday at 7:40 p.m. in the Chowan Hospital following a long illness.

A native of Lebanon, Va., she was the daughter of Mrs. Sallie Fields Greene and the late Edgar Dewey Harrison. She was a member of the Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church and the Belvidere Home Demonstration Club. She was formerly associated with the bank of Greensboro and more recently the Peoples Bank and Trust Company in Hertford.

Besides her mother, she is survived by her husband, Robert Louis Stevenson; a daughter, Miss Joy Anna Stevenson of Rt. 2; two sons, Gary Michael Stevenson and David Alan Stevenson of Rt. 2; and a half-sister, Mrs. Gay Harrison Watts of Charlotte.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 3:30 in the Bagley Swamp Wesleyan Church by the Rev. W.F. Page with burial in the Church Cemetery.

Rev. and Mrs. Charles Robinson sang "Until Then" and "Til the Storm Passes By", Mrs. Mary Edwards, was the organist for the service.

The casket pall was made of pink carnations, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and fern.

Pallbearers were Wilroy Stephenson, Elwood Garrett, Richard Morgan, Jr., Adrien Smith, Jr., Johnny Gregory and Roy S. Chappell, Jr.

Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

## MRS. VIRGINIA H. WEBB

Mrs. Virginia Hughes Webb, 68, of Rt. 3, Hertford, died Thursday at 11:55 a.m. in the Albemarle Hospital following a two year illness.

A native of Powhatan Co., Va., she was the daughter of the late Zeb and Mrs. Sarah Spruill Hughes and the widow of Guy Thomas Hughes.

She was a member of the New Hope United Methodist Church. Before her retirement, she operated Webb's Grocery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Mildred Webb White of Rt. 3; two sons, Guy Hughes (Tuck) Webb and John Horace Webb of Rt. 3; two sisters, Mrs. Mary Thoman of Cleveland, Ohio and Mrs. Bertha Connor of Elizabeth City; seven grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held Saturday at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by the Rev. Keith Siltner and Captain Adrain Hughes.

"The Old Rugged Cross" was sung by Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Jones. Mrs. Jones served as organist for the service.

The casket pall was made of pink carnations, white chrysanthemums, baby's breath and fern.

Pallbearers were William Ray Chappell, Marvin Caddy, Matt Spivey, Jr., Fred Jones, Roy Banks, and Calvin Banks.

Burial was in the New Hope United Methodist Church Cemetery.

## REDMOND R. PERRY SR.

Redmond R. Perry, Sr., 78 of Newhope died at his home Sunday at 7:15 a.m. following an illness.

A lifetime resident of Perquimans County he was a retired agent for Western and Southern Life Insurance Co. He was a son of the Late Alexis Allan and Mrs. Minnie Davis Perry and the husband of Mrs. Eva Davidson Perry.

Besides his widow he is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Henry Barco of Shawboro, three sons Robley (Bob) Perry Elizabeth City and Warren Perry Jacksonville, Fla. and Redmond R. Perry Jr., Rt. 3, Hertford; one sister, Mrs. Julian White of Hertford; thirteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was conducted Tuesday at 2:30

p.m. in the Chapel of Berry Funeral Home by Rev. Thomas Hoogerland pastor of Newhope United Methodist Church.

Burial followed in the Perry Family Cemetery at Newhope.

## MRS. MARY A. PROCTOR

Mrs. Mary Annie Proctor, 80, of 368 Mount Pleasant Rd., Great Bridge, Va., died Wednesday at 5:40 p.m. in a nursing home.

A native of Hertford she was the wife of Willie Earl Proctor, and a daughter of Charles and Mrs. Mollie Perry.

She was a member of Centerville Baptist Church and its Woman's Missionary Society.

Surviving are two sons, A. Ray Proctor of Virginia Beach and Marvin A. Proctor of Norfolk; two daughters Mrs. Rosa Lee Sykes of Chesapeake and Mrs. Lucille Robinson of New Orleans; a step-son Earl M. Proctor of Chesapeake, a step-daughter, Mrs. Nez White of Virginia Beach; three brothers, Bristow Perry of Edenton Claude Perry of Tyner and Lawrence Perry of Hertford.

Also surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Bernice Monds of Tyner, Mrs. Curvin Mansfield and Mrs. Matthew Dail of Hertford; 19 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Saturday at 11 a.m. in Twiford Colonial Chapel, Great Bridge, by the Rev. Richard T. Moore. Burial was in Rosewood Memorial Park, Virginia Beach.

## MRS. GLADYS J. ELLIOTT

Mrs. Gladys Jordan Elliott, 76, of Rt. 2, Hertford, died suddenly Sunday afternoon at 5:15 in her home.

A native of Perquimans County, she was a daughter of the late Joseph E. and Mrs. Margaret Forehand Jordan and the widow of Anthony B. Elliott.

She attended the Pentecostal Holiness Church and was formerly employed by Don Juan Manufacturing Co.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Iris Byrum of Route 2, Elizabeth City, Mrs. Margaret Mahone of Hampton, Va., Mrs. Hattie Etheridge of Rt. 1, Hertford, and Mrs. Gertrude Kehler of Willow Grove, Pa.; seven sons, Troy Elliott, Joseph Elliott and Preston Elliott of Rt. 2 Hertford, William Elliott of Hertford, Alphonso Elliott of Roper, and Jarvis Elliott of Rt. 3, Elizabeth City and Hubert Elliott of Rt. 2, Elizabeth City; three brothers, Adrian Jordan and Grayson Jordan of Hertford and Leon Jordan of Rt. 2, Elizabeth City; a sister, Mrs. Lois Gorton of Elizabeth City; a half-brother, Marvin Jordan of Norfolk; two half-sisters, Mrs. Clarisse Hughes and Mrs. Elizabeth Riggs of Shawboro; 32 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 3 p.m. from the Chapel of the Swindell Funeral Home by Rev. Eula Harrell, pastor of the Parkville Holiness Church. Burial was in the Bagley Swamp Church Cemetery. Swindell Funeral Home had charge of arrangements.

## ATTENDS FUNERAL

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Monds of Tyner, Mr. and Mrs. Curvin Mansfield, Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Dail, Mr. Lawrence Perry, of Hertford, N.C. and Mr. and Mrs. Bristow Perry of Edenton, N.C. attended the funeral of their sister, Mrs. Willie Proctor, at Memorial Park Virginia Beach Saturday.

# Giving Children Security

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Taylor, who have been foster parents for the Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, Inc. for the past six years, try to ensure there is plenty of "security" in their home.

The two foster children they keep, Richard and Joseph Bailey, have been in the home since May of 1968. The Taylors also have two sons of their own, Greg, 13, and Jonathan, 1, and a daughter, Vanessa, 2. The couple is expecting another baby soon.

"The children have to feel like they belong," Mrs. Taylor said recently. "There is just no promise of having them any certain length of time. This is why we think of our work from day to day and hope to bring out the best in these children."

The Taylors also lost two daughters in death several years ago. It was shortly after losing these children that they were licensed as a foster home.

The temporary arrangement of foster home living was one the Taylors have adapted to very well. They feel, too, that the death of their own children helped them realize that parents have no promise of how long they will have their children.

Janice and Jimmy Taylor are in their 30's. They have a bright outlook and good rapport with their children. Taylor is manager of Taylor Tractor and Implement Company in Elizabethtown which he runs with his father. The family also owns a hardware store in Elizabethtown.

The pace never stops in the Taylor household. Richard and Joseph take piano lessons, while Greg is in the school band and works parttime in his father's hardware store. All the children are in choirs at Dublin First Baptist Church.

Mrs. Taylor teaches adult ladies in Sunday School there and did help with the youth choir until her babies were born. Jimmy Taylor is an assistant teacher for junior boys in Sunday School and all the boys are in RA groups.

Family outings include flying with Dad in his four-passenger plane and going on trips to the beach, mountains, Indiana, and Niagara Falls in the family's camper. The boys enjoy flying with their father to air shows and recently the whole family took in the circus.

When the foster boys first came to the Taylor home, the couple tried to prepare their son, Greg, for the arrival of "new" brothers.

"The boys mean a lot to Greg," Mrs. Taylor believes, because their ages are so close. The couple says they tried to make their own son feel he would be very needed in this new lifestyle, even though it took alot of adjusting on his part.

About a year ago, the family moved into a new

house, large enough to accommodate six children. Mrs. Taylor drew the house plans and made all the draperies. It was the family's decision that their foster sons should not have to leave them because of space limitations when two more children were born.

"Everybody wanted Vanessa," Mrs. Taylor quipped. "They all wanted a sister. As a matter of fact, the boys wanted three sisters - one a piece!"

Because the family is large, each child shows remarkable independence. Even two-year-old Vanessa can get her own clothes and bring her mother articles in the house when Mrs. Taylor is working with Jonathan.

Mrs. Taylor's system of housekeeping includes a list of nine jobs the boys must do daily. Each gets three new jobs a week, so preparing meals, cleaning up afterwards, emptying trash, sweeping, vacuuming the den, and giving the babies baths is rotated. Each child puts his own dishes in the dishwasher, and Daddy, who stays busy at work, gets in the nightly ritual by "putting p.j.'s on" the younger children.



By MARION SWINDELL

We often hear the remark: "Oh, it is just human nature."

We can't help but wonder just what "human nature" is ... since there are millions of humans and each one acts differently.

There is one thing in common with all people, however. That is the need to be loved. No person on the face of the earth is without the need of love.

We heard of a family group sitting around one evening discussing the town character. Everyone had something bad to say about the poor fellow until it came around to the Mother. "Well, his Mother loved him very much" was all she had to say. Maybe the time had come when no one loved him. This could have been a big contributing factor to his life.

You know, this could be the secret to success or failure. We all need to do our share of sharing a little understanding with the less fortunate.

OUR THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: "Gratitude is born in hearts that take time to count mercies."

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## Children's Hour

Museum of the Albemarle's summer program for children began during the past week.

Albemarle kids who have finished the first through the fifth grades are invited to attend these interesting sessions on Wednesdays from 11:00 to 1:00 o'clock.

All they have to do is bring a dime and their lunch. Why don't you get on the phone and round up a car pool of kids in your neighborhood?

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# Placing Children Is Business

"... To provide for the placing and supervision of dependent ... children." "To investigate cases for adoption and supervise placements for adoption."

These words of the General Statutes of North Carolina make each of the 100 county social services departments an adoption agency, and adoption service thus becomes another of the many non-financial services rendered by local social services departments to the residents of their county. As might be expected, this is a popular service and one for which there is an ever increasing demand as more children become available for placement and more families seek to adopt them.

Adoption itself is a legal procedure which establishes the relationship of parent and child between persons who are not so related by birth. Adoption service is the method by which authorized agencies seek to help those children who must be permanently separated from their natural parents to become a part of a new

family. The primary goals of a good adoption service are to promote the best interest of children and to protect the rights of the natural and the adoptive parents, and this is the kind of responsibility that the legislature gave to the departments of social services when it framed the adoption statutes.

"There are three kinds of adoptions - agency, independent, and relative adoptions," according to Mrs. Robin Peacock, supervisor of adoptions for the Division of Social Services in the State Department of Human Resources. An agency placement is one in which the child has been placed by an authorized child-placing agency after a social study of both the adoptive family and the child. An independent or direct placement is one in which the parents place the child directly with the adoptive family without help or prior study by an agency. Relative adoptions are those in which the child is adopted by members of his own family in order to give him

greater legal protection and security.

When a petition is filed for the adoption of a relative child or for a child who has been placed independently, the court must order the county director of social services to make an investigation as to the suitability of the child and the family, and report back all information of which the court should have knowledge. This is the procedure prescribed by law for providing the court with the kind of information it needs in order to make a sound judgment about whether the adoption should be granted. In the case of adoptions by certain close relatives, the court may grant the final order immediately after receiving a report which indicates that the adoption is a suitable one. In independent placements, an interlocutory decree must be issued and the family supervised for at least a year except in certain instances specified by law. When interlocutory decree is issued, the county department of social ser-

vices has responsibility for providing the supervisory service and making another report to the court before the final order may be granted.

These responsibilities of the departments in relative and independent adoptions are in addition to those involved in receiving and placing children in agency placements. The children available for adoption are those whose parents, for a variety of reasons, are unable to care for them. The parents may be unmarried, divorced, deserted, or simply unable to carry the responsibility of the parental role. The parents may ask help from the agency in planning for their children through voluntary release for adoption or, at times, the agency may find it necessary to seek legal clearance of the children through court action. Unfortunately, there are many children in agency custody for whom there is little prospect of a return to their natural families but who cannot be cleared for adoption under our present laws.

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