LOCAL NEWS

Area obituaries -

DILLWYN, VA. - Nash L. Tatum Jr.; 52, of Buckingham County, Va., died Friday, November 11.

Funeral services were held Sunday at 4:00 p.m. in the White Oak Baptist

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Mary L. Tatum; two daughters, Mrs. Jo Elyn Smith of Harrisonburg, Va., and Mrs. Kathi Tatum Durham of Mount Airy, N. C.; a son, Nash L. Tatum III of Virginia Beach, Va.; a

Elizabeth II

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will be given to the state of North Carolina as a historic site administered by the Department of Cultural Resources. A visitors center for the ship is also under construction at the ship's eventual berthing place, an island across the bay from the Manteo waterfront.

While no building plans exist for any of the 16th-century English ships that actually sailed to Roanoke Island, the Elizabeth II is a careful re-creation of the type of English three-masted bark used in the period.

She is named after the Elizabeth, a ship which made the voyage in 1585, captained by Thomas Cavendish, who later circumnavigated the globe.

The twin-decked vessel is 70 feet long with a mast height of 72 feet. It is constructed of juniper and yellow pine, with masts of Douglas fir.

The champagne to be used for christening the ship shares a connection to 16th-century England. The wine will be from Biltmore Vineyard at Biltmore Estate in Asheville, the family vineyard of William A. V. Cecil.

Cecil is a descendant of William Cécil. Lord Burghley, who was Secretary of State under Elizabeth I of England. It was Elizabeth's devotion to see power and exploration that inspired and financed the earliest English colonies in the New World, which the 400th Anniversary commemorates.

America's 400th Anniversary is a three-year commemoration of the English presence on Roanoke Island during 1584-87.

Under the sponsorship of Sir Walter Raleigh, one exploration mission and two groups of colonists sailed to North Carolina's Outer Banks, to establish an English foothold in the New World, previously the domain of rival Spain.

The first colony, of 1585, returned to England when supplies ran low. The second settlement two years later stayed on, only to vanish by 1590, disappearing into legend as the "lost colony."

Activities scheduled for the 400th Anniversary include:

A state history museum exhibition

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place...to be was Philadelphia. That city had the

first circulating library in

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the United States.

Roanoke Island by "lost colony" Governor John White, along with English and Native American artifacts of the period:

•The British American Festival, to take place in June 1984 in Durham. featuring artists, scholars and public figures from the U.S. and

·Special exhibitions of contemporary British art at the N. C. Museum of Art in Raleigh:

.Ongoing archaeological expeditions to determine the exact site of the Roanoke Island settlements and to examine remains of early Algonkian Indian villages in the northeastern part of the state;

·Events in all 100 counties celebrating local or regional history. sponsored by county 400th Anniversary committees; and

*A series of pamplets and books about the Roanoke Island voyages. The first of a series of booklets published by the state Historical Publications Section is scheduled to appear about the time of the Nov. 22 launch.

"Passage to America: Raleigh's Colonists Take Ship for Roanoke," by Helen Hill Miller, focuses on ship construction, ocean navigation and the shipboard life of the colonists.

The illustrated book will be available in selected bookstores but may be ordered from the Historical Publications Section, N. C. Dept. of Cultural Resources, Raleigh, N. C. 27611. Checks for \$6 (\$5 for the book, \$1 for shipping and handling) should be made payable to the Department of Cultural Resources.

The official opening of the Anniversary occurs in April 1984, when Gov. Hunt leads a group of North Carolinians to Plymouth, England.

By placing a plaque at Plymouth Harbor, they will commemorate the departure, 400 years earlier, of the first English explorers to the Outer Banks and Roanoke Island.

Then, on July 13, 1984, the Elizabeth II will be commissioned in Manteo amid much ceremony, including the issuance of a Roanoke Voyages stamp by the U. S. Postal

The America's 400th Anniversary Committee is part of the N. C. in 1985 of watercolors executed at Department of Cultural Resources.

sister, Mrs. Jo Ann Morris of Hertford; and three grandchildren.

Information was supplied by Swindell Funeral Home.

WHITE

Julian Blanchard "Showboat" White, 69, of Route 1, Box 395, Hertford, died Thursday evening, November 10, in Chowan Hospital.

A native of Perguimans County, he was the son of the late Capt. Thomas Skinner White and Mrs. Jennie Blanchard White. He was a retired farmer and fisherman.

Survivors include a sister, Mrs. Virginia W. Transeau of Booneville, N. C., and a brother, Walter C. White of Rt. 1, Hertford.

Graveside services were held Saturday at 11:00 a.m. in Cedarwood Cemetery with Rev. Charles Middleton, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, officiating. Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

WILMORE

WILKES-BARRE - Ralph E. Wilmore, a former Scranton resident, died Tuesday, Nov. 8, in

Center, where he had been a patient since July. Born in Scranton, son of the late

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Richard and Alma Hoyt Wilmore, he formerly resided in South Montrose and lived in North Carolina since 1980. He served with the Navy aboard the USS Goldsboro during World War I and worked at Bendix Aviation Corp, Montrose, before retirement.

Surviving are two sons, Rey. George Duane Wilmore, pastor, Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, Hertford, and David L. Wilmore of Stokesdale, N.C.; a daughter, Mrs. Shirley Iyoob, Washington, N.C.; two sisters, Mrs. Mildred Schultheis and Mrs. Gertrude Rossar of Scranton; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Two brothers, Austin and Clarence, preceeded him in death.

Funeral services were held Friday at 11 a.m. at McGoff Funeral Home by Rev. George Wilmore. Interment followed in Shady Lane Cemetery,

James named to Water Commission

RALEIGH - Representative Vernon G. James of Pasquotank County has been appointed by House Speaker Liston B. Ramsey to a special commission to study the water supply controversy between North Carolina and Virginia.

The Legislative Research Commission study was authorized by the 1983 General Assembly. It will examine the dispute surrounding efforts to pump water from Lake Gaston in North Carolina to supply the needs of the Virginia Beach, Va.,

James, an Elizabeth City farmer and agribusinessman, is chairman of the House Agriculture Committee. He represents the First House District which includes Perquimans

Be-Lo announces expansion plans

After successfully completing the greatest single year's expansion in its 29 year history, Be-Lo Markets, Inc., a privately owned supermarket chain based in Norfolk, Virginia, announced today its intention to actively pursue further expansion into outlying areas of Virginia and North Carolina.

Last year Be-Lo opened eight stores: one each in Hampton, Newport News and Norfolk, plus three on the Eastern Shore of Virginia, and two others in North Carolina at Hertford and Roanoke Rapids. The company sales volume has double since 1979.

Robert Wich, Be-Lo President, stated, "Our Board of Directors is auxious to seek viable locations in outlying areas of Virginia and North Carolina and particularly those that are within 125 miles of Norfolk."

Be-Lo presently operates 45 stores:

Eight in Norfolk, eight in Virginia Beach, six in Chesapeake, four in Portsmouth and five in the Hampton/Newport News area. The balance are located in outlying areas of Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina. Be-Lo has a work force of 1300 employees.



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Community Calendar

Holiday Schedule

Next week's edition of THE PERQUIMANS WEEKLY will be printed on Monday and delivered to area homes on Tuesday due to the Thanksgiving holiday on Thursday.

The deadline for all news items and advertising materials for this edition will be at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, November 18.

Fruit Sale

The Perquimans County bands are having their annual fruit sale through December 1. To purchase fruit contact any band member or call John Mansfield at 426-5688 (day) or 426-7610 (night) or Linda Privott at 426-7009.

Preschool Program

The public library will have a special preschool program called "A Cranberry Thanksgiving" on Friday, November 18, from 10-11 a.m. for children three to five years of age. Come share the fun and enjoy stories, the film "A Place in the Sun," and make a potato turkey to take home.

Preschool moms bring your favorite Thanksgiving holiday recipes for a swap-shop while preschool hour is in progress. Also check out the 600's for other festive cooking ideas.

Christmas Display

The public library is asking for interested craftspersons to display handmade Christmas articles in a display case from November 28 through the month of December. We would enjoy your handiwork - let others enjoy it as well. Call 426-5319.

Open Door

A special meeting for pastors and coordinators to plan for Thanksgiving and Christmas will be held Thursday, Nov. 17 at St. Victors in Hertford.



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W.A. "Billy" White





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