

# LOCAL NEWS

## Library

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grammar school, and the whole wooden building was given for use of the library. When the grammar school burned in 1956 the brick lunch room was not damaged, and when the school was reopened in another part of town the brick lunchroom was given over entirely to the library.

A bookmobile was put into operation going through the county taking books and magazines to the elderly, to children and others who could not come to the library.

Before this time a state-wide library system was organized and financial aid was given to each county that participated.

A bill that established this was largely the work of Senator Charles Whedbee who travelled over the entire state talking to each member of the legislature to interest them in statewide support of public libraries.

Some years later this county took over the entire local support of the library and spent about \$50,000 in renovations of the building, adding a wing, new shelves and furnishings. In addition to state aid and county funds, the Perquimans County Library was made one of the beneficiaries of the Thomas G. Skinner Trust Fund, set up by the heirs of T.G. Skinner, a former resident of the county. This money was designated for the purpose of purchasing books. With this and state aid and county funds the collection of books grew rapidly.

In its 50 years the Perquimans County Library Board has had only four people serv-

ing as chairman—Mrs. Earl Perry, Miss Mae Wood Winslow, Mrs. Howard Pitt and Mrs. John Biggers, its present chairman. Under their leadership the Perquimans County Library has come a long way.

In 1976 the library joined the Pettigrew Regional Library with Tyrrell, Chowan and Washington Counties. This resulted in a larger staff, longer hours of service, more books and special programs for the community.

Since Perquimans County joined the region the following have served as head librarians: Wayne Henritze, Ellen Bowen and Terry Bossley. Doris Pappendick of Elizabeth City served a short interim period before Ann Lennon, the present librarian, was hired.

Throughout the years a number of volunteer and dedicated trustees have served with the already mentioned chairpersons. Old minutes reveal the following names. Mr. J.G. Tucker, Mrs. H.C. Stokes, Miss Helen Gaither, J.E. Newby, Helen W. Winslow, Mrs. Josiah Elliot, and Mr. Max Campbell.

Also Mrs. Vivian Darden, Mrs. L.J. Winslow, Mrs. T.P. Brinn, Miss Thelma Elliot, and Mrs. W.C. Stroud.

The present board is comprised of Mrs. John Biggers, chairperson, Mrs. Jessie Harris, Mrs. Elaine Phillips, Mrs. Irvin Turner, Mrs. George Barbee and Mrs. Wiley Whedbee. Mrs. Biggers, Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Turner represent the local board on the regional board.

## Area obituaries

**HARRY C. HOBBS**  
HOBBSVILLE, N.C.—Harry Clyde Hobbs, 85, a native of Gates County, N.C., died Tuesday, September 24, 1985, in a hospital.

Mr. Hobbs was a retired carpenter. He was a Navy veteran and a member of Hobbsville Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Edla Hollowell Hobbs; two daughters, Gwendolyn Hendrix of Suffolk and Kathryn Ward of Gates, N.C.; a son, Larry C. Hobbs of Suffolk; a sister, Nina Hobbs of Hertford, N.C.; three brothers, Junie H. Hobbs of Madison, Va.; Wade H. Hobbs of Co-rapeake, N.C., and Horace C. Hobbs of Hobbsville; and two grandchildren.

The funeral will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday in Hobbsville Baptist Church by the Rev. Bobby Hewitt. Burial will be in Damascus Christian Church Cemetery. The body will be placed in the church at 1 p.m. Thursday. Twiford Funeral Home, Gates Chapel, is in charge.

**BRYON T. PAUL**  
Bryon T. Paul, 69, of 504 Jessup St., died Thursday, September 26, 1985, at 2:30 p.m. in Veterans Hospital, Hampton, Va.

The funeral was conducted Saturday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. at Twiford's Memorial Chapel by the Rev. Glen Greenway. Burial was in Westlawn Memorial Park. Visitation was Friday night from 7:30 to 8:30. Twiford's Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Paul, a native of Pamlico, had lived in Elizabeth City for 23 years. He was a retired barber, a member of Berea Baptist Church and a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was the son of the late John Tillman Paul and Nettie Farrow Paul and the husband of Lula Sparrow Paul of the home.

Other survivors include two daughters, Miss LuAnn D. Paul of Apex and Mrs. Gretchen P. Carter of Camden; three sons, Larry H. Paul of Knoxville, Tenn., Bryon T. "Pete" Paul Jr. of Hertford and H. Staley Paul of Norfolk, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Lucy Yancey of Colonial Heights, Va., and Mrs. Cora Lupton of Pamlico; two brothers, Carol D. Paul of Toms River N.J., and Roderick Paul of Pamlico; nine grandchildren and three grandchildren.

**ELBERT J. WILSON**  
HERTFORD—Elbert Joseph Wilson, 73, of Route 4, Box 769, died Thursday at 9 a.m. at his residence.

A funeral was held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Twiford's Memorial Chapel by the Rev. Kendall Hastings. Burial was in Wilson Family Cemetery in New Hope. Visitation was Friday night from 7 to 8:30. Twiford's Memorial Chapel in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Wilson was a native of Perquimans County. He was a retired farmer and a member of Woodville Baptist Church.

He was the son of Margaret Ivey Wilson of Route 4 and the late John Louis Wilson.

Other survivors include seven sisters, Mrs. James (Nellie) Jordan, Mrs. Kenneth (Elizabeth) Peele, Mrs. James (Evelyn)

Eure, all of Norfolk, Va., Mrs. Johnnie (Lina) Smithwick of Elizabeth City, Mrs. Grace Barnes, Mrs. Gertrude Colson, and Mrs. Lottie Mae Lamb, all of Hertford; three brothers, Wilbert W. Wilson, John F. Wilson, both of Elizabeth City, and Arrie Lee Wilson of Hertford; and one half-brother, Raymond Ivey of Moyock.

**JOHN RAWLINGS "JACK" EDWARDS**  
GREENVILLE—John Rawlings "Jack" Edwards, 88, of 510 W. Fourth Street, Greenville, died Wednesday, September 25, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. in Greenville Villa Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Friday at 1:30 p.m. in St. Pauls Episcopal Church, Greenville, by the Rev. L.P. Houston, Jr. Graveside services were held at 4:00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Episcopal Church Cemetery, Hertford. Swindell Funeral Home was in charge of local arrangements.

Mr. Edwards was the son of the late William Franklin Clifton and Pattie Valentine Edwards.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Shepard Parker Edwards of the home; a daughter, Mrs. Leo B. Merrill of Sonara, Texas; a sister, Mrs. H.A. Whitely of Hertford; a brother, Walter G. Edwards of Hertford; and 2 grandchildren.

**MRS. CLEMMMA HURDLE HAYDEN**  
NEWPORT NEWS, VA.—Mrs. Clemma Hurdle of 11622 Warwick Blvd., age 93, died Monday September 30, 1985 at 10:10 a.m. in Newport Convel Center. She was a native of Perquimans County, and a retired owner operator of The Travelers Inn in Newport News. She was a member of Noland United Method Church.

She is the daughter of the late Quinton Riddick and Mrs. Henrietta White Hurdle and the wife of the late Roger B. Hayman.

Survivors include one daughter, Dorothy A. Hayman of Sun City, Arizona, one son, Roger B. Hayman of Yorktown, Va., 5 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service will be held today at 2:00 p.m. in Twiford Memorial Chapel in Elizabeth City by the Rev. E.M. Thompson of the First United Methodist Church in Elizabeth City.

Burial will follow in Old Hollywood Cemetery.

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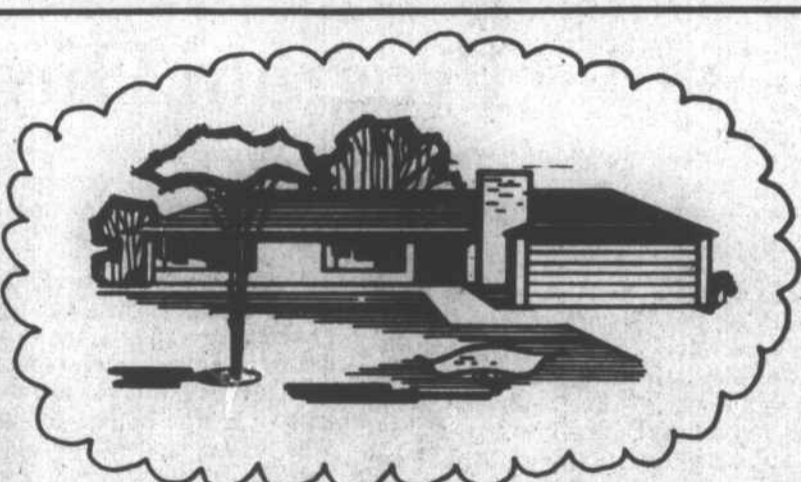
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