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Lillie Massey, A Positive, Poised and Polished Pioneer

Even as a child, Lily (Lillie) Juanita Streeter, the daughter of Florence and Thomas Streeter, dreamed of becoming a nurse. Her father was a brick mason who helped construct some of downtown Wadesboro's buildings before his death in 1920. Her mother then supported the family of three children by washing clothes for prominent families in town. The family name was sometimes spelled as "Streeter."



After graduating from the Anson County Training School (ACTS), the public school for blacks, Streeter was ready for nursing training. But, because of Jim Crow laws, she could not study at the nursing school in Anson County Hospital, then called Anson Sanitorium. Somehow, relatives and teachers managed to find a way for her to enter St. Phillip's Hospital in Richmond, Virginia, 225 miles away from home, where she earned honors and a nursing degree.

As the Great Depression deepened in 1932, Streeter at age 22 was hired by the Anson County Hospital. She walked a mile from home to the hospital. Though the hospital was segregated at the time, Streeter established a specialty in Obstetrics. First working with black families, she eventually worked also with whites. She prepared young women for the responsibilities of motherhood, helped the doctors with births, and then often lived temporarily with the mother's family, especially first-time mothers.

In 1934 Streeter married Leo Massey, a graduate of Johnson C. Smith College who was Principal of ACTS, later known as J.R. Faison School. The couple had two sons, John Thomas Massey who lives in Georgia and Leo Melton Massey, Jr. who is deceased. In those years the minority neighborhoods surrounding two-lane Salisbury Street in Wadesboro were a vibrant, busy area that included many businesses, including a grocery store as well as a library. Many community activities took place at ACTS, always involving the Masseys.

Three of Streeter's great nieces - Brenda Teal, Willette Herring and Jackie McKinney - recalled that Aunt Lillie had high standards for them and made sure they took education seriously. "She was positive, poised and polished," they said. They remembered how impressive she looked in her nursing uniform that her mother had used extra starch to iron.

After leaving the Anson County Hospital in the late 1940s, she provided in-home nursing duties for the patients of Dr. James M. Davis and Dr. Kenneth H. Chambers. Because of her reputation, she had opportunities for nursing jobs regionally, including Chesterfield Hospital in Cheraw, SC, as a school nurse in Montgomery County, and as a charter nurse at Union Memorial Hospital in Monroe. Her caring personality and communication skills were assets with patients and medical staffs.

She was an active member of Kesler Chapel AME Zion Church, while also serving several decades on the Anson County Elections Board. At age 95 she died in 2005, and was buried beside her husband in Westview Memorial Cemetery.

The Ashe-Covington Medical Museum in Wadesboro includes a framed photograph of Lillie Massey. Though never seeking the limelight, she will now be remembered for her pioneer spirit as Anson County's first African American nurse.

By Walter R. Turner

Ansonia Spotlight is on Amanda Moss and Carson Traywick

This is a release from the Ansonia Theatre: Oscar Wilde wrote, "Life imitates art," and here is a beautiful example of that. Carson Traywick and Amanda Moss met at the Ansonia when they played George and Emily in *Our Town*. Before long, the feelings they portrayed on stage transcended off stage.

Both of these talented actors have graced our stage numerous times, and this May they will costar in *Prelude to a Kiss*. Don't miss this real-life couple as they return to the Ansonia stage to play Peter and Rita in an unforgettable performance!

Amanda and Carson, we love you and can't wait to see you on stage again!! The spotlight is on YOU!!

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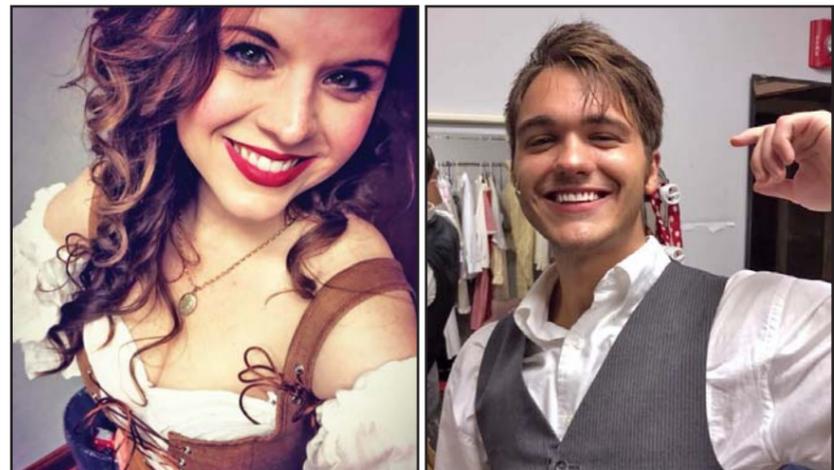
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Anson County Schools will be offering curbside meals service at the schools below. They will not operate during Spring Break (April 2-11).

The Anson County School District School Nutrition Department is committed to helping children ages 1 to 18. Any family that needs this meal service but cannot locate transportation to the meal sites should contact their school administration or office staff for assistance.

- Ansonville Elementary, 12:45-1:45
- Lilesville Elementary, 10:00-11:30
- Morven Elementary, 11:30-12:30
- Peachland-Polkton Elementary, 1:00-2:00
- Wadesboro Elementary, 12:45-1:45
- Anson Middle School, 11:30-1:00

Wadesboro Primary, Anson High School and Anson Early College do not have curbside service. Those meals can be picked up at any school location listed above.

Schools that do offer curbside service will send weekend packs on Thursdays. There will not be any meal on Fridays.

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