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DEATH OF MR. WM. L. WALLACE.

Ingrams Township Soldier Boy Dies at Camp Sevier. Body Brought Home Friday, and Buried Saturday at Piney Grove.

We regret to learn of the death of Mr. William L. Wallace, of Ingrams Township, who died last week at Camp Stricken with measles which was followed by pneumonia, S. C. He was lowered with pneumonia and death soon claimed him. He was sent to Camp Jackson a few weeks ago and was later transferred to Camp Sevier where he was a member of Company L, 119th Infantry. His body was brought to Four Oaks Friday evening and buried at Piney Grove church Saturday morning, the funeral being conducted under the auspices of the Junior Order of which the deceased was a member. Mr. Wallace was a son of Mr. John Wallace and though he did not die on the battle field, he gave his life for the cause of world-wide liberty. He had been engaged in teaching in the public schools of Johnston County. He was married a few years ago to a daughter of Mr. Alex Ryals, of Wilders township.

ITEMS OF ALL SORTS.

Two persons were hurt in an automobile accident in Fayetteville Friday. Greensboro had an auto accident in which two persons were hurt also, one perhaps fatally. In Richmond a six-year old Fayetteville girl was fatally hurt by being run over by an automobile.

Measles and pneumonia have been prevalent in many of the army camps for the past two or three weeks and quite a number of the soldiers have died. For the week ending November 16, 96 were reported at the several camps in the country. The past week conditions showed improvement.

Col. E. M. House, America's representative to the inter-allied conference, spent an hour with Clemenceau in Paris Friday. He also met with General Pershing, the American commander of the expeditionary forces in France. The Inter-Allied Conference will meet next Thursday in Paris.

The Wake Forest College glee club is out this week giving concerts under the auspices of the Red Cross. They have a number of places on their trip, visiting Kinston, Washington, New Bern and Greenville. Their program will consist largely of patriotic and popular songs.

Secretary of War Baker gave out his first statement in regard to the progress of transporting troops to France Friday. Mr. Baker did not tell how many troops have been sent over but said that the progress made was keeping pace with the expectations of the War Department.

Conservation, patriotism and service are the topics to be considered in the public schools of the State on North Carolina Day, December 14th. The program for the day is a most opportune one and should be studied in every school in the State. The slogan is to be, "Make, Save and Serve."

The municipal woodyard is a topic of much interest in North Carolina at this time. The people of Fayetteville are taking some interest in the establishment of one, but it is said that Mayor McNeill opposes the move. However, their mayor has assured the people from the country that they will be charged no license for hauling and selling wood to the citizens of the town.

The Charlotte people are expecting to see about fifteen hundred teachers in attendance at the Teachers Assembly which will meet in that city Thursday and Friday of this week. The hotels in Charlotte are crowded all the time and the people of the city are appealed to to open their homes for the teachers. There is to be a meeting of the school boards of the State in connection with the teachers meeting.

From various sections of the State come reports of exorbitant prices being charged for wood. The disease to charge too much for things in these abnormal times is very contagious and is constantly spreading. Wood that a few weeks ago was considered high at four dollars a cord is rated at from five to six dollars a cord now. Where it will go to by Christmas is an unknown proposition. It is a great pity that men everywhere are so wild after making money that they will take advantage of every opportunity to profit out of the misfortunes of their fellowmen. There is no telling what some folks would do if there were no laws.

FARMERS OF JOHNSTON COUNTY

These Are War Times: We Must Guard Against Defeat in Every Way Possible.

There is one weak point, or gap, in our agricultural interests which must be closed, or bridged. The County Farm Demonstrator and the County Food Administrator cannot adequately reach the farmers. They cannot render aid to the six thousand tillers of the soil by means of the few telephones and the few good roads. They must have some medium through which to work.

For their own good, and for the good of our nation, the Johnston County farmers must be in closer touch with the Agricultural Department and the Food Administration at Washington. Our plan is to bridge the gap between the Johnston County farmer and the Federal Department of Agriculture.

You farmers who have an interest in your community, in your township, in your County and in your Nation, come to the Johnston County court house at Smithfield on December 8th to form a Johnston County Board of Agriculture. You will elect a Township Board of Agriculture of three members; a president, vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. The seventeen township boards will, in turn, elect a County Board of Advisors of three similar officers to counsel and advise with the County Farm Demonstrator and County Food Administrator. None of these men elected will receive a salary. Their service will be a patriotic duty.

Come and bring the men whom you want elected to work with Uncle Sam and to further the agricultural interests of our County.

A. M. JOHNSON,
County Farm Demonstrator.
F. H. BROOKS,
County Food Administrator.

County-Wide School Meeting.

Supt. L. T. Royall has addressed the following letter to the School Committees:

"It has been some time since we held a County-wide meeting for the school committees. Owing to the condition of things and the many problems that face us, it is now time for a meeting of this kind. Our schools must not be neglected. I am asking you to be present at a meeting in Smithfield, Dec. 8th, at ten o'clock in the morning. We want to discuss the school and the agricultural problems, and we will have three prominent speakers to talk to us. Think about the things that are needed in your district, so you can bring them up at that time. Notify the members of your committee and be sure to have your school represented."

John Charles McNeill Book Club.

Benson, Nov. 23.—Mrs. W. D. Boon was hostess to the John Chas. McNeill Book Club Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock. The President, Mrs. Whitten, presided over the meeting, there being nine members present.

"America" and "The Star Spangled Banner," which the hostess played on her new Edison, was fittingly appropriate, and stirred the hearts of our women to a keener sense of patriotism. A selection, "Bolsheviki at Russia's Throat," was read by Mrs. M. T. Britt. "German people behind their Ruler," read by Mrs. O. A. Barbour, caused much comment and discussion. Mrs. W. O. Rackley read some interesting current topics, after which the hostess, assisted by Miss Alta Boon, served refreshing tea and sandwiches.

Judge Brooks Attends Meeting.

Judge F. H. Brooks went to Raleigh yesterday afternoon to attend a conference of the representatives of the North Carolina Food Administration. Dr. L. R. Wilbur, Mr. Hoover's right hand man, and President of the Leland Stanford University of California, was present to impress upon the leaders the great importance of food conservation. Dr. Wilbur tried to show to those present the great needs at this time and the dire necessity for the saving and conserving of our food supplies.

Notice to Correspondents.

In order to get news in Friday's paper all correspondents are asked to mail their letters a day earlier this week.

THE BLESSING OF THE YEAR.

Thanksgiving Proclamation by Governor Bickett.

Salvation comes through sacrifice. He who would truly save his life must be ever ready to lose it. The man or the nation that prizes breath above honor, and riches above righteousness is dust already, and can never hope to "put on immortality."

In the Providence of God the world is today engaged in blood-red debate to determine whether governments shall henceforth be guided by the love of justice or by lust for pelf and power. Not in rashness nor in anger, but thoughtfully, in the fear of God, and out of respect for its own conscience this nation has consecrated its unlimited resources and its unconquerable spirit to the maintenance of governments that will guarantee fair treatment to every man and every nation. It is cause for universal Thanksgiving that in the most awful and most august hour of human history the conscience of our people triumphed over the counsel of selfishness and fear. This is the blessing of the year.

Now, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of the State of North Carolina, in obedience to the sacred custom of our fathers, and in accord with the proclamation of the President of the United States, do hereby set apart Thursday, the 29th day of November, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, as a day for universal Thanksgiving.

And I do call upon the people of North Carolina to assemble on that day in their places of worship, and with humble and contrite hearts give thanks to the Lord of Hosts and the Harvest for His omniscient care. And let us remember in helpful ways the widow and the orphan and all who walk in the shadow of adversity.

And let us pray unceasingly that He Who "rides the whirlwind and directs the storm" may crown our forces on sea and land with everlasting victory, and that war may come no more upon the earth.

Done in our city of Raleigh, on this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-second year of our American Independence.

FOUR OAKS BOYS COMING HOME.

Sons of Mr. Adams Win Commissions as First Lieutenants.

Four Oaks, Nov. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Adams have just received messages from their sons from Ft. Oglethorpe who have recently been commissioned First Lieutenants at the Reserve Officers Training Camp. The young men are hoping to arrive home for a late Thanksgiving dinner on next Thursday. They will have a short furlough and J. B. Adams is ordered to report for duty at Chicomauca in the 17th Infantry Regular Army. H. B. Adams is to report for duty at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga.

Four Oaks is very proud of the record made by these young men, for the training of this second encampment was much more strenuous than the first and the commissions harder to obtain.

Second Committee Meeting.

The second meeting of the new Executive Committee of the Johnston County Baptist Association will be held in the Smithfield Baptist church on Monday, December 3rd, beginning at ten o'clock. The churches having business with the committee may be heard by sending representatives. The members of the committee for the coming year are Rev. John E. Lanier, Chairman, and Messrs. J. B. Creech, J. L. Hall, J. T. Holt and J. F. Pool.

The twenty-four militant suffragettes who were sentenced to a term in the work house for picketing the White House are seeing their liberty through habeas corpus proceedings before a Federal Judge at Alexandria, Va. No doubt they are getting tired of posing as martyrs. Instead of being known in the days to come as martyrs to a great cause, they will be written down among the foolish ones of their day.

Exemption Advisory Board.

Governor Bickett has appointed three lawyers for each county in the State—three hundred in all—who are to serve as a legal advisory board to the county exemption boards for the National Army draft. Those appointed for Johnston County are Albert M. Noble, Ed. F. Ward and J. D. Parker.

W. J. Newsom, of the firm of W. J. Newsom & Brother, of Lucama, committed suicide last Thursday by shooting himself. He gave out the word that he was going squirrel hunting and later was found dead on a pile of wheat straw.

HEARING IN STARLING CASE.

Murder Mystery Still Unraveled. Many Witnesses Examined Before the Coroner Here Yesterday.

(By W. L. Stancil.)

Selma, Nov. 26.—The hearing of witnesses by the Coroner's jury in the Charlie Starling murder mystery was continued today in Smithfield. Mr. E. J. Wellons, of the firm of Wellons & Wellons, represented the State.

About thirty witnesses had been examined at a former hearing, and ten or twelve were examined today. After the examination of all the witnesses that had been summoned the jury decided to continue the hearing to some future date to be decided later by the Coroner.

Readers of The Herald will remember the accounts of the mysterious disappearance of Charlie Starling, from his home on the night of October the 22nd, of the search made by friends and relatives for him and of the finding of the blood in the road near his home, and sacks of sand and blood in a well near by, and three weeks later of the finding of his body in a saw mill well near Carter's Chapel church.

The hearing by the Coroner's jury was behind closed doors and the outcome of their investigation is still problematical, and will remain so until some future date unknown to the public, and even the jury themselves, when they will be called together again by the Coroner, Mr. J. H. Kirkman.

NEWS ITEMS FROM KENLY.

Next Monday night, a special Thanksgiving program will be presented in the school auditorium by a large number of the students of the elementary school. The program is being prepared by the Misses Rena Edgerton and Agusta McKeithen. Immediately following the exercises, a box party will be given by the members of the girl's Athletic Association. Miss Gladys Barnes Wallace is director of athletics for the girls.

Thursday and Friday of next week will be observed as Thanksgiving holidays.

Thursday afternoon from three to five o'clock, the Priscilla Club held its regular meeting in the genial home of Mrs. A. J. Broughton. The guests were met at the door by little Master John Sutton Broughton who escorted them into the parlor. The members devoted an hour to doing fancy work for the Red Cross Society. The work being over, delightful refreshments were served. The following were present: Mesdames L. Z. Woodard, R. A. Turlington, R. T. Fulghum, H. F. Edgerton, J. W. Darden, P. D. Grady, H. P. Johnson, W. J. Hooks, H. M. Gizzard, C. P. Jerome, J. G. High, Tom Barnes.

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ROYALL SCHOOL NOTES.

Royall school opened Monday morning with Miss Ruth Gilchrist, of Laurinburg, principal; Miss Ina Strickland, of Falcon, intermediate grades, and Miss Cora Johnson, of Benson, primary grades. It seems that the people are not all ready to start their children to school now, but we are expecting a good attendance next week. Let all the parents and pupils cooperate with the teachers and make this one of the best school terms in the history of the school.

Rev. C. B. Strickland and some of the orphan children, of Falcon, gave an entertainment at Johnston's Chapel church Saturday night.

A number of our young people attended church at Elevation Sunday.

Misses Florence Jernigan, Blanche Smith, and Miss Bruton, of Benson, and Messrs. Eugene Jernigan and T. R. Herman, of West Raleigh, spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Gilchrist and Miss Johnson at the home of Mr. A. C. Johnson.

Mr. Delma Hardee attended the Free-Will Baptist Conference near Goldsboro last week.

Mrs. C. H. Lassiter is in Rex Hospital at Raleigh.

Miss Myrtle Massengill and little brother, Hunter, of Benson, are spending some time at the home of their uncle, Mr. C. H. Johnson.

Mrs. C. V. Byrd has purchased a new Dodge.—X. Y. Z.

Benson, R. 1, Nov. 22.

Elder J. T. Williams will preach at Four Oaks Primitive Baptist church the first Saturday and Sunday in December, and at Clement church Sunday afternoon.

A JOHNSTON MAN IN FRANCE.

Lieut. David M. Jones Went Over a Few Weeks Ago, His Brother Robert Jones Now at Camp Jackson.

Mr. Robert Jones, son of Mrs. A. G. Jones, near here, who is now at Camp Jackson, is at home on a five-day furlough. He went to Camp Jackson about two months ago where he is in the 306th Company of engineers. He says the boys are faring well at Camp Jackson, that they have plenty of clothing, plenty of good food and have plenty of work to do. He will return to Camp Jackson tomorrow.

Mr. Jones has a brother, Lieutenant David M. Jones, who is now in France, having been sent over within the past few weeks. He belongs to the aviation service and is an expert flyer. He was with Lieut. Eric Ellington when he was killed at San Diego, California, four years ago, being the second man to reach the unfortunate young man when his machine fell. Lieut. Jones has been connected with the aviation services of the United States Army for several years.

TO PLAN FOR THE WORK.

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the Johnston County Baptist Association.

At a call of the Chairman, Rev. Jno. E. Lanier, the Executive Committee of the Johnston County Baptist Association assembled Tuesday, November 20th, at 10 A. M., in the comfortable lecture room of the Smithfield Baptist Church. The Chairman had invited representatives of the various Baptist Churches of the Johnston Association, who receive aid from the Board of Missions.

A number of the Churches sent representatives. After devotional exercises, conducted by Pastor Rollins, of Benson, the Chairman called on the members of the Committee to express themselves freely on the conditions that come under their observation. On behalf of the Committee Mr. J. F. Pool spoke with much interest on the great need of a better cooperation on the part of the churches. He brought out the great difficulties that confront the Committee every year, in providing suitable pastors for the various churches, forming compact fields, and the fact that better work could be done if the churches manifested more interest and were more willing to raise more money in order to pay a reasonable salary to their pastors. It was a splendid address. Mr. J. B. Creech, of Four Oaks and Mr. J. T. Holt, of Wilson's Mills, spoke also on behalf of the Committee. Rev. Mr. Rollins and Rev. R. M. Von Miller spoke on behalf of the pastors.

After every one had been given an opportunity to speak, Chairman Lanier requested every one except the members of the Committee to retire to an adjoining room, and the Committee began its executive session. Members of the different churches were called before the Committee and each had an opportunity to state the condition of their respective church, their outlook and the group they wished to form and the help they desired for the ensuing year.

A very excellent spirit of cooperation was manifested and we believe a great deal of good was accomplished. While many churches were represented, yet it would have been more complete if the others had also come, but no doubt the unfavorable weather held some back. All churches desiring aid this year must execute the blank furnished them, and send not later than the first Sunday in December. It must be in the hands of Mr. Lanier Monday morning, Dec. 3rd.

As usual Mr. Beatty opened his hospitable home to a number of the delegates at the dinner hour, and Rev. Mr. Brinson, his congenial pastor of the Smithfield Church, spread the table for some of the others at the pastorium. All the representatives left with smiling faces and warm hand clasps, returning to their homes much pleased in having had a heart to heart talk with us. Mr. Brinson closed the session with an earnest prayer for God's further guidance in this important work.

J. B. CREECH,
Secretary of the Executive Committee.

Four Oaks, N. C., Nov. 20th, 1917.

Cotton sold in Charlotte Friday for 29½ cents a pound, says the Observer. This is the highest price paid for cotton in that city since 1866.