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\$1.00 a Year in Advance

Mr. Larry Johnson Buried Here

The body of Mr. Larry Johnson formerly of this place, was brought here Thursday from Hopewell Va., accompanied by Rev. Preston Peyton, Mrs. E. M. Gordy, Miss Mary Gordy, Frank Johnson, of Oak City, and William Johnson, son of the deceased. Mrs. Gordy and daughter had gone to Hopewell, on a receipt of a message saying that Mr. Johnson was ill with heart trouble.

The body was taken to the Episcopal Church on the arrival of the noon train, and at three o'clock, funeral services were conducted by Revs. Peyton and Jordan, the choir singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Nearer My God To Thee" hymns selected by Mr. Johnson for his funeral. Owing to the fact that Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, the only sister of Mr. Johnson was ill and could not reach here in time for the funeral, the interment took place on Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock, the body reposing in the Church during the time.

Mr. Johnson was the son of late Larry Johnson and Mary Johnson, his wife, and was reared in Williamston. He lived for years in Brunswick, Ga., but for some time had been living at Hopewell with his son. In early manhood he joined the Episcopal Church here under the rectorship of Rev. T. B. Haughton, and from the testimony of him who ministered unto the dying, he died in hope of a blessed resurrection.

Drafted Men To Leave.

Dr. John D. Biggs, who served for several months on the County Exemption Board, has resigned and Mr. John L. Hassell, Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, accepted the appointment to fill the vacancy.

On Saturday (tomorrow) the third squad of drafted men will leave here for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. The men to leave are:

Lanier Harmon Matthews, William Henry Carson, Henry G. Simpson, Robert A. Taylor, John Henry Peel, Levi L. Riddick, Wade Davis, Wiley Luther Bailey, Murdock Ayers, Jesse C. Ange, Thomas H. Wynn.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Martin, North Carolina, to be held at Williamston at 1:30 p. m. on Nov. 10 1917 to fill the position of rural carrier at Williamston, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

The Roanoke Hunting Club left Tuesday morning for Calm Point, where they will remain for about ten days. The party was composed of Kader B. Crawford, A. R. Dunning, J. G. Staton, W. H. Crawford, John S. Cook, T. C. Cook.

The Kehukee Association

The meeting of the Association at Robersonville beginning on Saturday and lasting through Monday, was perhaps, more largely attended than any which has ever been held in Martin County. The weather was ideal and Robersonville was very accessible; then the number of autos increases in the county the attendance at a public gathering.

The people of Robersonville and those around the town are noted for their splendid hospitality, and truly did sustain their reputation. The arrangements for the comfort and pleasure of all those attending the meeting were complete in the slightest detail. Never has there been more elaborate preparation of food, and as Martin County produces its own meat, corn, potatoes, poultry and other things, it was expected that those who went to the meeting would fare like lords.

A large number of Williamston people spent Sunday there, and were loud in their praises of the gracious hospitality of their hosts. The next meeting of the association will be held in Rocky Mount next October.

The Women Organize

Monday afternoon at the rest rooms of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, the women of Martin County perfected an organization of the Woman's Council of Defense for the County. Mrs. John D. Biggs was made permanent chairman, and the other officers were chosen for the work. The chief object of the Council is to get the women to pledge for the safety of the Nation by using strict economy in food, dress and in all things pertaining to household expenses. Every woman in the county is supposed to be registered with the statement of what kind of work she is fitted for. This work is an important one and if the war continues, will be vitally necessary to the lives of the people. Out-of-town women attending were, Miss Hattie Everett, Mrs. Staton Ayers, Mrs. J. W. Williams, Mrs. Charles Roberson.

Booze And A Pistol Got Him

Tuesday, Jim Mizell, who lives in the Bear Grass section, loaded up on "monkey rum" and taking his pistol started out on a rampage. He cursed and swore up and down the road, and finally pulled his pistol and commenced to shoot after cursing a man he met on the road. The country was not large enough for him to operate in so he came to town, where he flourished his gun and a quart of rum, taking the re-drying plant for the scene of his maudlin actions. The policeman was apprised of his presence, and went out and brought him before Justice Manning, who bound him over to court in three counts. Booze and a pistol are boon companions, and the third person gets the punishment, when he joins them.

The War is on.

The American citizen should not try to see how much he can get out of his fellow man, or the country at large. His duty is to put his shoulder to the wheel and help win the war. Make some sacrifice—a little self-denial will be good for most people anyway.

Americans should be careful with their food. There are nations across the ocean on verge of starvation. Economize; eat a little less of the expensive food; waste less and you will help others.

Bagged A Big Still

Sheriff Page has bagged two stills within the last three weeks, the second and last being found on the farm of Jesse Leggett in Poplar Point Township. About 200 yards from a tobacco barn, a well trodden path leading to it, was located a 60-gallon copper kettle with all necessary equipment for the making of "monkey rum." Here were found 20 molasses hogheads, 6 10-gallon kegs two pitcher pumps, hose, etc. No beer ready to brew was found, as the operators had either finished their job or were just waiting to begin operations again. Sheriff Page was accompanied by Policeman Page in this raid, and all the paraphernalia was brought to town as a witness against the operator and owner of the still. If the Sheriff keeps up the pace he has set, there will soon be little booze around here to de-bauch and ruin the lives of men.

September Sales.

That the Williamston Tobacco market would sell more tobacco this year was expected, and so the September sales were 1,663,054 pounds, and with the August sales, the market sold over 2,000,000 pounds to Oct. 1st. This, too, at the very highest market prices. No market in the East has given the farmers a squarer deal in every pound of leaf; in fact, the local market has surpassed the average market. The warehousemen have been alive to the business of getting the farmers here, and then more alive to giving high prices. Of the amount sold during September, the Dixie sold 630,299; the Farmers, 513,435; the Brick, 519,320. The October sales continue good with prices up. When in need of money for your weed, drive in to Williamston, where every facility for handling tobacco is found.

To Visit Kinston and Other Places.

Harry A. Biggs left Tuesday morning for Kinston where he attended a reception given in honor of Mrs. Cordelia Powell Odenheimer, President General of the Daughters of the Confederacy and Mrs. Jackie Thrash, President of the North Carolina Division. From Kinston he will go to Richmond to be the guest of George M. Schaefer for the Richmond Fair, thence to Raleigh for the State Fair where on Wednesday he will ride in the parade as one of the escorts to Miss Rankin the representative from Montana.

To Our Dietetic Guide

(From one husband)
We've substituted corn for wheat
And pallid cottage-cheese for meat;
With nobly stimulated zeal
We chew the dull potato-peel;
We've tested every new disguise
For making rice a glad surprise,
And never throw a bit away,
But mingle all in queer puree.
O doughty Dietetic Guide,
Lead on, lead on! We're satisfied.
—Chicago Tribune.

Banks Profits

The ratio of the bank loans and discounts to be paid-in capital, November, 1915, in North Carolina, was 5.3. Among the counties, Scotland lead with 11.4; Polk came second with 11.1 and Martin third with 9.7. Banking in Martin County is safe, sound and secure, and the profits from same naturally are large.

Strong Endorsement Of Government

I utterly abhor the proud, covetous, heartless, conscienceless, brutal, diabolical military despotism of Germany that is exerting every effort to rule or ruin the world; and I think that we should do all that we can to help our brave soldiers and sailors to reduce the crazy Imperial German government to sanity. It is right to employ violence to subdue a wild, powerful, murderous lunatic. I admire the determination of our government to do all in their power to protect our valiant defenders, and to provide for their dependent families.
Sylvester Hassell.

Hamilton Items

Mr and Mrs. Speight were the guests of Mrs R W Salsbury Saturday night.

Mrs Ralph Watkins arrived Friday to visit Mrs J P Boyle Ed Inseo spent Tuesday here.

J. L. Hines, of Rocky Mount, spent Sunday here with his family.

Mrs. N W, Grimes has returned from Baltimore.

Mrs. Thad Lawrence is spending the week at Gold Point.

Mr and Mrs J P Boyle, John Martin, Jr., and Miss Maggie B. Jones spent Sunday afternoon in Williamston.

Mrs. Leslie Johnson and daughter spent Sunday here.

Mrs. Martha Purvis spent the week-end in Robersonville.

Miss Olivia Rogers is spending several days in Williamston this week.

The two-and-one half year old child of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Salsbury has infantile paralysis.

Miss Della Purvis has returned from a month's visit to her sister in Robersonville.

Mrs. T. B. Slade, Mrs. J. P. Boyle, Mrs. S. D. Matthews and Miss Martha Council spent Thursday in Washington.

Mrs. J H Edmondson has returned to her home in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Edmondson and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Peel spent Tuesday in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. M. I. Fleming went to Enfield Tuesday.

P H. Davenport with friends spent Wednesday in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. J. P. Boyle and Mrs B. B. Sherrod spent Tuesday in Williamston.

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W. C. Manning Editor and Owner.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 11th day of Oct. 1917
C. H. Godwin Notary Public.

W. C. Manning has been appointed Food Administrator for Martin County.

Thompson-Thomas

Miss Lena Thomas and Mr. James Thompson were quietly married at 4:45 Wednesday afternoon at the home of Captain and Mrs. T. W. Thomas, parents of the bride, Rev. W. R. Burrell, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiating. The couple left on the 5 o'clock train for Norfolk, where the groom is employed.

The bride is well-known as a teacher, having served the county faithfully in this capacity since she finished her training at the State Normal Institute at Greensboro, and is a splendid young woman. had accepted the position of teacher of the school at Smithwick Creek this year, but later decided to be married. Mr. Thompson worked here early in the year.

Differs From Any Other

The Williamston tobacco market is unique from the fact that on it can be found James the First, three Kings, a Taylor, Meadows, a Boon, two Smiths, and last but not least, it has the Hight. Royalty to lend dignity to the market; a Taylor to properly measure the farmers product; Meadows and Brooks to give refreshing Boon to those who have been wandering elsewhere; Smiths to hammer low prices to death and a Hight to which no other market in Eastern Carolina has reached. If you don't believe it, bring all the rest of your crop here and carry home the simoleans

Williamston Leading.

Last week, it was stated in these columns that Everetts, in Martin County lead in the number of subscriptions to the soldiers tobacco fund, which the News & Observer is managing. Right on the heel of this statement was the publication of a long list from Williamston, which run up Martin County's stock to a high mark. Mr. C. B. Clark collected the contributions here and forwarded them to the "Old Reliable" at Raleigh.

A Faithful Woman Gone

The death of Louisa Scott last week removed from the community one of the oldest and most faithful colored women that has ever lived among this people. She was the strong friend of both races, and in whatever capacity she ministered, she did her duty as one who serves. For years she had been a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. The funeral was conducted on Friday afternoon from the church.

Card Of Thanks

We wish to publicly thank all those who rendered us the slightest kindness at the death of our mother and wife, Lina Andrews Johnson, whose call to go hence was sudden and seemingly untimely. Friends gave us every attention, and we are deeply grateful.
The Family.

Attention Tax Payers

The special privilege taxes have been due since August 1st., 1917, and the general taxes are now due. The Tax Collector will proceed to collect same at once. The citizens will please be ready to pay when called on.
W. T. Meadows,
Town Treas.

PERSONAL

W. B. Watts was in town Sunday from Plymouth.

Miss Leona Page arrived home from Richmond Saturday.

Mrs. S. L. Ewell and son, of Hamilton, were in town Wednesday.

Dr. W. E. Warren went to Hobgood Wednesday on professional business.

Miss Mildred Purvis was in town Sunday visiting her sister, Mrs. Fowden.

John Henry Thrower and family left Sunday for their home in Hollister.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Boyle and John Martin were here from Hamilton Sunday.

Mrs. Rome Biggs, who has been visiting her sisters in Washington, returned Sunday.

Mesdames Staton Ayers and John W. Williams, of Everetts, were in town Monday.

John Tucker, of Edenton, was here Thursday of last week to attend the funeral of Mr. Larry Johnson

Mr. and Mrs. Britt Howell and children, of Edgecombe County, visited Mrs. Irene Smith Sunday.

Mrs. W. R. Burrell and daughter, who have been in Canada for several months, returned home Saturday.

Miss Alice Gibson, of Dardens, has been in town this week after attending the Association at Robersonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruffin, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Page, and Messrs. Biglow and Spier, of Tarboro, were visitors at Hotel Britt, Sunday.

Miss Minnie Cochran, of Robersonville, and Miss Clyde Edmondson, of Bethel, have been the guest of Mrs. Fred Garendor this week

Increase On Postage.

The Post Office Department of the Government has issued notice that an increased rate on first class postage will go to effect on November 2nd. Beginning that date the rate on letters will be 3 cents for each ounce or fraction thereof and two cents for each postal or post card. The increased rates will not apply to dropped letters that are for local delivery in town. People should bear this in mind and put three cents on letters of less than an ounce in weight and two cents on postal cards, beginning November 2nd. Any of the present supply of two cent envelopes or one cent postal cards on hand then can be used by putting an additional one cent stamp on each.

"The Land Of Opportunity"

North Carolina has a population of 2,400,000, estimated. Eighty-one per cent engaged in agricultural.

Total State debt: \$8,763,500
The State owns stock in internal improvements whose market value would pay this.

Value of real and personal property assessed for taxation: \$887,924,492.

Amount of taxes collected: \$4,267,022.32 (net).

Average days of sunshine per annum, 250.

First in raising sweet potatoes. Second in raising tobacco, Cotton per acre: First for seven years.

Value of agricultural crops in 1916: \$274,435,000.

Rank among states in 1916, 11th.