

# THE ENTERPRISE

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### Slipped The Officer

Tuesday morning officers Page and Patrick arrested N. S. Godard as he was at the depot preparing to leave on the 8:17 train. Godard had taken the overcoat of Mr. Cunningham, who is employed at the stemmery, and had sold it to a negro at the pressing Club. He was required to give bond to keep out of jail, and so Policeman Page went with him to his home to get his mother to give bond for him; Mr. Page allowed him to go in the cookroom to tell his mother, and hearing a crash, ran out and around the house in time to see Godard rushing down the side street towards the colored Baptist Church. He had jumped out of a window to escape the officer. Officer Page shot at him, but there were some colored people on the street, and it was not safe to do much shooting for fear of hitting an innocent person. Mrs. Godard in the excitement, ran down the street behind the officer, and became, so exhausted he had to pick her up and placed her in a wagon to be taken home where a physician was called to attend her. Godard made good his escape.

Later, Chief Page went to Plymouth and secured Godard, who had perhaps gone there on a car with the purpose of leaving on the N. & S. Railroad, and Wednesday morning, he was brought back and placed in jail from which he was later bailed by relatives.

### Killed Little Child

Monday at Rocky Mount, Arthur Perry ran over an 8-year old child with an auto, and on Wednesday the child died. It is said that the child, who had one skate on, ran out from behind an ice wagon in front of the car, and Perry did not see it in time to stop. Perry, who is the son of Mrs. Tom Perry here, has been working for the telephone company at Ry. Mt. for some time. He was arrested and gave bail for appearance on Nov. 28. It appears that Perry was not to blame for the accident.

### Commissioned In Regular Army

J. W. Anderson has received a message from his son Leroy, who is in training at Fort Oglethorpe, stating that he had been commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in the regular army. He probably was in the list of men between the ages of 21 and 27, who were to be sent to the regular army for further training, as provided by the War Department. For two years, he was at a military school in Alabama, and is a fine specimen of manhood both physically and mentally, and no doubt, will reach farther promotion.

### Meeting At Oak City.

Sunday afternoon, W. C. Manning, Mrs. John D. Biggs, Miss Daisy Manning and others attended a meeting at Oak City in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. fund and the Red Cross work. The claims of both objects were enthusiastically presented by the speakers, and Oak City people responded in the same spirit, as they do to every good movement. There were many Hamilton people present also, and they added their strength to the meeting.

Remember that the business houses will be closed next Thursday and that the Telephone Exchange will be open only at certain hours as on Sunday.

### MARTIN COUNTY GUARDS ORGANIZED

#### Col. Wilson G. Lamb on Monday Mustered in Fifty Members From Various Parts County.

According to authority given by Governor T. W. Bickett, fifty men were chosen in Martin County to form the Home Guards, and these with only a few exceptions reported here Monday afternoon, at the Court House. W. C. Manning, Chairman of the Martin County Council of Defense, called the names of the Company at 2 o'clock and the following answered:

S. S. Davis, R. O. Martin, L. W. Mizell, J. N. Hopkins, John D. Biggs, W. G. Lamb, Jr. B. A. Critcher, N. S. Cherry, A. B. Ayers, Nathan Rogers, K. B. Crawford, F. W. Hoyt, C. H. Godwin, C. B. Hassell, T. F. Harrison, Leslie Fowden, A. Anderson, A. R. Dunning, W. C. Manning, W. R. Burrell, C. H. Jordan, J. G. Staton, Geo. H. Harrison, J. S. Cook, J. Herbert Ward, J. S. Ayers, B. F. Perry, W. E. Davis, J. S. Ayers, F. L. Haislip, H. S. Everett, B. M. Worsley, R. J. House, T. H. Johnson, Irving Smith Wilmer Chandler, J. A. Ross, Durwood Everett, Ben L. Rives, Harvey Roberson, B. F. Coburn, H. A. Gray, Garland Gray, Roy Robuck, Earl Coburn, Theo. Mobley, James M. Jones, J. L. Long, W. H. Stallings, Jno. D. Ward, J. A. Davenport, R. J. House, W. J. Jones, S. W. Manning, J. M. Perry.

After necessary proceedings the Company was formed and formally mustered into service by Col. Wilson Lamb, a member of the Martin County Council of Defense. The Company then proceeded to elect its officers with the following result:

Captain, W. C. Manning.  
1st. Lieut., K. B. Crawford.  
2nd. Lieut., H. A. Gray.  
Chaplain and Drill Master, W. R. Burrell.

Captain Manning appointed the following:

1st. Sergeant, John D. Biggs  
2nd. Sergeant, Simon W. Manning.  
3rd. Sergeant, Henry S. Everett.

The younger men whose names appear above will compose the Company's band, and are from Robersonville, where instruments are already possessed. J. M. Perry will lead the Band.

### To Hold Bazaar.

The Guild of the Church of the Advent (Episcopal) will hold a Bazaar at the Pariah Hall, on Wednesday evening, November 28th. Fancy articles suitable for Christmas presents and for personal use will be on sale. Oysters, salads, coffee, etc., will also be served. Those desiring to take supper at the time will be served promptly; doors open at 6:30 o'clock sharp. The Juniors will have a booth also.

The public is cordially invited to attend and spend a pleasant evening, and help the Guild in its work.

### Notice To The Public.

According to the usual custom, the business houses will be closed on next Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. The Williamston Telephone Company will observe Sunday hours on that day. The public will kindly note this.

### Young Man Seriously Ill.

The seriousness of the condition of James Edwin Harrell, son of Mrs. W. H. Harrell, has saddened the heart of the entire town and community. The young man was taken ill Wednesday of last week and was found to be suffering from extreme biliousness. Later it was apparently a case of congestion, which affected his hearing and voice. Every effort of the attending physicians, and nurse availed nothing, and Monday it was decided to perform an operation to relieve brain pressure. It was thought advisable to take him to a hospital, and Tuesday morning Dr. William E. Warren, Mrs. Minnie Ballance and W. H. Harrell, who had arrived from Philadelphia the night previous, took him to St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk.

### Cut Three Fingers Off.

Roland Crawford, son of Ex-Sheriff J. C. Crawford, who is a student at the A. & E. College West Raleigh, came home Saturday on account of an accident to his left hand. While working a saw for practical training, he had three of his fingers cut off. Though the loss will somewhat inconvenience him, it will not altogether hinder him in work. He is taking a course in Electrical Engineering.

### Y. M. C. A. Fund Growing.

Martin County's part in the campaign for the Y. M. C. A. Fund to help in the trenches and in the camps, will be performed to the tune of the \$3,000 asked. The Committee for Williamston Township raised \$2,200 during the first days of the campaign, and other Committees are working faithfully in other townships. The amount on Monday had reached \$2,600 with many more subscriptions to be secured, which were known to be sure. The people of the county are to be congratulated upon their readiness to respond to this fund, which means so much to the happiness and comfort of the American soldiers.

### Plant More Corn

Now that the crops are harvested with slight exceptions, it is time to begin planning for the next year. The need will be greater and greater as the war goes on, and there is little hope of an early ending, and the farmers of the South and the West must plant to meet the emergency. This year as year before, have the people responded to the call of the government. Every household who could, planted a garden, and millions of dollars were saved in this way, for canning was the rage of the summer months.

Still there is room for improvement in the line of production. If one notes as he passes along, he will see many places where corn or other grain might be planted. The truth is the land that is idle equals in loss the waste in the towns and cities caused by the non-working class. What is greatly needed is an increase in corn production next year, especially in this section in which very little wheat is grown. Farmers plant too small an acreage in corn, which is used to furnish bread for man. It is one of the best money crops at this time, and means much more than that—it will furnish feed for both man and beast.

### FORMED RED CROSS CHAPTER FRIDAY

#### Mrs. Charles H. Godwin Chosen Chmn. Christmas Campaign to Begin December 17th.

At a public meeting at the Masonic Hall, Dr. John D. Biggs, temporary chairman, presiding, the Williamston Red Cross Chapter was formed on Friday last. Mrs. Rome Biggs was made temporary secretary, and after an instructive talk by the chairman, the nominating committee composed of Mesdames John L. Hassell, Frank U. Barnes and J. H. Saunders retired for the purpose of consultation as to the several nominations. They reported as follows:

Chairman, Mrs. Charles H. Godwin; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Warren Biggs; Secretary, Mrs. John D. Biggs; Treasurer, Mrs. C. B. Hassell.

The Chairman appointed the following: Mrs. L. B. Harrison, Chm. Finance Committee; Mrs. J. G. Staton, Chm. Knitting Committee; Mrs. B. S. Courtney, Chm. Surgical Dressing Committee. The officers of the Chapter are ex-officio members of the Finance Committee, and each chairman with these officers compose the Executive Committee.

The meeting which was called for the past Wednesday evening at the Court House, could not be held owing to the fact that the services of Dr. Boyer could not be secured at that time. It is hoped and planned that at a later date Dr. Boyer can come; it will be remembered that he was easily the most prominent figure at the Red Cross Convention recently held at Raleigh.

The Chapter is planning a big Christmas drive during the week beginning December 17th. Mr. Luke Lamb assisted by Mr. Duke Critcher, will manage the campaign during that week, and great things are expected to result from their work.

On Tuesday, the Chapter moved to new quarters in the Everett building on Main Street, which was formerly the office of Mr. Clayton Moore. These rooms have been made comfortable and there the Chapter will meet at least once a week, or if found necessary, twice during each week to accomplish the work laid out to be done. Any member of the Red Cross in the county, or any number of members of the different Auxiliaries are cordially invited to meet with the Chapter at any time. Martin County has an important part in the great work of the Red Cross, and there must be earnest and united action to carry it forward to success.

It is requested that all those who are knitting for the Red Cross bring their needles to be measured by the official size card. Also bring a list of wool required to complete article commenced.

### A Handsome Prize.

The prize offered at the Tarboro fair for the best county exhibit was won by Martin as before announced. The prize consists of an Underwood Typewriter No. 5, with handsome desk and chair, valuation about \$120. Mr. J. L. Holliday, County Agent, has had them on exhibition at Saunders & Fowden's for the past ten days or more. The list of the individuals winning prizes was never given to Mr. Holliday, and so could not be published.

### Mr. D. C. Jones Dead.

After intense suffering for several weeks, David C. Jones died at his home in Hamilton, Tuesday morning, November, 20th, 1917. He had been taken to Rocky Mount for treatment for a growth on his breast, which was diagnosed cancer, and physicians decided that his age would prevent proper treatment, so he was brought back home, and in a few days paralysis attacked him, and so death was a relief to the suffering body.

He was born in Martin county at the old Jones homestead on the Jamesville road in March, 1848; his parents, David and Christine Jones, died when he was a young boy, and during the war, he came to Williamston to work for the late William H. Carstarphen and remained in his employ for years. More than thirty-five years ago, he established a business in Hamilton, which was carried on successfully for many years; his health failing, he sold out and engaged in lighter work.

Thirty-three years ago, he married Miss Bettie Carstarphen, and three children blessed their union, the oldest, Christine, dying while very young. His wife and two daughters, Misses Maggie Belle and Annie Jones, survive him. He was a faithful and devoted husband and father, and his genial disposition helped to lighten the burdens of each day, as the years passed. For years, he had been a consistent member of the Methodist Church and died in the strong faith of the Christian believer.

Mr. Jones was the uncle of Mrs. Will Ellison and Mrs. Latham Thrower of Williamston.

Wednesday afternoon in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives, his body was placed in the grave, after the ritual of the Church had been said by his pastor, Rev. H. M. Eure.

Friends brought beautiful flowers to express their appreciation of the dead and their sympathy for the bereaved family.

### Bring It On

That very little tobacco remains unsold is apparent; all the markets are getting only small quantities now. Williamston is still selling some tobacco every week at the highest prices, and the farmers who have any unsold, should unload it on this market. The market has been better equipped than ever and satisfactory sales have brought the farmers back and back again. Soon it will be time to begin to plant for another crop, and, no doubt, prices will be high next season. Williamston will be the best place to sell the next crop and plant with that in mind. However, it is the next best thing to bring the remainder of the crop of 1917 here before the cold weather comes on. Sell here receive your check and deposit in your bank to draw on when the expense for the next crop has to be paid.

### Hurt By Bale Of Cotton.

Tuesday, Mack Spruill, a negro farmer was seriously hurt by having a bale of cotton fall on him. He had gone to the gin of Mr. Kader Lilley, and was beneath the bale which was being brought down and the lifting apparatus slipped and the bale descended, badly crushing him. Medical aid was secured as quickly as possible and Spruill, though suffering greatly, is still living.

### Found Dead In Bed.

A very sad death occurred here in the early hours of Wednesday morning. Mr. A. W. Maxwell, who came here to work on the school building, but later was employed on the Blount building, had been sick in bed for several days, suffering with extreme nausea from which he failed to get relief. Tuesday night about 2 o'clock, the doctor was called to minister remedies to him again, and Mr. Marshall with whom he had been working, remained up with him until 4 o'clock. When he arose to get ready for the day's work, he thought Mr. Maxwell was sleeping soundly and went out. At 6 Mr. John Tyndall went to the room to inquire about him and found that he was dead. A doctor was summoned and after examination verified the sad statement.

The dead man's home is near Lumberton, where he has a wife and child. The news was communicated to them, and the body was taken in charge by the local Camp of the W. O. W. He being a member of the Lumberton Camp. He was boarding at the home of Policeman Patrick, who lives in the Sitterman house, and died there. An embalmer was secured, and the body was prepared for shipment to his home. The men with whom he had worked, sent a floral wreath as a token of their sympathy.

### Thankful For Y. M. C. A. Fund

To all those who have so generously contributed to the Y. M. C. A. Fund, the Chairman of the County Committee, as well as all other members of the Committee wish to express their sincere thanks.

There is no call coming to us that is more worthy, and we find the only thing to do to make a man give, is to make him understand. The county will give over its apportionment of \$3,000. A full detail of the amount by townships and also by individuals will be published next week, unless the list of names is too large. If not published, individual receipts will be sent each donor.

Those pledging may send check at any time, and save trouble of calling or writing.

Very truly,  
W. C. Manning, Sec. & Treas.  
Y. M. C. A. Com. Martin County

### In The Peoples Bank.

It was announced previously that John L. Rodgerson had resigned his position at the F. & M Bank, and purchased the grocery business of W. J. Hodges, which was true. But later, the directors of the Peoples Bank offered Mr. Rodgerson a position in that institution at a greatly increased salary, and he decided to accept, after making arrangements with Mr. Hodges, who will continue to serve the public as before. Both Mr. Rodgerson and the Peoples Bank are to be congratulated, for the one is an unusually strong man in banking, and the other an institution of marvelous growth.

### With The F. & M. Bank

J. Earl Leggett, son of Mrs. Martha Leggett, who has been in Norfolk for several months, has accepted a position with the Farmers & Merchants Bank, and entered upon his duties this week. He received his business education at Lynchburg, Va., after having attended school here and at Arden.