

CORPORAL MACK JONES WOUNDED IN ACTION

Martin County Boy and Former Employee of this Office

In a letter dated June 26th, and received last week by Mr. Claude B. Clark, Corporal Mack Jones, a Martin County boy at the front in France, tells something of his experience "over there" and stated that he was wounded in one kidney and had been in the army hospital for some time, but was able to sit up and write. He enthusiastically stated that the Allies had the Germans on the run, and that the Americans were doing the best fighting that has ever been done. He says that on June 14th, he and a comrade took eight prisoners. The fighting was in the Bois de Belleau, where the Americans made an attack on the north fringe of the woods, killing a fair number of Germans, capturing five machine guns and suffering only trifling casualties. A clipping from a Paris paper, which was enclosed in the letter, told of the capture by five Americans of a machine gun which was arranged on a pulley-rope among the trees, so it could be hauled quickly from tree to tree. These five Sammies chased the gun until they caused the two German operators to drop to the earth and flee; the gun was captured.

Corporal Jones is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jones, who live on the Hamilton Road, about three miles from town. He volunteered and was sent to Camp Jackson; later he went to Camp Greene and volunteered to go to France. He won a sharpshooter's medal before going overseas.

It will be remembered that Corporal Jones worked in the Enterprise office for some time before enlisting, and attended school in Williamston. He is the first Martin County boy to have been wounded so far as is known and it is hoped that he will soon recover and go to the Germans again with his trusty rifle.

The War Department according to the rules of the same, sent a message on Tuesday to the parents of Corporal Jones stating that he had been seriously wounded.

The River is Treacherous

It is just becoming the popular thing to go in bathing in the river now. Just a word of caution: The Roanoke River is a treacherous stream; numbers of men have from time to time been drowned in it, and men who have worked on and near it will tell you that it is dangerous. Then the water is very muddy and this alone unfits it for bathing purposes. One of the best and the safest places for bathing is at the creek bridge here the water is clear, the shade dense and there is a sandy bottom. Every summer has its toll of victims, for oftentimes the most expert swimmers go to their death in the water; it is well to be cautious, and to those who do not know how to swim it is advisable to say: Don't go near the river.

Gone Into Training

Relatives have received a letter from Maurice D. Watts, who has been living at Sun, W. Va., for several years, in which he stated that he left this week for Richmond to go into training at the Radio stationed near there. He left Montgomery, W. V., with a squad of twenty-eight men over whom he was given command until the training camp was reached. Mr. Watts is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts and the youngest brother of Lieutenant J. W. Watts, who is in the aviation service of the United States at the front in France.

FARMERS ARE URGED TO GRADE TOBACCO

Good Prices on Floors of Williamston Market Assured

With the prospects for higher prices for tobacco this season than ever before, it behooves the farmers to be extra careful in curing and handling the weed before it is placed on the sales floors. Often a crop is made, and then the value is reduced by improper curing, or grading. Then again, many farmers sell their crops in the rough; this is so often accompanied with great loss, which could have been avoided if the same weed had been placed on the floors for sale. Many farmers, however, are compelled to sell because they have not the grading facilities at home. This season there will be no necessity for handling crops in this way, for the warehouses in Williamston have an increase in their grading room and the farmers are urged to act wisely and bring the leaf here for grading and then place it on the floors, so that every cent of profit may go in the pockets of the men who have worked industriously to produce the tobacco. Why make a crop and let some one else reap the profit out of it? If you cannot grade your weed and take good care of it, bring it to Williamston where every facility can be had for grading and storing until day of sale.

Mrs. Mary Ann Revels Dead

Mary Ann Revels, the daughter of Humphrey and Bettie Webb, at the age of twenty years was married to Eli Revels in the year of our Lord 1868, and lived a married life until July 10th, 1918, when death parted them. During her married life, she was the mother of seven children, all of whom are living except one. Some number of years she put herself before the Disciple Church at Macedonia, and was received in full fellowship, and she lived up to that faith until death. On July 10th, the good Lord saw fit to take her to himself, as we hope and trust.

Her son, Eli S. Revels chose Elder Asa J. Manning to preach her funeral the next day following. Elder Manning appeared at the old homestead, and preached a long, Christian funeral, and then followed by the bereaved husband and a large congregation, her body was carried to the family plot and nicely buried to await the morning of the resurrection.

Written by her dear beloved son,
Thomas W. Revels.

In Memoriam

After several months of illness Mrs. George T. Gardner died on Friday afternoon, June 13th, 1918, at her home near Williamston. She was born in Martin County about 23 years ago, and was the daughter of W. T. and Cornelia Wiggins. A husband, two children, three sisters, one brother, father, mother and many friends are left to mourn for her.

In 1915, she joined the Church at Riddicks Grove and was a faithful member of the same. As often as she could, she attended services but sickness and home duties kept her from enjoying the blessed privilege as she wished.

We miss her from the home circle; but her sufferings were so intense, that we feel that God has taken her home with him to be at rest forever. Home where no sorrow or sickness ever enters, there to dwell with the angels throughout the eternal ages.

The funeral services were conducted on Sunday afternoon by Rev. W. R. Burrell, and interment was in the family cemetery.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

Dr. and Mrs. Grover C. Godwin will begin housekeeping tomorrow in the house of Miss Anna Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Moore having decided to occupy a part of the residence of Mrs. Bettie Harrell.

Some very fine Elberta peaches are being sold this week by A. J. Manning at \$2.00 the bushel. The demand, however, was greater than the supply, as there are very few peaches in the country districts.

Quarterly meeting for the Williamston-Hamilton Circuit was held at Hamilton Sunday, Elder E. N. Snipes being present and preaching at both services.

Several loads of home-grown watermelons were brought to town last week, and evidently the grower thought that money had recovered from its "tightness" as prices went above the clouds. The quality of the melons was not in keeping with the money asked for them.

Dr. Grover C. Godwin's professional card appears in these columns this week, and his services may be secured by calling phone 161.

Grading rooms are being added to the Brick Warehouse, and a large addition to the re-drying plant, all of which indicates that the Williamston market is getting in readiness for business at the opening in August.

There will be a special meeting of the Red Cross at the rooms in the Masonic Hall this afternoon at 5. It is hoped that the meeting will be well attended.

John A. Philpot, Williamston's young artist, has made a pen sketch of the proposed bridge across the Roanoke at Williamston, and the scene on the bridge and about it gives one an idea of what it will mean to the people here and to the resorts around Norfolk and the city itself. The sketch has been sent to engravers to see if a cut can be made of it, so that it can appear in these columns.

Over There And Over Here

You say that it is something every day—a subscription, a contribution or a prohibition, but have you thought that they who fight over there don't stop after they fight one battle, and take their own time to fight the next one?

You say that it is a call for money or service or sacrifice every day over here, but have you thought that it is life and blood and wounds over there? Take your choice.

It may be taxes one month, Red Cross the next, Liberty Bonds the next, Y. M. C. A. funds the next and War-Savings the next over here; but over there, it is gas today, shrapnel tomorrow, machine gun fire day after tomorrow, and hell every night. Yet our boys over there do not get four per cent compound interest on the investment they make of their life or limb. Which will you choose?

Storm Slight Here

The hail storm which did much damage in some portions of Washington County, and in a small section of Martin did no damage in this vicinity. The storm was very violent, and some hail fell, but the hail went in a small streak and had exhausted itself before striking in this immediate section. It is reported that on Long Acre below Dardens that the storm destroyed crops, and at Pine Town the hail was terrific, cutting the tobacco and corn crops into shreds. There was much thunder and rain accompanying the hail, and farmers were much alarmed about their crops.

"Ye Serpents, Ye Generation of Vipers..."

Manufacturers Record

All our business and domestic life has been upset; all our fond anticipations for the future of loved ones must now be supplanted by the everpresent realization of their danger, their certain sufferings and their possible death; sorrow and anguish are everywhere the nation is in turmoil, a land of peace has been suddenly transformed into a war machine; the daily toll of death grows steadily longer and soon will be doubled and quadrupled; sorrow and breaking hearts are everywhere.

And why all this suffering and sorrow, why these breaking hearts, why this awful toll of death and disease?

Because Germany for the aggrandisement of its autocratic, despotic rulers, and for the wealth to come from looting the world, for years definitely planned to turn this peaceful world into a hell of woe. Cold-bloodedly these murderers set about their plans for a war upon their neighbors, intending when they had been destroyed to push across the sea and conquer America. They even planned the terms for exploiting Canada, which was to be one of the indemnities to be paid by England.

The whole world has thus been turned into a mighty armed camp; millions have been killed and millions have been maimed; the blind, the armless, the legless will soon be in evidence all over our land as they are in England and France and Italy.

Millions have died of hunger and hundreds of millions have felt the pinching power of an ever-decreasing food supply; hundreds of millions have for nearly four years lived in agony of heart as by day and by night their ears are ever strained for the dreaded word of the death of some of their loved ones.

For years our Allies endured horrors surpassing the wildest flight of Dante's imagination as he pictured the Inferno, and day after day, month after month, from their bleeding hearts went forth the never-ceasing cry: "How long, O Lord, how long will America sleep on in fancied security?"

And why have our Allies thus suffered and why must we now give our millions, the very flower of our civilization, to endure these sufferings and death in all its fearful battlefield forms?

Because William, the accused, and all Germany not the military leaders only, but all Germany set out on a pre-arranged campaign to murder millions in order to enrich themselves by looting the world.

These murderers, these looters these outragers destroyed womanhood, slew hostages, shot down innocent civilians, to protect themselves from the soldiers of the Allies placed women and children in advance of their fighting line, poisoned wells, spread disease germs, all for the purpose of making their pre-determined plan of "frightfulness" their greatest weapon to make nations tremble before the very thought of arousing German hostility. And all this for their own personal enrichment and planned out for many years.

At last, thank God, America is awake, and never again will it slumber until those who have created this hell on earth have paid the full penalty of their crimes.

And Jesus said: "Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell."

Another Red Cross Contributor

In the list of those who contributed to the Second War Fund of the American Red Cross, the names of several were inadvertently left out, and among them was that of Mr. Fred J. Roebuck, who generously contributed \$25.00 to the fund.

BRIEF PERSONAL MENTION WILLIAMSTON AND VICINITY

Lyman Britt is visiting in Tarboro this week. John Tyndall spent a few days at St. Paul this week.

Arthur Wooten, of Robersonville, was a visitor in town Tuesday.

Miss Lessie Wells, of Rocky Mount, is the guest of Miss Martha Simmons Mizell.

Mrs. John A. Ward is at home from Camp Sevier, where she has been with her husband.

Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Smithwick with Mrs. P. H. Brown have been visiting Camp Jackson this week.

Miss Clyde Gurganus, who has been visiting her sister, for more than three months in Elizabeth, town has returned home accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. B. Humble, of the N. C. Conference Methodist Church, who will spend the summer visiting relatives in the County.

Miss Laurie Ellison, of Robersonville, is visiting relatives in town.

Bruce Whitley, who is stationed at Waco, Texas, is at home for several months.

Mrs. Thomas Jarvis has returned from Camp Jackson, where she has been with her husband for the past two months.

Dr. John D. Biggs has been in Norfolk in the interest of the bridge-building at Williamston. Mrs. John D. Biggs is visiting in Scotland Neck this week.

Mrs. J. A. White and little son have returned to their home near Hobgood.

Rev. C. H. Jordan has been in Washington this week.

Miss Minnie Orleans, of New York City, is visiting her parents on Church Street.

Mrs. A. A. Shute, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Allsbrook and children, of Scotland Neck, visited Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Shute Sunday afternoon. They were accompanied by Mr. Summrell.

Friends are glad to see Dr. P. B. Come at home again after an operation for appendicitis in Richmond.

Thomas Whitley, of Parmele was in town today on business.

Mrs. Fannie Biggs, Mrs. Asa T. Crawford with Harry A. Biggs and Joe David Thrower went to Washington Monday.

E. P. Cunningham spent Sunday in Panteo.

Senator Harry W. Stubbs went to Norfolk Monday in the interest of the Boone-Bankhead Highway.

Lieutenant Elbert S. Peel spent Sunday here with his parents.

Dr. J. H. Saunders left Monday for Ft. Oglethorpe, where he was assigned by the War Department.

Julius Purvis returned from Kittrell Sunday accompanied by John B. Crudup.

Garland Hodges and Miss Esther Hodges spent Saturday evening and Sunday here with friends.

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

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Ruffin, were here from Tarboro Sunday.

Private Ernest Burrell, U. S. Navy, has been here this week visiting his parents on Church Street.

Mrs. John Moore and children, of Norfolk, are visiting relatives on Main St.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Boone and little child arrived here Sunday. Mr. Boone will be with the Brick Warehouse Company as auctioneer.

Mrs. P. H. Brown, Mrs. Hugh B. York, Mrs. W. H. Biggs, and Miss Daisy Wynn with S. C. Peel and E. P. Cunningham went to Washington yesterday to meet Miss Carrie Dell Blount who was returning from Panteo.

Misses Vada and Eva Wynn, of Everetts, were in town yesterday with their house guest, Miss Southall, of Magnolia.

MARTIN COUNTY BANKS DOING BIG BUSINESS

Farmers & Merchants Bank Pushing Million Dollar Mark

If the readers of the Enterprise carefully noted the statements of the six banks which published the condition of same on the 29th day of June, they found that the resources of these six banks amounted to \$1,949,377.86, and the deposits aggregated \$1,155,126.98. Of this amount, the resources of the banks in Williamston were \$1,663,474.61 and deposits, \$920,549.76. The call for the statements came at a time, too, when the farmers were needing great sums of money to pay for fertilizers, etc. The statements of three other banks in the county are to be added to the above—the Bank of Robersonville, the Farmers Bank and Trust Co., and the Bank of tamesville, which did not appear in these columns last week.

It is evident that Martin County has plenty of money to meet the needs of the people, and it is also established that the farmers and others, too, are depositing their earnings in the banks.

The banks of the county are the friends of the people, and the prosperity of these institutions is the thermometer which indicates the progressiveness of the citizens within its borders. Both the banks and the people are allied to make for a Greater Martin County.

Bear Grass Items

Miss Motie Bell Bailey and Johnnie B. Wynn were happily married Saturday.

Stewart Jackson and mother spent the week-end in Washington with relatives.

Miss Essie Perry was the guest of Annie White Saturday night and Sunday.

Albert White, of Danville, Va., was the guest of his father this week before leaving for camp.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bullock fell down Friday evening and broke her arm, which is the third time it has been broken.

Miss Myrtle Gurganus was the guest of the Misses Bullock Saturday night and Sunday.

The crops of the Bear Grass section are beautiful especially corn, which is the most important thing at this time.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ayers and mother visited relatives in Bethel Sunday.

Miss Estelle Bullock has received letters from two Martin County boys, Private Simon P. Harrison, who is in England and Private Lanier H. Matthews, in France. They wrote that they were enjoying the best of health and would like to come back to old Martin County, but were not coming until the war is won. We hope that they will be fortunate and return in the near future.

St. Swithin's Day

Tradition has it that on July 15th, St. Swithin, an Englishman, died and that a heavy rain fell during the funeral services, and continued for forty days thereafter. So it is that the superstitious have looked upon every July 15th with some degree of concern. It is true that many times, the rain comes along as predicted, but more often it fails. Monday was the 15th, and the sun shone in splendor all through the hours, and while a few clouds joined themselves together in the sky, no rain fell. This then was an indication that the earth is to be spared a downpour for forty days right in tobacco-curing time. No doubt, rain will fall as it usually does at this season of the year, but no one will be able to blame the saint of olden times for its coming.

BRIDGE HERE OF GREAT MILITARY VALUE TO NATION

Shortest Norfolk-Wilmington Overland Route

The importance of the proposed bridge at Williamston is becoming still further evident when it is realized that it is practically certain that the proposed military highway provided for in the Chamberlain bill, in which two hundred and fifty million dollars is provided for the construction of a border highway for military purposes that will skirt along the Atlantic seaboard, the Gulf of Mexico, the Mexican border, the Pacific coast and the Canadian border.

This highway will also present a wonderful advantage over the present route from north to south. When the highway is completed, it will enable tourists desiring to go south in automobiles to ship their cars to Norfolk and then drive them south along the seaboard. This would be the only route open in the winter season, when the roads of northern Virginia and central North Carolina are frozen over.

IMPORTANT MEETING

Special meeting of the Chamber of Commerce tonight at 9 o'clock. Every member requested to attend. Important business.

W. C. Manning, Secy.

Instructions To Merchants And People

All merchants are requested to call for sugar certificates in order that every family in Martin County, who needs sugar for canning, preserving or pickling, may get what they may need up to 25 pounds for the season by signing said certificates, and leaving the same with the merchant. All families needing more than 25 pounds during the season will be able to get all of their legitimate need by applying to the County Food Administrator for same.

Write or phone and same will have prompt attention. The government wishes to help all; only asks that the people pull fair and assist it. Don't ask for more than you need for a reasonable time. Get as you need so the supply will last.

Respectfully,
W. C. Manning,
County Food Administrator

A Former Williamstonian A Richmond Banker

The news that Mr. Frank F. Fagan has accepted the position of active Vice President of the First National Bank, of Richmond, will interest a large number of friends and acquaintances in Williamston and Martin County. Mr. Fagan was with the Farmers & Merchants Bank here for several years, and by unceasing activity and a keen business sense, helped to place that institution on the upward plane to success. He left here and went to Rocky Mount, where he was cashier of the National Bank there, and the resources of the bank fully attest Mr. Fagan's ability. Though Richmond is a great banking center with numbers of the South's best bankers, it is predicted that Mr. Fagan will meet every requirement of the banking circles there.

The telegram of Rocky Mount among other things it had to say of Mr. Fagan, adds this: "In the going of Mr. Fagan the city is losing a valuable citizen, and a man who did many things for its business and commercial advancement. He is a man whom any municipality would be proud to boast."