

LIEUT. JOHN W. HASSELL KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE

First Martin County Man to Die Facing the Hun

Mrs. Ella Hassell was officially notified Tuesday morning of the death of her son, Lieutenant John Walton Hassell, by a brief telegram from Adjutant General McCain. He died in action facing the Hun.

The news, of course, was a great shock to his beloved mother, sister, relatives and friends and cast a gloom over our town. But the pangs of his loss are in manner alleviated by the fact that he died fighting for the liberation of the peoples of the world from the descendants of Attila, who have committed crimes that would make even he hide his face in shame.

Lieut. Hassell died leading his men, supposedly at the beginning of the great Allied counter blow, having fallen on the day it was launched when our armies advanced so fast it was necessary to bring the cavalry into action. Certainly we feel this to be true if the charge was lead by volunteers.

John W. Hassell was born and reared in Williamston and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in North Carolina that admired and respected him. He was for years connected with this office and for some two or three years before going to Tennessee in 1911 was manager.

He was born November 1st, 1886, and would have reached his 32nd year this year.

Being in the draft. (Having registered in Tennessee as a Martin county man) and desiring to enter the service as soon as possible he resigned his position and came home. After a short visit to his people here he entered the second officers training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe on August 27th, 1917, where he received his commission of the 27th day of November of the same year. After receiving his commission he was given a short furlough which he spent here with his mother and sister, reporting for duty at Camp Green, Charlotte, on December 15th.

Lieut. Hassell sailed for over sea duty on or about April 29th from New York, and the only news his people had received from him before the telegram announcing his death, was a postal announcing his safe arrival in France and a letter written on May 17th, just two months before his making the supreme sacrifice. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Ella Hassell, one sister, Miss Clyde Hassell, an aunt and uncle, Miss Hattie Thrower and Mr. Latham Thrower, and a host of relatives and friends, who deeply sympathize with his bereaved loved ones.

John Pope, of Weldon, has been visiting relatives in town this week.

Miss Mary Keeter, of Weldon, is visiting Miss Naomi Ray this week.

Miss Louise Edwards is visiting friends in Kernsville this week.

Mrs. Ida Mae Moore and children, of Norfolk, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Waters, on Main Street.

Herman Taylor and Roland Crawford motored to Raleigh Saturday.

Misses Carrie Dell Blount, Frances Knight and Vada Wynne motored to Washington Tuesday.

Mrs. Jessie Coburn and grandson with Miss Lizzie Harrison, of Robersonville, visited Mrs. Harry Meador this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Watts and Miss Mary Gladys Watts went to Richmond today to visit Maurice D. Watts, who is in training there.

MR. W. H. SMALLWOOD DROWNED IN ALASKA

The sad intelligence of the drowning of their brother, Mr. Will H. Smallwood, in a river at Hughes, Alaska, reached Mrs. S. R. Biggs, Sr. and Mrs. G. L. Whitley Monday.

The information was received by telegram and very meagre with no details.

Mr. Smallwood was about 60 years old and was among the earlier settlers in Alaska, have gone there in 1894.

In addition to Mesdames Biggs and Whitley, Mr. Smallwood is survived by two sisters and one brother, who live at Washington.

Williamston Personal

Mrs. W. R. Burrell and Miss Beatrice Burrell, left Wednesday for Richmond where they will spend some time.

Reginald Burrell, U. S. N., returned to New York, Wednesday where he is stationed, after visiting his parents here.

Misses Fannie Manning and Eva Peel are at home from Southern Pines.

B. S. Courtney left for Norfolk Monday, where he took his little son for treatment.

Miss Ruth Britt went to Tarboro Wednesday to visit her sister.

Mrs. J. W. Mallard, of Faison is visiting her son, J. W. Mallard on Smithwick Street.

Mrs. Geo. W. Simpson, and Miss Twine are visiting relatives in Elizabeth City and Hertford. They were accompanied by Miss Sallie Brown.

Miss Mildred Purvis returned from Kittrell Saturday evening, accompanied by Shields Blacknell.

Mrs. M. L. Nicholson and son, of Baltimore, are visiting relatives and friends in town.

Miss Mamie Taylor, of Everett, is the guest of Mrs. W. A. James this week.

J. H. Thrower and family motored here Saturday and returned to Hollister Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. J. L. Thrower and daughter are at home after a visit to relatives at Hollister.

Miss Louise Vick, of Hertford, is visiting Mrs. J. L. Thrower this week.

Col. Benham Cameron was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Staton on Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Crawford went to Virginia Beach last week, and is a guest at Courtney Terrace.

Mrs. James W. Andrews and children left last week for Williamsport, Pa., to visit relatives. Clyde Sewell is spending this week in Murfreesboro.

Miss Edith Bryant spent Sunday in Parmele.

Mrs. Myrtle Evans, R. E. Roberson and Clyde Sewell spent Sunday in Jamesville.

B. S. Courtney spent Sunday in Scotland Neck.

Harry Fagan, of Tarboro, was a visitor in town Sunday.

T. Bog Slade, Jr., of Hamilton, was in town Monday.

H. S. Everett, of Oak City, spent Monday in town on business.

Mrs. Charles E. Mizell is visiting relatives in town.

Miss Alma Sparks spent the week-end in Robersonville with her parents.

Miss Mary White is visiting Mrs. Z. H. Rose in Wake County.

Miss Lalla Wynne is at home from Flat Rock, where she taught this year.

Mrs. Tom Whitfield, of Weldon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Vernon Godwin.

Mrs. E. M. Gordy and Mrs. Hunter Price left yesterday for Baltimore, where they will reside.

300 FROM MARTIN ATTEND THE BANKHEAD HIGHWAY MEETING IN WASHINGTON TUESDAY

The Most Representative Body of Men that Have Assembled in Many Years in Eastern Carolina Greeted and Applauded the Honorable F. M. Simmons, North Carolina's Senior Senator, and Many Other Prominent Men and Speakers of the State

AN ASSURED FACT THAT THE ROANOKE RIVER WILL BE BRIDGED AT WILLIAMSTON

There gathered at Washington Tuesday the most representative body of business men ever assembled in Eastern Carolina. The meeting was called by Col. Benham Cameron, of Stagsville, Chairman of State Highway Commission and North Carolina member of Bankhead National Highway, for the purpose of deciding whether the Bankhead Highway would lead through Eastern Carolina or not.

The convention convened at 11:30 A. M. and was called to order by the Hon. Harry W. Stubbs, of Williamston, who nominated Judge Stephen C. Bragaw, of Washington, for the permanent chairman. Judge Bragaw was elected unanimously and presided with characteristic dignity throughout the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Stubbs all editors present were elected secretaries. These being Owen G. Dunn, of New Bern; S. W. Kenny, of Windsor; D. J. Whichard, of Greenville; W. C. Manning, of Williamston; and W. K. Jacobson and James L. Mayo, of Washington.

After a short address of welcome Judge Bragaw introduced Col. Cameron to the convention. Col. Cameron at the opening of his address outlined the purpose of the meeting and frankly stated that it was not called for debating purposes but to boost the Eastern route of the Bankhead National Highway.

Col. Cameron told of his visit to Europe in 1908 and how the vast net work of good roads over there impressed him so that he determined upon his return to America to set about to build such roads in America and his native state. Also he reviewed briefly his activities and accomplishments in his good roads endeavors.

With a map showing the proposed Eastern route of the Bankhead National Highway he explained clearly what the road would mean to Eastern Carolina. When Col. Cameron reached the point on the map where the Roanoke will be bridged at Williamston, he was greeted with a hearty applause by the majority of those present. In the course of his remarks Col. Cameron stated that the National Committee was neutral and that the State Highway Commission had decided on the Eastern route and all that remained necessary now was the giving of material aid by the Counties affected.

Judge Bragaw next introduced the Honorable F. M. Simmons, of New Bern, North Carolina's senior Senator and Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee. In the opening of his address the Senator declared that "We now have two duties to perform: the first to bring the war to a successful end in the defeat of the Hun (and that God helping us we will do that); the second duty of preparing for our country for things which will happen after the war."

While Judge Bragaw asked the Senator to explain the military aspects of the proposed road, Mr. Simmons asked not to be confined to the road, and spoke interestingly and instructively on the present activities of our government towards the winning of the war and told of many things the government had

already done and intended doing in preparation of meeting the conditions that will arise after the war. He stated that in view of the fact that a Western Senator had already introduced a bill in the Senate to build a military road along the Atlantic seaboard, and that as our proposed road would connect Norfolk, our greatest naval base, with Wilmington, which will shortly be one of the greatest ship building centers in the United States, he could see no reason why bonds could not be sold and Government aid secured in the building of the road. And that when the people went to Washington with the proposition they could depend on having his cooperation, whereupon the convention arose to their feet in a mighty applause for the Senator.

Speaking directly of the road Senator Simmons said in part: "When this war is over, there is coming to America three or four, or possibly five million men, who have traveled over the same roads which I have traveled. (The Senator was a member of a congressional committee that went to Europe several years ago to study the roads of the old country, of which he made mention in his address) and they will see if we at home have not already done our duty towards building roads, that this work is carried through without delay."

Before closing his address Senator Simmons, paid in the language of Judge Winston, "the most eloquent tribute ever paid to a political rival" to the Honorable Claude Kitchin, of Scotland Neck, Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, the most important committee of our National House of Representatives.

At the opening of the afternoon session Judge Bragaw made a roll call of Eastern counties and the following answered: Bertie, Hertford, Craven, Pamlico, Carteret, Wake, Hyde, Lenior, Wilson, Nash, New Hanover, Jones, Onslow, Pitt, Washington, Edgecombe, Halifax, Gates, Martin, and Beaufort, Norfolk and Wilmington also were represented.

Hon. Harry W. Stubbs, of Martin, was the first to speak officially for their county. Mr. Stubbs told the convention that Martin County had caused a survey of the swamps of Bertie to be made and that Mr. Fallis, the State Highway Engineer had informed him that the bridge and a road through the lowlands of Bertie would cost between \$200,000 and \$250,000 and that the County commissioners of Martin had authorized him to state that Martin County would give \$100,000 if necessary.

Mr. Stubbs was followed by Judge Bragaw who stated that Beaufort county had already made an appropriation for the bridge and if necessary would double or even quadruple it. Every county represented assured the convention that they would do all they could for the road.

Our good and friendly neighbor county, Bertie, had fifty delegates present, and happily had for their spokesman Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor. We fully agree with Judge Bragaw that there is only one Judge Winston. Judge Winston talked

interestingly for several minutes and assured the convention that it could count on Bertie doing its full duty.

A motion was made by Judge Winston that a committee of three be appointed by the chairman to go to Washington to ascertain what government help towards the building of the road could be obtained.

A central committee was authorized with Senator Stubbs as chairman, with the privilege of selecting his associates, to cooperate with local committees in the irrelative communities.

Senator Warren, of Beaufort, offered a resolution looking towards the using of State convicts on public roads of the State, with the exception of those needed for the State Farms.

Resolutions of Appreciation

At a meeting of the delegation from Bertie County who attended the National Highway Convention in Washington it was unanimously resolved:

That our grateful thanks are due and are tendered to the hospitable people of our sister town of Williamston and of our sister county of Martin for the many courtesies shown the Bertie delegation in attendance upon the convention. Our friends gave us an ideal day which we greatly enjoyed, and we shall eagerly seek for time and place when we can show our great appreciation of their efforts. We extend to them at all times an invitation to visit us and be our guests.

Not the least of the great benefits Bertie County expects to obtain from the completion of our great National Highway, will be that it has been made easier for Bertie County folk to visit their Martin County friends and kindred.

At the request of the delegation I hand you the above and request publication.

Francis D. Winston.

J. O. Guthrie, of Raleigh, was in town Wednesday on business. T. H. Warren, of Durham, was in town on business this week.

Prof. and Mrs. E. E. Bundy are at home from a visit to relatives.

Simon Rutenburg left this week for the Northern markets. Miss Morris, of Windell, is visiting Miss Lilly Belle Hardison near town.

R. W. Everett, of Rocky Mount, is visiting his sister, Mrs. P. H. Brown this week.

Miss Helen Weaver, of Rich Square, and Miss Aleaz Aycock, of Pantego, are the guests of Miss Carrie Dell Blount this week.

Mrs. John W. Manning is visiting friends near Scotland Neck this week.

Mrs. B. F. Godwin has returned from Roper where she visited her father.

Misses Mayo and Annie Lamb are at home from Virginia Beach.

H. M. Ballard, of Washington City, was in town this week on business.

The following colored selectmen left Thursday for Camp Greene, Charlotte, North Carolina:

Augustus Roberson, Matthew Jones, Wm. Handy Ore, Jefferiah Williams, King Riddick, Boston Cherry, Herbert Evans, Floyd Page, Geo. Fountain Godard, George Daniel, Frank Miller, Wm. Frank Howell.

HOW TO ELIMINATE WILD FIRE FROM TOBACCO

West Raleigh, N. C., July 24th, 1918.
Mr. Joseph L. Holliday,
Williamston, N. C.

Dear Sir:
The specimens which came from you are those of tobacco wild-fire. I hope that the disease started sufficiently late so that you will suffer no material loss this season.

Probably the best advice you can give your patron at this time is to insist that he use a new plant bed next season and that he use every precaution to get seed which he knows comes from plants in which there has been no disease. These two precaution will probably eliminate his trouble next season.

Yours very truly,
F. A. Wolf,
Plant Pathologist.

Now is the time for tobacco farmers to see to getting disease free seed, if this is done and above advice followed. It in all probability will save hundreds of dollars in the next few years. This disease practically destroyed the tobacco growing industry for a number of years in the old tobacco belt.

Very truly yours,
Jos. L. Holliday,
County Agent.

Oak City Items

Rev. R. D. Carrell, of Charlotte, is holding a series of meetings this week in the Baptist Church.

Oak City is soon to be lighted by electricity. The plant has been purchased.

Miss Hattie Everett returned from an extended trip to Richmond last week.

Little Misses Eleanor and Helen Grimes and Master James Hines left Friday with their father to spend a few weeks with relatives in Baltimore.

N. C. Hines, of Carey, spent Thursday night here.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Worsley spent the week-end at Stokes.

F. M. Burwick, of Ayden, spent Monday here.

Miss Gladys Everett spent last week with her little friend, Mamie Lee Turner.

T. H. Burnette was the guest of a lady at Greenville Sunday. Miss Lou Council spent the past week in Hamilton with her sister, Mrs. Frank Haislip.

Little Sarah Long Johnson spent last week with friends in Williamston.

Miss Jefferson House is the guest of Miss Miss Margaret Conyers at Rocky Mount.

Mrs. R. J. House and little son spent Sunday in Weldon with relatives.

Little Misses Pattie and Helen Weeks, of Scotland, are visiting their grandmother this week.

Mrs. Jack Hyman, of Norfolk, is spending some time with Mrs. T. H. Council.

Miss Esther Gluyas, of Williamston, Home Demonstration Agent for Martin County, spent Monday at the home of Miss Blanche Everett.

Mr. and Mrs. Allsbrook, of Scotland Neck, spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Allsbrook.

The Red Cross Society made ten knit bags last week for the boys of the next draft. They are at work on various supplies.

How is the Accepted Time

Some few people never seem willing to sacrifice or practice self-denial for others.

To such we say that there never was a better opportunity to build up a conscience—a thing so commendable in man, as now.

You can help by conserving flour, sugar, and many other article of food. Send more to our boys who are in the fight.

STATE LIBRARY HOSPITALITY WINS BERTIE COUNTY DOCTOR

Wants Bridge here So He Can Get
to See Us Easier

That the hospitality of Martin County people is irresistible is fully demonstrated by the following letter of Dr. Cliff Whitehead, of Woodville:

Woodville, Bertie Co., N. C.
July, 30th.

My Dear Mr. Editor:—

I had the pleasure yesterday of going over to Washington as a delegate from this county to the National Highway meeting. I am formally a Tarboroian; in fact, practiced there until I retired a few years ago on account of my health. While in Tarboro I, of course, met lots and lots of your good people; in fact, have some as good friends in your county as I have on Earth. I want to say in behalf of our delegation from this county that we were one and all charmed with the reception given us by your townsmen. I will have to admit though while I was perfectly willing for the road to pass through your beautiful town, I was sorter in hopes the Bridge might be built a little farther up the river, and so told my good friend, Dr. Biggs. However, after spending the day yesterday with your good people in Washington and receiving such a welcome I am converted.

And such crops, why I never saw anything like it from the Atlantic to the Pacific, makes one feel good to ride through such a country. Now I tell you Mr. Editor when that bridge gets across I am certainly coming to see you all. With lots and lots of thanks to that handsome Mr. Hardison for his kindness and with my hat off to Martin county hereafter.

I am with good wishes
Dr. Cliff Whitehead.

I spend most of my time on the Roanoke chasing deer and building turkey blinds.

Martin County's Honor Roll

The National Council of Defense desires that the name of every son of Martin County who either dies or is killed in action in his country's defense shall be inscribed upon a suitable tablet to be hung on the walls of the county court house. These tablets to be first of wood and at the end of the war they will be replaced with a suitable engraved bronze tablet.

I am urgently requesting that every family who may have lost a son in the service give me the name and all information possible.

Don't delay. Remember the coming generations should know martyrs of their liberty. And that it is our duty to cheerish their memory and perpetuate their names.

Respectfully,
W. C. Manning, Chmn.

National Defense Martin County.

Jackson-Allan

A very quiet marriage was solemnized on Sunday morning July 28th, when Miss Ora Allan and Mr. Austin Jackson plighted their troth, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Allan in Jamesville at noon.

Only a few intimate friends and relatives were present, Dr. Coggins officiating.

Mr. Jackson, is the son of Mr. A. C. Jackson, of Washington, Beaufort Co., and is engaged in agriculture.

Among the out of town guests attending the marriage were, Mr. and Mrs. Tim Jackson, of Washington, brother and sister of the groom, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Darden, of Plymouth and Mrs. Myrtle Evans, of Williamston, sisters and brother of the bride, Miss Bettie Bateman, of Belhaven and Messrs. R. E. Roberson and C. P. Sewell, of Williams-ton.

Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Jackson motored to Washington, where they will make their home with the groom's parents.