

Williamston Personal

Mr. A. B. Adler, of Plymouth was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. H. Saunders and son returned from New York Friday.

Bill Peel U. S. N. who is stationed at Norfolk is at home this week.

Misses Virginia Herrick and Virginia Jordan have returned to St. Mary's School, Raleigh.

J. Lass Wynne, Misses Vada Wynne, Fannie and Daisy Manning were in Washington Monday.

Mrs. Herbert Lilley and Mrs. Kate Stallings, of Jamesville were in town Tuesday.

Several of the younger boys went to Plymouth Tuesday night to see the show, "Oh, Baby".

B. S. Courtney was called to Norfolk Tuesday to attend the funeral of his father.

S. Collin Peele and Arthur Perry were at home Sunday from Newport News, where they are stationed in limited service.

Mrs. J. L. Thrower returned Sunday night from Hollister, where she has been visiting her son.

Garland Anderson returned to the University of Virginia at Charlottesville Thursday. He brought the body of Joe Mark Melson home for burial.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Mizelle of Tarboro, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mizelle and Mrs. Thomas House of Robersonville were in town Sunday.

Mrs. Carrie Biggs Williams and daughter Frances with Victor Burrell motored to Charlotte Thursday to visit Harry A. Biggs who is stationed at Camp Greene in Y. M. C. A. work.

Mrs. Anna Harrison came Sunday to resume her position with Harrison Bros. and Co., in the millinery department. Mrs. Harrison has been making her home in Lancaster, S. C. for some time and she has many friends here who will be glad to learn of her return.

A Martin County girl, Mrs. Virginia Bullock, now living in New York City, voted a straight Democratic ticket at the recent election. Mrs. Bullock is the daughter of Col. Wilson G. Lamb and has many friends in North Carolina who will be pleased to know that she is continuing the lifework of her father in supporting the Democratic party.

Carson-Lanier

Miss Della Biggs Lanier and Mr. Sumner Jay Carson were married in the Chapel of St. John's Episcopal church by Rev. Herbert H. Fox, Tuesday October 29 at 5 o'clock. Miss Clara Taswell Jones, a cousin of the bride, acted as maid of honor, and Mr. Albert Peter Kennedy as best man. Mr. Robert P. Jones gave the bride in marriage. After the ceremony, a delightful dinner was given to the bridal party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert P. Jones 2905 West Orange boulevard, -The Detroit Free Press.

Miss Lanier is the daughter of Mrs. C. M. Lanier of this town and is of the two oldest families of North Carolina, being the granddaughter of the late Capt. John R. Lanier and Mr. Joseph D. Biggs both prominent men in early history of Martin County. She is a girl of unusual charm, beauty and popularity and has a host of friends in her native County and State who wish her much happiness for the future. She is a talented musician and has taught in Williamston two years before going to Detroit.

Mr. Carson is from Philadelphia and is an Efficiency Engineer, inspecting the machinery of the U. S. Munition Factories at Detroit.

Lt. and Mrs. J. Thomason left Wednesday for Roanoke Rapids to visit relatives.

Letter From France

The following is a letter received by Mr. John Mobley of Everett, N. C. from his brother Jim Mobley in France.

Somewhere in France,
October 3rd, 1918.

My Dear Brother:

I received your letter yesterday and I sure was glad to know you were all right. This leaves me well and getting along fine. I haven't written you all in about three weeks but it was because I was busy and it wasn't convenient.

But we are all back of the lines now at rest and I hope we will be out for a while. John I just wish some pretty moonlight night you could look several thousand miles to the East and see what is taking place over here here, it is awful to see the ruined homes, they now look like just piles of brick and many of them can never be rebuilt. There is some beautiful farming land here but these people don't know how to farm, they don't raise anything but wheat and Irish potatoes, they have plenty of cattle though and the funniest thing I ever saw was two dogs churning milk, they were fixed in a big wheel and as the dog ran up the wheel, that caused it to turn and churn the milk. They earned all they ate all right.

Well I have been in real action since I have been here and we have had plenty of fire works and real ones too but I know I am the luckiest boy ever lived, not had a scratch.

How are the girls? I haven't seen one in over a month but we will soon be back where they are. We are doing fine work here have slept beyond the Hindenburg line all right but still we haven't done anything until we sleep in Berlin. They call us Yanks here and Yanks we are going to be until we show the Kaiser what we can do.

I hope I will soon hear from home again, write as often as often as you can.

Lovingly,
Your Brother Jim.

Health Officers Report

Williamston

Chicken Pox: Sophia Little, Josie Harrison, Eva Harrison, Julia Ward, Ruth Ward, Paul Simpson Jr., Henry Manning, Ruth Manning, Grace Manning, Charles Manning, Sarah F. Cone, Myrtle Brown, W. T. Crawford, R. L. Roberson.

Williamston R. F. D.

Scarlet Fever: A. C. Bailey.

Meningitis: Oscar Mizelle.

Typhoid Fever: Carrie Dell Brown, Geo. Stokes Jr., Mattie Smallwood, Rosie Johnson.

Robersonville

Septic Sore Throat: J. H. Knox.

Whooping cough: Maude A. Little, 5 children.

Diphtheria: V. A. Ward Jr.

Dr. W. E. Warren,
Health Officer.

Board of Commissioners Meet

The Board of Commissioners met in regular session Monday and drew the following jury for the December Term of Court:

L. W. Mizell, T. J. Hardison, L. A. Sykes, J. W. Martin, C. A. Askew, C. O. Godard, A. E. Manning, S. D. Griffin, Jas. A. Daniel, J. Dawson Lilley, J. R. Corey, B. S. Cowan, A. T. Roberson, J. S. Griffin, F. L. Teel, A. C. Barnhill, W. F. Wynn, W. A. Mobley, W. T. Cullifer, W. J. Bryan, W. H. Rogers, R. S. Price, Jesse T. Price, E. W. Garrett, F. W. Barnes, Mc G. Peel, R. A. Bailey, J. Rufus Carson, J. Henry Roberson, J. H. Roberson, Jr. J. D. Cherry, W. E. Davenport, P. L. Salsbury, R. E. Turner, T. W. Davenport, N. M. Worsley.

They also appointed the following road Commissioners for Jamesville, Township.

John D. Lilley, C. A. Askew, J. A. Getsinger, S. T. Jackson, S. S. Davis.

They will have entire charge of the road of that Township as they recently voted to work under the taxation system.

Hamilton Items

Mrs. R. B. Watkins of Philadelphia is the guest of Mrs. J. P. Boyle.

The body of Mr. Will Pritchard was brought home from Raleigh and interment was made in the local cemetery.

Dr and Mrs. M. I. Fleming were here from Rocky Mount Friday.

C. D. Perkins spent Sunday in Greenville.

Ruth Harrell with a party of friends was here Sunday from Tarboro.

Miss Marie Hyman of Newport News spent the week-end with Mrs. F. B. Slade Jr.

Miss Kathleen Willis of Washington spent several days here last week with Miss Elizabeth Davenport.

Boj Slade Jr. has returned from Newport News where he has been visiting his aunt for the past month.

Miss Annie Mizell arrived Saturday to teach in the Graded School here.

A Letter From France

Somewhere in France
Oct. 7th, 1918.

My Dear _____:

Your letter of August 28th was received, very glad to hear from you. Think that our mail is coming through fine now. It is true that I haven't written as often as I would have liked but over here things personal are always of last consideration. When I do have a few minutes they are usually spent in censoring my men's mail, which I hate to hold up.

I wrote you about coming to the front line, well I have been here ever since with the exception of four days. Am beginning to feel like an old veteran at the game and have gotten used to the shells bursting near me but when a fellow hears a big one coming his way he immediately and involuntarily hugs old Mother Earth and prays to the good Lord that it doesn't decide to stop. I've been over the top quite a number of times and have had a few interesting experiences.

The Huns attacked one of our strong points using liquid fire. One of our men was burned in the face and one arm and when he fell the square head sprayed him on the back. He was suffering agony but when they put him in the ambulance he was smiling and said, "Boys, give'm hell I will be back to help you in a few days." Another with a big piece of shrapnel in his face on being asked if he wanted to go to the hospital replied, "No, Sir! I'm going back to my company where I belong". What chance has the Kaiser and his beasts got against such spirit?

Recent news is encouraging and I'm of the opinion that we can now see the beginning of the end. Of course all of us over here are very anxious to see the finish but NOT until Germany has been made to see the folly of trying to conquer the world, and the war carried home to the German people and they be made to see the Kaiser and his puppets as they are. Until this is done we have not accomplished our mission and it will be only a matter of time before we will have to do all this over again.

"When a task is once begun never leave it till its done."

I was indeed sorry to hear of John Hassell's death but I know that John died like a true American.

Trusting that we may continue to meet with success and will soon be able to return to home and loved ones after accomplishing all duties.

I am sincerely
Roy,

This is an extract from a letter from 2nd Lt. LeRoy Anderson received by a friend in town. Lt. Anderson has been in the thick of the fight now for some time and he certainly has the right spirit.

Thomas J. Smith Dead

Mr. Thomas J. Smith died of apoplexy Wednesday morning at eight o'clock. After eating breakfast at the Britt Hotel where he stated that he was feeling fine, he went to the warehouse and while standing by two colored men in his prize room was stricken and was caught by the men and placed in a chair, then moved to a truck where he died in about fifteen minutes. He was taken to his home in Danville, Va. for burial.

Mr. Smith was born in Cascade County, Va. and was fifty-six years old. He married Miss Cora Reynolds who with four children Lt. T. J. Smith Jr. of Camp Wadsworth, Reynolds of Williamston and Corinne and Vincent of Danville survive him.

He was the buyer of the Imperial Tobacco Co. on the market here and had been in Williamston about fifteen years, his family living here for several years. He was one of the most popular men ever here, was liked by everybody and was generally called "Uncle Tom".

He was a member of the Methodist Church an honorable and upright man.

To All Knitters

An allotment of 187 Sweaters and 206 pair of Socks to be finished by December 1st has been sent us from Headquarters. How much of this number can we promise? Please let us know at once.

Yarn has been ordered and is expected daily. Just as soon as it arrives it will be distributed among those who will promise to finish sweaters by December 1st.

Sweaters and socks must be knit by the new directions. A copy of these directions can be found in the Ladies' Home Journal for October on page 100. Be sure the necks of the sweaters are large enough. The socks must be washed and dried on sock drying forms. These forms have been ordered. All work not coming up to the requirements will have to be made over.

It is desired that the sweaters be knit first. Who will help knit and thus keep our Boys warm?

Yours faithfully,
Fannie Chase Staton,
Supervisor of General Supplies,
Martin Chapter Chapter.

Card of Thanks

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Mizell wish to express their thanks to numerous friends who so kindly spoke words of encouragement, cheer and sympathy in their hours stricken with grief at the death of their son John D. Mizell who fell in action in France.

Red Cross Rooms Open

For the benefit of the people of the county, the Red Cross Rooms will be open Tuesday afternoons and all day Fridays to receive labels and give boxes for the Christmas packages. If any one wants a box before those dates see or telephone Mrs. C. H. Godwin.

Notice

The local Red Cross Chapter needs wood to heat the rooms for the winter work. If anyone will contribute a load of wood to this organization report it to the Chairman,

Mrs. C. H. Godwin.

Card of Thanks

I am very anxious to personally thank the Red Cross for their many kindnesses to me and family during our illness with influenza.

Tom Gurganus and family

There will be Sunday School and usual Sunday services at the Episcopal Church Nov. 10th.

THE WAR WORK CAMPAIGN WILL HAVE SPEAKING IN THE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS

- MONDAY NIGHT**
Dardens
Sandy Ridge
Hurst
Cross Road
Hassells
- TUESDAY NIGHT**
Bear Grass
Griffins
Hamilton
Robersonville
Jamesville
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT**
Oak City
Fairview
Everetts
Parmele
Gold Point
- THURSDAY NIGHT**
Lilley Hall
Brookville
Siloam
- Mizelle School House
Cooks School House**
- FRIDAY NIGHT**
Jamesville
Griffins School House
Robersonville
Oak City
Hamilton
- SATURDAY NIGHT**
Sandy Ridge
Bear Grass
Macedonia
Vernon
Oak Grove

A full program will also be had on Sunday the 17th. The Township Committee will be expected to arrange for place of speaking and to get a full attendance.

A. R. Dunning Chmn.

Sugar Allowance Increased From 2 To 3 Pounds Per Month

The rapid manufacture of the new crop belt sugar in the west and new crop of Louisiana cane sugar in the south, together with the freer railway transportation conditions, the reductions that we have made in the consumption of sugar in the manufacture trades, and the patriotic conservation in the past four months, enables us to increase the household allowance of sugar from two pounds per person per month to three pounds per person per month, with the same ratio to public eating places as from November 1st. This makes good our promise to increase the household allowance of sugar at the earliest possible moment that our supplies would justify and make it possible for the household to more freely use the apple, cranberry and grape fruit produce products and to use the fruits canned during the summer without sugar. The regulations are also revised to the extent that any person may purchase his whole monthly allowance at one time if he so desires that is, any family may purchase a month's supply for the entire family in one purchase from the retail trade.

November certificates were issued on two-pound basis. These certificates were already mailed when new regulations were received, but additional certificates for the extra pound per person will be mailed out between November 15-20.

The expiration date of all classes of sugar certificates bearing the expiration date of October 15th has been extended to November 15th.

The Sunday Schools and the Churches of the town will open Sunday Nov. 10th.

John Mizelle Killed in France

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Mizelle received a cablegram Thursday Oct. 31, announcing the death of their son John Mizelle in France. He died Sept. 30th of wounds received in action.

John Mizelle was born Feb. 28, 1898 and spent his early life in Williamston, attending the Graded School here. He united with the Baptist Church when fourteen years old. Soon after the United States declared war he enlisted in the Warrenton Company of Volunteers which became Co. H. 120th Inf. U. S. A. when transferred to Camp Sevier, S. C. after seven months training at Camp Sevier he was sent to France and had been near the front three months when killed.

He was a boy of unusual wit and humor and with his happy disposition had made himself popular with both comrades and officers in the army.

He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Mizelle and a constant ray of sunshine in their home. The whole community sympathizes with the grief stricken parents and sisters in their loss. Another one of Martin County's Sons to lay down his life on the Field of Honor defending the cause of Freedom.

Market Cotton Slowly

LOSSES SUSTAINED BY PLACING IT ON MARKET NOW

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. -North Carolina has already lost thousands of dollars because its farmers are rushing their cotton to market. Not only is the result being seen in a shortage of funds for the cotton farmer, but it is gradually being felt by the banker and the merchant in those counties where cotton is largely dependent upon for the financial structure of the county.

The crop in North Carolina at this time is very good, but as far as the whole cotton belt is concerned there is a shortage and every bale will be needed before a new crop can be grown.

According to Mr. O. J. McConnell, Specialist in Cotton Marketing for the Agricultural Service, all existing conditions justify higher prices than are now prevailing, and it is almost certain that high prices will be received later in the year. No great advance can be made however, when cotton is being pushed upon the market in excess of the current demand.

Good business judgment will require that the crop be harvested as fast as possible and then held in storage until better prices are offered.

George Daniel Dead

George Daniel of Oak City died of influenza and pneumonia. He was the son of the late W. M. Daniel and wife Virginia Daniel. He has been living in Oak City for a number of years, where he married Miss Bessie Casper who with three small children survive him. He also leave also four brothers and four sisters, Messrs. W. Henry, John T. H. O. and James Daniel, Miss Estelle Daniel, Mrs. Henry Everett, Mrs. Elisha Everett and Mrs. Jack Taylor.

He was buried at the Council graveyard near Oak City on Monday, Rev. Mr. Crisp conducting the funeral service.

Card Of Thanks

We are so thankful for what the good people of Williamston have done for us in our recent trouble when we lost our beloved son Joe Mark, we wish to thank them publicly.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melson.

Ernest Hyman Died A Hero

Ernest Hyman, son of Mrs. Jane Hyman of near Oak City was killed in action in France on Sept. 30. He was living in Halifax County before going to Camp and leaves a great many friends in the Eastern part of the State who sympathize with his sorrowing mother. The information below came from his Sergeant who wrote here that Mrs. Hyman might know how bravely her boy died. His letter in part as follows:

"Ernest Hyman was No. 1 gunner in my gun team and was put out. He always did his work well. He saved one of our officers lives as the Jerry was fixing to throw a hand grenade at the officer. He cut him down with his forty five.

"He also killed four others the same night with his pistol all of whom were machine gunners. He was a very good soldier and thought well of in his company."

Examinations For White Teachers

An examination for County teacher's Certificates will be held at the Courthouse in Williamston on Tuesday Nov. 12th, 1918. All applicants for 2nd, Grade Certificate will please come on that day.

A. J. Manning, Sup.

Sunday School and regular Church services at the Methodist Church and at Vernon Sunday.

H. M. Eur.

Beware of Too Much Optimism

It is the duty of every American not to let his optimism run away with him, particularly that optimism he feels over an easy peace. Optimism is a great power when rightly used but when overdone, it is egotism and conceit.

Americans must allow nothing to cool their ardor to fight for a permanent peace, nor to retard their giving until a permanent peace is secured. Our optimism should be such as to make us buy War-Savings Certificates until the war is over and we have a peace that is satisfactory to the world.

If peace comes quickly the food demands upon America will be unprecedented. In addition to our Allies we will have the opportunity to save the lives of millions of women and children and men in Roumania, Serbia and Russia, who are destined to die by starvation this winter unless we do save them.

Holders of 4 per cent Convexed Bonds of the First Liberty Loan and 4 per cent Bonds of the Second Liberty Loan, must convert them into 4 1/2 per cent Bonds by Nov. 9th, 1918, or they will only get the original rate of 4 per cent.

The Constitutional amendments were each sustained, the vote on 6 months school term was passed by a majority of 668, and exempt notes on homesteads from taxation by 839 majority.

Every producer, every distributor and every consumer is individually responsible for maintaining a never-failing flow of the best quality of food from America to our troops in France.

The State majority was about 50,000.

At the present writing the Senate seems to be Democratic, while the House looks to be Republican.