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## IN MEMORY OF RUFUS A. HAWKINS

A Sketch of His Life and a Tribute to His Memory By One Who Knew Him Well.

The subject of this sketch, Rufus A. Hawkins, who died on the 22nd day of February, A. D. 1918, was the son of an honorable ancestry, his father was Doctor Peter B. Hawkins, and his mother was Elizabeth Williams; both of these families were the type which made the traditions of our Southland and were among the best exemplars of honor, courtesy and bravery. It is said that their like will never be known again in this world, be that as it may, still I am aware that the influence of this past generation is still reflected in the citizenship of this land, for wherever those splendid old families lived, there is yet to be found a sense of refinement and charm, which is clearly discernible even in this day of hurry and often indifference to the nicer things of life.

In the analysis of most any character, it is rare that more than three attributes stand out particularly prominent, and I do not intend to make comparisons in order to justify my conclusion. Mr. Hawkins had his faults, these faults always vexed his friends, and sometimes humiliated those who loved him; and I pause to ask who of us had not grievous faults? some that even stand out before the world, and others covered up by our fine sense of self respect; and these secret faults are the ones David said we need most to be cleaned of.

Mr. Hawkins was by nature a gentleman; in the drawing room of the greatest refinement he was at ease, and both sex were charmed by his manner and engaging personality; I have seen him among strangers and he soon by his gracious demeanor won their friendship and they were ready to do him honor and extend to him every courtesy; he was never arrogant or selfish, and his friends were numbered from every walk of life, the well-bred can always be the most democratic, because there can be no uncertainty of their position in the social life.

Mr. Hawkins was ever true to his friends, he knew who they were, and he would never hesitate to render them faithful and unselfish service; he rarely ever made demands upon his friends, I only recall just once, in a friendship of twenty years, that he came to me and said: "I want you to do all in your power for me."

he has always been my friend and yours", this request was in respect to a public position which our mutual friend sought, and which he now holds to the satisfaction of every citizen of this County.

Mr. Hawkins, before he was twenty-one years of age passed successfully the examination for license to practice law in this State, he studied in the then celebrated law school of Judges Dick and Dillard, at Greensboro, North Carolina, there was more than thirty students in his class, and when I told one of his class-mates of his death a few days ago, this class-mate, who is now one of the most honored citizens in this State, remarked—"that Rufus Hawkins was the brightest man in our law class and the most lovable man I ever knew." He practiced law here in Warrenton for about twenty-seven years, he was the soul of honor in respect to his professional obligations, and his client's property and interest he guarded with the greatest fidelity; I never knew him to have a misunderstanding with a client, and his intense loyalty to his clients and their cause gave him a conspicuous appearance in the Courts of this State. He respected the members of his profession and never bore malice or hatred towards any of them who were worthy his esteem, and his brother lawyers were unstintingly fond of him.

I am inclined to write more of my friend, I knew his virtues, and I know—if the scales of justice hung true, the side in which these virtues were put would far outweigh his faults but I know that this opinion is shared by a generous public who knew him well. For twenty years I have intimately associated with him in those ways which enabled us to learn all the angles of each other's life, I know he possessed every virtue I have spoken of and more. He died at the noon time of his

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## DRIVE FOR LIMIT CLUB MEMBERS ON

This Week Special Effort To Secure \$1,000.00 Pledges From Citizens of the County.

County Chairman John Graham Saturday in conference with Register of Deeds J. A. Dowtin, Supt. of Schools H. F. Jones, Publicity Manager J. B. Palmer and the County Secretary of War Savings appointed fourteen Warren County women to personally search of the taxpayers in their township who had over \$5,000 real and personal property on the tax books.

These ladies were furnished with a list of those they were to interview this week, which time has been set aside by State Headquarters as a period of intensive activity for War Savings. During this week people of the County are urged to join the "Limit Club"; to agree to take this year or take now \$1,000 of this investment.

The following is the membership pledge: "I hereby apply for membership in the Warren County 'Limit War-Savings Society and to qualify for membership do agree and pledge myself (1) to systematic saving; (2) to refrain from unnecessary expenditures and the purchase of non essentials and encourage others to do the same, so that supplies and labor may be more effectively used in the support of our boys at the front; (3) to do everything in my power (a) to encourage Thrift and Economy in my community, (b) to secure other members of this society and (c) to encourage the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps among those with whom I come in contact; (4) to purchase during the year 1918 War Savings Stamps to the amount of \$1,000 maturity value.

The ladies of Warren who have been asked to give their time, energy and enthusiasm to obtaining these \$1,000 pledges this week are: Mrs. W. A. Connell, representative at large, Warren Plains; River, Mrs. J. H. Harrison; Six Pound, Mrs. J. M. Coleman, Mrs. R. L. Bell; Hawtree, Mrs. Charlotte Story Perkinson; Smith Creek, Mrs. A. G. Hayes; Nutbush, Mrs. J. Byrd Ellington; Sandy Creek, Mrs. Robert J. Stewart; Shocco, Mrs. J. William Limer; Judkins, Mrs. C. N. Hardy; Fishing Creek, Mrs. Beaufort Scull; Warrenton, Mrs. Kate Pendleton Arrington; Fork, Mrs. R. E. Williams; Roanoke, Mrs. Albert Delbridge

Warren has one hundred and twenty two men upon its tax books who list over \$5,000 real and personal property. To these men the appeal is made to subscribe to the best investment of the day. The individual work of the ladies appointed will determine the result of this phase, and this drastically important phase, of the War Savings drive in the County.

## P. M. STALLINGS ELECTED AUDITOR

To Fill Vacancy Created By Mr. Clyde E. Rodwell, Who Resigned Monday Evening.

County Auditor Clyde E. Rodwell yesterday resigned his position as Warren's Auditor after a term of one year and three months.

Mr. Rodwell resigns this County office to accept a position with the Bank of Warren this city, and commenced his duties there this morning.

The Board of County Commissioners elected its chairman, Mr. Peter M. Stallings to the office vacated by Mr. Rodwell at the Board meeting yesterday. Mr. Stallings commenced his duties this morning.

The people of the County will be pleased with the administration of the affairs of the office under Mr. Stallings, who as Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners for a number of years, is in touch with the problems and the needs of the County.

The administration of the affairs of the office under the retiring Auditor has been satisfactory, and he turns the records to Auditor Stallings in good condition.

The Board of Commissioners has not elected a new member of its body, or designated its chairman.

## INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT AVIATION

Some Facts Learned From First Lieutenant Sam Connell Who Is Home For Few Days.

First Lieutenant Sam Martin Connell, of the U. S. Regulars Flying Corps, is at home on a ten day leave, after being absent from the county since May 1917, at which time he left for the Officer's Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

Lieutenant Connell won his commission in December and since that time has been acting as Instructor. Some interesting facts disclosed by him in conversation Monday morning were:

For every one man in the air, there must be ten on the ground to look after the machines. Landing is the hardest thing in flying, and one often smashes parts of the machines which are delicately adjusted; contrary to belief, the machines are not steered by a wheel, but are controlled by two levers, one operated by the foot of the pilot and controlling the course of the machine; the other operated by one hand, and regulating the altitude, and general control while in the air. The estimated cost of the flying part of the course is \$1.50 each minute while flying; each airplane engine consumes about seven gallons of gas per hour.

The air currents are constantly in motion and buffet a machine too and fro—it matters not how fast one is travelling. There is a perceptible difference in the air over land and water—on a hot day the air is rising from the earth and sinking to the sea, and a flyer must keep his eyes open while up. One can see another machine in the air about a mile, but if the two machines are approaching one another it is generally a case of "here she comes" and "yonder she goes." It is a law of the air to always act as if the other fellow didn't see you and give him a plenty of air space. Thirty miles an hour is about the lowest rate of speed at which a machine can travel and keep up, and flying at this rate is dangerous.

The flying field is about seventeen miles from Houston, Texas, and often I go to my hangar, roll out my machine and in fifteen minutes am above Houston; then volplaning to earth, I pay my visit, attend to my mission, or do whatever brought me there, and then back to camp. Our rate of speed is determined by air pressure against a gauge on the tip of one of the wings, a barometer tell the altitude, and Connell has been 11,500 feet nearer heaven than any other living Warren man.

Wireless telegraphy, bombing, air currents, aerial photography, and a two months text book course on the theoretical side of flying was taken at Georgia Tech prior to his practical experience at Dayton, Ohio. After a short while at Dayton, where the thermometer was often twenty below zero he went to the flying field at Houston, where now stationed.

Lieutenant Connell is a welcome visitor home, and looks as if the service has gone well with him. He evidently thinks so too, for he testifies that "flying is the greatest sport in the world."

## JUDGE JOHN H. KERR AT ELIZABETH CITY.

The following clipping from the Independent of Elizabeth City will be of interest to the many friends and supporters of Judge Kerr in Warren:

"Judge John H. Kerr, of Warrenton, N. C., left the Superior Court bench in this city last Friday morning long enough to attend a Thrift meeting at the Alkrama and give our people a talk. Elizabeth City had seen Judge Kerr before, but never in the role of a public speaker; as a Judge of the Superior Court he has our love and esteem; as a platform orator he not only gets our hats off but makes us throw them in the air. He is a good talker and he told us a lot of things about North Carolina that made us feel a greater love for our state and its people and a greater determination to do big things. But this isn't so say nice things about Judge Kerr; it's to give a tip to other North Carolina communities in which Judge Kerr moves from week to week; if you ever get a chance to put Judge Kerr up for a public address, don't lose the chance. If a chance doesn't come your way, make one."

## DON'T WRITE SAD LETTERS TO BOYS

Keep Your Troubles At Home and Write Cheerful Letters to Men in the Camps.

I call special attention to the following letter which I have just received from Governor Bickett. Read, and every one who writes letters to the soldiers, and all should write to them, should be governed by the suggestions in this startling communication.

Dr. T. J. Taylor, Warrenton, N. C.  
My Dear Sir:

I am satisfied that there is not a person in North Carolina who would knowingly get a soldier into trouble. I am satisfied that the families and friends of the soldiers earnestly desire them to stand well in the esteem of their officers and their comrades in arms.

And yet soldiers in the camps are constantly receiving letters from home whose tendency is to make the soldier unhappy and to cause him to leave camp without permission. For a soldier to do this is technically desertion, for which the extreme penalty is death. I deeply regret that some soldiers from North Carolina, moved by sad and sorrowful letters from home, have quit the camps, have subsequently been arrested, and a few have been severely punished.

I have just returned from a visit to Camp Jackson and Camp Sevier. My judgment is that the soldiers in these camps are better fed, better clothed, and lead more wholesome lives than ninety-five per cent of the men of the same age at home. They are a husky, handsome lot, with muscles as hard as nails, and with hearts aglow with a high purpose to serve and to save the world in this supreme crisis.

The most demoralizing feature of their life in camp is letters from home containing tales of misery and woe.

On account of these things, I earnestly request you, at the earliest possible date, to preach a sermon to your people on this subject. Beg them to write cheerful letters to the boys. The boys need it. Beg them to write letters to the boys telling them how proud the family is of their representative on the field of honor. Such letters will make heroes of every one of them. I am not denying nor discounting the fact that there is sorrow and suffering in all our homes and all our hearts, but I am insisting that the boys who are offering to sacrifice their lives should not be burdened with the tale of our troubles. And after all the very saddest thing that could possibly happen to any North Carolina home would be for the soldier who went out from that home to be shot for desertion.

Not every one can buy a Smileage Book, but every one can write a smile age letter; and I earnestly trust that henceforth every letter that goes from North Carolina to any soldier will carry a message of happiness and cheer.

Yours very truly,  
T. W. BICKETT, Governor.

## PHILATHEA CLASS OF BAPTIST CHURCH BUYS STAMP.

The Philathea Class of the Warrenton Baptist Church bought a \$5.00 War Stamp yesterday and sent it to the Orphanage at Thomasville. The Class Sunday morning donated to this fund.

Throughout the year this body of patriotic women intend to let their light shine for freedom by investing in these baby bonds for their Orphanage.

## ENTERTAINMENT AND PATRIOTIC SPEAKING AT ARCOLA.

There will be an entertainment and patriotic speaking at the school building Thursday night, March 14th. Ten cents admission. The proceeds to go for an organ for the church. The public invited.

## WARREN COUNTY BOY WINS PRIZES IN MEAT-CURING.

Mr. George Hunter, of Arcola, won the second prize on ham curing, the fourth and fifth on bacon, and was awarded a prize of \$7.00 by the Agricultural Extension Service of the State—the prize consisting of an Oak Leaf Butchering Kit. Joe is a winner in producing and in curing.

## AN ARTICLE FOR THE LADIES ONLY

Or In Other Words Comments On The Dressing Material Of The Coming Spring.

The following fashion notes are given our readers through the courtesy of Miss Bessie Taylor:

In coat suits, the favored style is the very full ripple back and pointed front, slightly longer, modifications of this style can be had in plain back, ripple sides, and straight front, which might appeal to the more conservative buyer; colors: khaki, olive drab, tan, and the insoluble navy; materials: tricotine, serge, silvertine and point twills, and for rough and ready wear English tweeds are popular.

In dresses, blue serge holds its own, combined with silver charmeuse, and georgette, made with straight lines and narrow at hem, gradually retrograding to the horrible hobble skirt of a few years back; generally speaking the lines are more graceful, and draperies more artistic than the former narrow skirt. In collars, the shawl effect, and those ending in four in hand ties are more favored; collars and cuffs of fillet lace are both dressy and becoming, the better quality imitations sometimes being hard to distinguish from the genuine.

In footwear a real innovation is the brown patent leather Oxford, being both new and easily kept in good condition, needing no polish, just a light rubbing occasionally. Some pumps are being shown, but Oxfords are the thing at present. In separate skirts striped silks and plaid woollens, the stripes going around instead of up and down as formally. Kilt plaits are decidedly the thing, pockets are still clinging to life, but are not as conspicuous as in the fall.

The parol of this season will not be the "eternal nuisance" as of recent years; the handle being very much shorter, ending with a wristlet which slips over the arm, carried more easily—the prettier ones having ivory wristlets and ivory knobs on end of frame.

The last and by far the most important is the "Spring Bonnet", the very newest is the low round crown mushroom effect in front, turning squarely up in back—if you have a perfect profile, get one; if you haven't leave it to those who have; the high crown narrow brim sailor with wings or stiff trimmings, the plain banded sailor along with the more dressy transparent effects are taking the lead. Georgette crepes soften the lines of many of the more ultra shapes—wide ribbons are asserting themselves more than a year ago. A fitting supplement to the small and medium size spring hats in the square and also the round drapery veil.

## News of Interest From Arcola Section

Local and Personal Mention Of Those Who Come and Go In Arcola Neighborhood.

Mrs. Joe King, Master George and Sadie Mae visited Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wood near Macon the past week end.

Mr. D. B. Carter, of Bridgeport, Conn., recently visited friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Davis, Mrs. Beaufort Scull and daughter, Miss Alma motored to Rocky Mount Wednesday afternoon returning Thursday Rev. J. D. Hardy, of Elon College, was a recent guest in the home of Mrs. Susie W. Duke.

Miss Hattie King visited Miss Myrtle Duke the first few days of last week.

Mr. Robert Arrington, Miss Harvey, Warren and Tharrington, of Hollister, were her Sunday.

Mr. Romey Hewie, one of Uncle Sam's boys from Camp Sevier, visited at Mr. S. C. Alston's last week.

Mrs. Mary Eliza Capps and Mr. William Tucker were married by Mr. Joz Hunter Tuesday night, February 26th. It became known a few minutes before they left a friend's home, several cars were soon at hand and much to the surprise of the bride and groom about

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## PLAN TO HAVE A SPECIAL CO. TAX

Board and Committee In Agreement Upon This Plan; Will Mean Better Schools.

The Board of Education of Warren yesterday held a very enthusiastic meeting with a large number of the committeemen of the County.

The main issue before the Board and the matter upon which the advice of the school committeemen was sought was the question of merging the whole County into a special tax district, and placing the educational plane of the County upon a higher level.

The Board was facing the necessity of paying the teachers larger salaries, the higher cost of every thing entering into the school administration, and to provide funds for this situation, the County wide special tax was proposed. The committeeman of the entire county were pleased at such a suggestion, and not a dissenting voice was heard yesterday.

A property tax of 30c is proposed by the Board. The advantages of the proposed plan lie in the fact that a school in one section of the County will be as good as one in another, and a child does not have to respect district lines but is permitted to attend the school nearest its home. Upon a number of citizens of the County, who live in special tax districts, this county special tax will hardly fall, because they already are paying a special school tax.

The Board of Education will at an early date call an election, and for the best interest of Warren it is believed that Warren people will support the Board and vote a county-wide special school tax.

## PATRIOTIC FUNCTION AT AXTELL

Friday Night Found School Full To Overflowing; \$31.00 For Red Cross Organization.

Proud mothers, happy fathers, merry sweethearts, the best of friends, and good fellows in general were closely packed in Axtell School building on Friday night to hear the Patriotic program, "Aiding Uncle Sam" as given under the management of Miss Hattie Palmer for benefit of the Red Cross.

Dialogues, recitations, songs, and drills composed the program. The pantomime, Old Black Joe, by Thomas Tunstall was admirably conceived and creditably executed. The song "Just Before the Battle Mother" by little Nick Mustian, and his charming little eight year old pianist was noticeably enjoyed. These two of the seventeen numbers were especially good, and the entire program was a credit to Axtell School and its teacher Miss Hattie Palmer.

Following the entertainment, ice cream and cake were served free to the audience, and following this treat the annex of the school building was opened and for the small sum of a git the public was invited to explore its contents. These "gits" and the door receipts amounted to about \$36.00 dollars, \$31.00 of which was cleared for the great cause of the Red Cross.

A large number of Warrenton people attended the entertainment, among whom were: Miss Sue H. Palmer, Mr. Milam Palmer, Mrs. Jeff Palmer and Lalla Fitts Palmer, Boyd Davis and Miss Fair Polk, Brodie Jones and Miss Mary Polk, William Boyd and Miss Mary Chauncey, Epp Foster and Miss Nan Rodwell, Misses Grace Beasley and Sarah Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Dameron; Messrs. R. B. Boyd, Jr., Alfred Ellington, Alpheus Jones, and Oscar Williams.

## U. D. C. RAISES \$12.50 FOR HOSPITAL IN FRANCE.

The Daughters of the Confederacy at their meeting held Friday afternoon raised \$12.50 for a Hospital somewhere in France.

The Chapters throughout the State are to raise funds for a U. D. C. hospital "over there" and Warrenton's action was part of its contribution to this worthy cause.