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WEATHER—Generally Fair To night and Wednesday, Rising Temperature Interior, Gentle To Moderate Southwest To West Winds.

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Writes a Letter

CLAUDE C. WILLIAMS TELLS OF ARGONNE BATTLE

Late in Getting Mail But Happy To Hear From Home; Serving With Prisoner War Escort Co. At Abureville (Meuse) France

April 2, 1919.

My Dear Father:
This is my first acknowledgment of the useful and much appreciated Christmas package which you and ma have so thoughtfully sent me, though I received same December 27, together with the first letter from you since my arrival in France.

I have since received letter dated Jan. 28th, in which you mentioned that you and ma had both successfully passed through an attack of influenza. I was certainly uneasy about you and ma until this comforting message came. The boys of the A. E. F. have been very fortunate in escaping the epidemic, there being only a few cases reported.

We are located on the Argonne sector of the front, where the last and greatest American drive was accomplished. This was the offensive that brought Hindenberg and his howling bunch of Hunns to their knees with the cry of "Kamerad!". The deadly accuracy of American artillery, in conjunction with our fearless " Dough-boys," wiped the Argonne forest clear of the baby-killers and played havoc with the Dutchmen's plans to "dance in Paris." We are right in the edge of the Argonne, and the surrounding country is simply a mass of barbed wire entanglements, trenches, shell holes, dug-out, etc. Every town for miles and miles are totally destroyed. Our camp is situated on the top of a steep hill (the greater portion of France being hills), commanding a good view of the destruction wrought in this great battle for Democracy and Right. We are 26 kilometers (about 16 miles) from the famous city of Verdun. All that remains of the city now is a few crumbling walls.

Just outside of Verdun is Fort Vaux and "Dead Man's Hill," where the Crown Prince sacrificed a million men in a mad attempt to take the city. The gallant French held and beat them back though surrounded on three sides, with only one road (now known as the "Holy Road") over which to receive supplies.

On Washington's birthday our captain killed a large wild boar, and we had fresh pork for a couple of days. The food and living conditions here are exceptionally good and all the boys are in the best of health.

A few days ago I took a prisoner of war to Tours and had the rare privilege of spending a couple of nights in Paris. The city is surely beautiful from an artistic standpoint, but—give me li'l' ol' Richmond for mine, or any other "burg" in the old U. S. A.

Father, every one here has the souvenir craze and are sending home everything from a .30 calibre cartridge to a 16 inch gun. Look out for the shower that I am soon to send. I shall also try to secure a camera and take a few photos to send you.

One day last week I captured two Austrian prisoners who had escaped from the French in a nearby town. They were hiding in a dugout. They have since been returned.

Do not fail to write regularly, Father, as I am permanently located here, and all your letters will reach me if properly addressed. I shall write at least once a week from now on.

Your devoted son,

CLAUDE.

Corp. Claude C. Williams
Prisoner War Escort Co.,
A. E. F., A. P. O. 914,
Abureville (Meuse) France.

PROTRACTED MEETING TO BEGIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A protracted service will begin at the Warren Presbyterian church on the 3rd Sunday in September. Conducted by Rev. A. J. Crane, Superintendent of Home Missions from Tarboro, N. C. He will be assisted by Rev. Mr. Pardo who will conduct the singing. Mr. Pardo is an evangelist and personal worker, and a singer of note. Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

CLAUDE C. WILLIAMS



Program Raleigh Meeting

West Raleigh, N. C., August 14.—Secretary W. F. Pate, Secretary of the Farmers' State Convention and Mrs. Estelle T. Smith, Secretary of the farm woman's section, have just announced the program for the three days session which begins on August 27th, and ends on the 29th. The outstanding features of the convention this year are the well known lecturers who have been selected and the attention to the social side of the meetings.

The first day, Wednesday, will have unusual attractions this year. After calling the meeting to order on Wednesday morning, Dr. W. C. Riddick, President of the State College, will deliver an address of welcome to be followed by a short talk from Commissioner of Agriculture, W. A. Graham. Then the two Presidents, Mrs. Rosalind A. Redfeard, of Wadesboro, and Mr. F. F. Cahoon, of Elizabeth City, will deliver their annual addresses. Following this, will be the feature of the morning, a talk by Hon. A. F. Lever, former congressman.

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Catch Burglar This Morning

The inability to explain the possession of a hat which belonged to Mr. Hugh White, the identification of shoes and a cap left at the home of Mrs. Kate White Williams, his story about some one breaking into this residence as told to Richard Plummer fastened guilt upon Robert Bullock, colored man of Warrenton in the office of the Sheriff of Warren, this morning before Justice John W. Allen, on charge of last night burglarizing, with evil intent, the home of Mrs. Kate White Williams.

Bullock made no defense other than several rambling statements and a shot, hot from the griddle, "Yawl thinks I'm crazy but I got heep more sense than some other folks," and the statement "Some body else does things I has to suffer." All evidence, however, was of a trend to indicate guilt. The negro has been under arrest previously and has served time in Raleigh and Goldsboro asylums. He has been at work of late and was week before last working for the town.

Chief John Bell, notified at seven o'clock this morning by Mr. White, went at once to Mrs. Williams' where sugar, crockery, coat suits, skirts and articles representing a large range of desire were scattered broadcast over the back steps evidently dropped in rapid transit. Shoes and a cap, belonging to the unbidden caller, were located as were two ropes which belonged to the awnings of Hilliard White and Allen Fleming Co.'s. A neat operation upon the screen door explained the method of entrance. Bell, taking the shoes and a cap as clues, began investigating. Richard Plummer, with whom he talked in reference to the attempted robbery, told him that Robert Bullock knew something about it for he had just told him that he saw the robbery and that when the match was struck by some one in the house told, "Lawd hot dat man did run." Going to the Graham's where Bullock works, he was told that Bullock came into the house wearing new millinery this morning which excited curiosity and brought forth questions to which he replied, "I found the hat

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Prices of Food

UNCLE SAM OFFERS GOODS AT ALL POSTOFFICES

Ruling Received Today Gives 5c First Pound, 1c Each Additional As Postage Rate; Rapid Public Acceptance Expected

Uncle Sam, to save the vast sums invested in war supplies, is offering to the American public the articles enumerated below. To the cost of these articles must be added five cents for the first pound and one cent for each additional pound as postage. Orders must be placed today or tomorrow. Case lots must be ordered in each instance, but several different people at one postoffice can club together and buy the case.

The postoffices throuth the country will handle the cash business for the Government from the following articles:

Case Bacon, 6 12-pound cans to case at \$4.15 per can; Case Beef, corned, 48 No. 1 cans to case, at 29c. per can; case beef, corned, 24 No. 2 cans to case at 55c. per can; case beef, corned, 12 6-pound cans to case at \$1.75 per can; case beef, roast, 48 No. 1 cans to case at 29. cents per can; case beef, roast, 24 No. 2 cans to case at 63c. per can; case beef, roast, 12 6-pound cans at \$1.90 per can; Case hash, corned beef 48 1-pound cans to case at 22c. per can; Case hash, corned beef, 24 2-pound cans at 37c. per pound; case beans, baked, 48 No. 1 cans to case at 4 cents per can; case beans, baked, 24 no 2 cans to case at 6c. per can; case beans, baked, 24 no. 3 cans to case at 9c. per can; case bans, stringless, 24 No. 2 cans to case, at 9c per can; case beans, stringless, 12 No. 10 cans to case at 40c. per pound; case corn, sweet, 24 No. 2 cans to case at 9 cents per can; case baking powder, 24 1-pound cans to case at 9 cents per can; case baking powder, 8 5-pound cans to case at 45c. per can; Bag Barley, pearl*, 100 pound bags at \$2.63 per bag; bag Beans, dry*, 100-pound bags at \$6.49 per bag; case cherries, canned, 24 small cans to case at 21c. per can; case cinnamon, 48 1-4-pound cans to case at 7c. per can; case cloves, 48 1-4-pound cans to case at 14c. per pound; case cocoa, breakfast, 24 1-2-pound cans to case at 13c. per can; Bag Cornmeal, white*, 100-pound bags at \$3.50 per bag; Bag Cornmeal, yellow* 100-pound bag at \$5.79; Case Cornmeal, yellow*, 30 2-pound cans to case at 7c. per can; Case corn starch, 40 to case at 4c. per pound; case crackers, assorted 48 to case at 6c.; Crackers, ginger, 48 No. 1 tins to case at 6c. per tin; case crackers, graham, 48 no. 1 tins to case at 6c. per tin; Case Crackers, soda, 48 No. 1 tins to case at 6c. per tin; Case Farina, 48 No. 1 tins to case at 14c.; Case Fish, dried cod*, 40 pounds to case at \$6.82 per case; Case flavoring extract, lemon, 24 2-ounce bottles to case at 10c. per bottle; Case Flavoring, lemon, 24 8-ounce bottles to case at 33 cents per bottle; Case Flavoring extract, vanilla, 24 2-ounce bottles to case at 10c. per bottle; Case Flavoring extract, vanilla, 24 8-ounce bottles to case at 33c. per bottle; Bag Flour, corn*, 100-pound bags at \$5.24 per bag; Bag Flour, edible, cornstarch*, 100-pound bags at \$4.00 per bag; Bag Flour, graham* 100-pound at \$3.80 per bag; Bag Flour, issue*, 100-pound bags at \$6.00 per bag; Bag Flour, oatmeal, 100-pound bags at \$4.00 per bag; Bag Flour, rice*, 100-pound bags at \$6.00 per bag; Bag Flour, rye*, 98-pound bags at \$3.75 per bag; Case Gelatin, 144 to case at 9c.; Case Gu-ger, 48 1-4-pound cans to case at 7c. per can; sack Hominy, coarse*, 100-pound sacks at \$6.49 per sack; Case Hominy, fine, 24 No. 2 cartons to case at 4c. per carton; Case Hominy, lye, 24 small cartons to case at 6c. per carton; Case Macaroni, bulk* 25 lbs. to case at \$2.06 per case; Case Milk, condensed, sweetened 48 No. 1 cans to case at 13c. per can; Case Macaroni, 24 to case at 7 cents; Milk, evaporated, 6 8-pound cans to case at 93 cents per can; Case Mustard, ground, 24 to case at 17c.; Case Mustard, prepared, 24 to case at 5c.; Case Nutmeg, ground, 48 1-4-pound cans to case at 11 cents per pound; Case Oats, rolled, 36 No. 2 cartons to case at 12c.; Bag Oats, rolled (bulk)*, 90-pound bags at \$3.50 per bag; Case Pepper, black, 48

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Papers of 1871

WARRENTON GAY OLD CITY PAGES OF PAPER TELLS

Law Prohibits Connecting Cans To Dogs; Petersburg Advertisements Cover Paper; Marriage of W. A. Montgomery.

We are much interested in two copies of the Warrenton Gazette, F. R. Hawkins, publisher, date November 6th, 1874 and October 7, 1871 with E. C. Woodson, editor and John L. Curl, publisher. The copies come from the papers of Mr. W. D. Weldon of this city.

The paper of those days was a seven column, four page, weekly, and was issued for \$2.00 a year. The following items are culled from the copy of October, 1871, E. C. Woodson, editor:

"Mail train leaves Weldon, 10:15 a. m., arrives at Raleigh 4:30 p. m. Excellent passenger coaches are attached to the thru freight trains and every effort used by the conductors to make travellers comfortable.

The editor evidently was a little nonplussed we judge from this item, "A number of our field sportsmen went out on Thursday, in parties two and three each, who slayed an even hundred birds and one turkey. The object of the hunt was for the purpose of getting up a supper, which took place at the Arlington House last evening. We learn that about twenty-five were invited, but being one of the unfortunates who were not, we of course cannot say what happened, but learn all had a good time.

An editorial commends the town fathers for a law passed two years prior prohibiting fastening tin cans to dogs within the town of Warrenton, said law being necessary because of runaways caused by the dogs afflicted

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Hold U.S. Men For Big Sum

San Antonio, Texas, Aug. 18.—Officers of the Southern Department at Fort Sam Houston tonight were anxiously awaiting news that Lieutenants Paul H. Davis and Harold G. Peterson, prisoners of Mexican bandits in the canyons south of the Texas Big Bend district had been released upon payment of the \$15,000 ransom demanded.

Maj. General Joseph T. Dickman, department commander, who remained on duty all last night, was still at headquarters late tonight, keeping in personal touch with every message relating to the aviators. No official statement, however, was available early tonight.

While declining to say who would pay the \$15,000 ransom high officers of the department expressed confidence that payment would be made before the forty-eight hour time limit expired. Meanwhile constant vigil will be kept at headquarters.

Officers here familiar with the country south of the Big Bend said today there are numerous box canyons in which the outlaws could hide for weeks. To search all these canyons, they said, would be an endless task for cavalry, and aerial patrols would be of little service.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Quick-er action by Congress in the campaign to reduce the cost of living was urged today in Senate and House. Senator Walsh declared high prices were at the bottom of all the unrest and charged that Congress was wasting time when something should have been done already in response to President Wilson's recommendations.

Mayors of New Jersey cities appearing before the House Agriculture Committee said action was needed at once to stop the rising scale of prices. Regulations of imports was one means suggested. The amendment broadening the food control act will be considered tomorrow by the committee and probably reported to the House.

Army Food Sale Begins. Sale of surplus army food began today at storage centers throughout

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Elberon and Afton Consolidate School

The patrons of Elberon and Afton special tax district in session with Supt. J. Edward Allen last Friday afternoon agreed to consolidate these two districts and centralize their teaching force to guarantee a better school for this vicinity.

Indications are that Shocco No. 1 and 2 will join this district and throw their weight into the scale for a better teaching force and the resultant strength of co-operation.

It is interesting in this connection to know that the people of this section, wide awake and progressive in every way, are thinking of carrying the children to school in motor trucks where the distance is great and are endeavoring to give the children of this vicinity the best possible benefit for the money devoted to education. This plan of carrying the children to a good school rather than carrying a poor school to the children is gaining favor in the educational circles of North Carolina and the indications are that Warren's step in this direction will prove of great value.

Bason Leaves For Raleigh Meeting

County Agent Bason will leave Tuesday for Raleigh where he will attend first the Boys' short course which is to be held from 20th to 22 inclusive; the County Agents' meeting from the 23 to 26 inclusive; then the Farmers' institute from the 27th to 29th inclusive.

At least ten boys from the county will go with the agent to Raleigh to attend the Boy's short course. The following boys have already sent in their names James Ridout, Alton Pridgen, Charles Davis, Jeff Terrell, Harvey Haitcock, Wyatt Duncan, Cecil Pope, George Hunter, Herman Odom, Keeling Hardy. Other boys are expected to go but have not sent in their names. The boys will return to their homes Friday afternoon.

The State Farmers Institute is to be the biggest and best ever held, so states Mr. W. F. Pate secretary of the institute, an attractive program has been arranged. Some of the most noted speakers on agricultural topics will appear on this program. Mr. Jordan, of Missouri, the highest paid county agent in the United States, will speak at the convention. It is expected that a large number of farmers and their wives from the county will attend this institute.

Drunken Man Shot Three Times Lives

Will West, colored man of the Arcola section, is in a desperate condition from three gunshot wounds inflicted last Wednesday by L. H. and T. W. Northington, respectable white farmers of that neighborhood.

West was under the influence of whiskey and had been ordered from the premises by young Mr. Northington who was at the tobacco barn. He refused to leave and words were ban-

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MICKIE SAYS

TRADE WITH THE FELLER WHO ADVERTISES! HE WANTS YER BUSINESS AND HELL SURE TRY T' HOLD IT BY SEEMIN' THAT YER SATISFIED WITH EVERYTHING YA BUY OF HIM

HE'S GOT A REPUTATION T' LIVE UP TO



School at Work

COLORED SUMMER SCHOOL ACTIVE PAST WEEKS

Well Equipped Faculty Impressing Better Teaching Principles Upon Eighty Nine Teachers; Work Progressing In Fine Way

For the past three weeks there have been fewer busier places from 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m. than the colored school of Warrenton where have gathered eight-nine teachers, in the main from our own county.

The per cent of attendance of those enrolled has been to date 94.

The sessions have been full of enthusiasm and interest with no dull moments.

Prof. Allen has visited the school quite often and made many helpful suggestions and Dr. Haywood on Wednesday gave a very profitable talk on Health and Sanitation. This week will be taken up largely with examinations.

Miss Mary M. Garnes Demonstrator for colored schools of Warren county is rendering efficient service in the department of Domestic Science and Art. Sewing, mat-making, cooking, the use of the fireless cooker and its method of construction, are being taught in a very practical manner. This work is done in addition to her work with the canning clubs throughout the county.

Miss L. A. Royster, of Bullock, is a specialist in Primary methods and in that department is greatly helping the teachers. Each day she is giving an observation lesson thoroughly covering the fundamentals. Surely the primary work must receive a great push forward from the highly effective work done in this department.

Mrs. W. G. Davis, who is handling the Raper, working and grammar grades is recognized as a teacher thoroughly prepared to every good work. Holding a Palmer diploma as a graduate in writing she produced wonderful results in transforming the penmanship of the teachers in the short space allotted and the teachers are going to continue the drill.

Dr. Davis, who is handling the advanced work is today closing his discussion of Ciore's. Many practical truths brought out in his treatment are worthy of a wider publicity than is offered in the school.

Stating that good citizenship is the end to be obtained as essential to the Commonwealth as the very word implies, he said the education should be sufficiently comprehensive to prepare the future citizen to perform all the duties and to rightly use all the privileges of citizenship.

He should be taught that if he farms, builds homes, manufactures, or masters and uses the forces of nature, he must do so for the good of all.

He was glad to see the state was giving a wider educational opportunity to the negro. He showed that funds raised by public taxation for educational purposes do not differ as to ownership and use, from any other fund—being the property of no class or race, but of the state, which, in defense of her own safety and perpetuity, is in duty bound to administer that fund in the interest of all her children. Realizing that the criminal negro is the ignorant negro, our own state is this summer spending \$10,000 to help to educate the leaders. The state has come to realize that the negro who assimilates education is the very salt of his community life. What, said he, would become of the negro, if at one fell swoop, these men and women with all they stand for in economic, civic, home and church life, could be swept away and conditions could be among his people, as tho such a class had never existed!

The prospect is appalling even in contemplation. It is the hope and inspiration given by this group that keeps the race from despair and inspires in him every consideration of good citizenship.

Referring to the attitude of the white friends he said they were anxious to help us in many ways.

The negro who does an honest day's work, who is careful to shun the paths of crime, who owns his own home, free from debt and taxes paid, who keeps a bank account, who edu-

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