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## Tremendous Crowd Attends Celebration

### Warren's Celebration Enjoyed By Five Thousand; Over Two Hundred Soldiers and Over Forty Veterans Present; Airship Provides Thrills Service Men, Floats and Marshals Form Beautiful Parade

## Great Dinner Served To Service Men At Academy

### Band Provides Music During Day and Plays Till Nine For Street Dance Around Victory Arch; Polk Delivers Principal Address; Palmer Welcomes Crowd; Graham Reads Honor Roll; Gardner Registers Soldiers; Committees Function Properly; Free Lemonade Quenches Thirst; Picture Program Furnishes Great Joy; Weather Man Treats Crowd Right and Day A Huge Success

#### A Detailed Story of Events of Day

The memory of the record of service in the great war, the appreciation of the sacrifice by thirty two men who went from the county, the esteem for those of the Lost cause, the creation of Warren ladies and the business men of the town of welcoming signs and store front decorations, the prominence of old Glory and the colors one loves, the presence of the red white and blue lights in the block in front of the Court House, the gracefully curved of the white twenty-four foot arch over main, the banner display of expressions of pride, the hum of the airplane from Langley Field created the interest and enthusiasm, which was lovingly expressed here Wednesday by the largest crowd of white citizens which has ever gathered in Warren.

The weather adopted a threatening attitude early in the day but did naught to quench the enthusiasm and joy of the crowd which early began to wend its way into town from every nook and cranny of Warren. Automobiles in gala attire, buggies filled with happy children free from school for the day, wagons crowded to overflowing with the happiness and joy of citizens from various communities, here and there a marshal upon horseback, now and then a pedestrian, formed the crowd which wended its way to the Celebration early in the day and filled the town with the joy of its presence.

#### The Airship From Langley Field

The morning program was opened at ten thirty o'clock by an airplane flight of twenty-five minutes over Warrenton and immediate vicinity. This plane heralded the approach of the day by its arrival Tuesday afternoon at quarter to five and created excitement as it circled the town for 10 minutes in search of a landing field which was finally located in south east Warrenton. Interest was keen among the fast assembling crowd Wednesday as the ship rode the breezes into the sky as the opening number of the Celebration day's program. At an altitude of twenty-five hundred feet the big bird circled and covered different portions of the sky above the crowd. At eleven five the plane settled gently down to await the call to the atmosphere for stunt flying that afternoon. The airship was under control of Lieut. L. D. Weddington, of Langley Field, formerly of Childress, Texas, and a veteran of two years flying experience. His assistant was Sergeant James B. Fretz, of Langley Field, originally of Wilson. The plane left the field near Hampton, Va., Tuesday at three o'clock. It was a Curtiss ship JNHH, SC38001, bearing the tail number 46. Its wing spread was thirty-two feet, its length thirty-six feet. Power was furnished for its propeller by a 150 Hp. Hispano-Suiza motor.

#### The Band Arrives With Pep

With a good assortment of the latest in music and a willingness to comply with every wish of the committee, Uncle Sam's twenty pieces of blue-jacket Naval Band, from Portsmouth, were piloted at ten thirty in to Warrenton by Mr. V. F. Ward and his assistants. The music immediately pealed forth and as the airplane fascinated the eye, music pleased the ear and enlivened the spirit of the assemblage. The band played steadily un-

til 11:10 when the speaking program commenced from the steps of the Court House whose front was a mass of pine overlaid in part by a huge service flag of two hundred and fifty stars surmounted with twenty of gold.

#### Speaking Exercises Opened

The attention of the crowd, which literally covered both sides of the square and the streets, was arrested by the rap of the gavel in the hands of W. Brodie Jones, master of ceremonies, who called Rev. J. T. Gibbs to offer the invocation.

Mayor John B. Palmer followed Dr. Gibbs with fervid words of sincere welcome to the town and the deep expression of pride in the record made by the gallant sons of Warren in the struggle for the rights of mankind. Welcome warm and hearty was addressed to the wearers of gray and the entire citizenship of the county.

Prof. John Graham, one of the veterans of '65, plead for the reorganization of the local company, and presented an appeal for the establishment of a post of the American Legion, an organization of service men of the World war, whose aims and purposes were briefly innumerable to the crowd. Mr. Graham then read the honor roll of Warren's dead which numbers twenty-one sons of Warren and an additional eleven who went from this county or were closely associated with its people.

#### Warren County's Honor Roll

John Daniels Shearin Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Harris of Warrenton, died of influenza followed by pneumonia at Pensicola, Fla., October 9th, 1918. He was in the aviation corps of the United States navy, and would have soon received his commission. He died at the age of 24 and peacefully sleeps in Fairview cemetery.

Solomon Williams White, son of the late John T. White and Mrs. Nathan Perry White, member of the Quartermaster corps of the U. S. army, died of pneumonia in Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, on the afternoon of October 11th, 1918 in the 21st year of his age. He sleeps in the family burying ground of Fork where his boyhood was spent.

Willie Seaman, of Ridgeway, died in

#### Organize Post of Legion in Warren

At a meeting of the returned soldiers, marines and sailors of Warren county, which was held in the Court House, a post of the American Legion was organized and the following officers were elected:

- Post Commander: T. Henry Williams, Warrenton—
  - Vice-Post Commander: Marvin W. Hardy, Norlina—
  - Stephen E. Burroughs, Warrenton—Post-Adjutant.
  - Joseph J. Macon, Warrenton—Post-Finance Officer.
  - Executive Committee: Boyd White, Norlina; James B. Boyce, Jr., Warrenton; Harry K. Kenyon, Macon; P. Edgar Williams, Inez.
- All returned soldiers, sailors and marines of Warren county are eligible to join, and are requested to send their names to T. Henry Williams, Warrenton, N. C., as soon as possible. The Executive Committee will meet Monday night to decide upon a name for the Post.

northern hospital of pneumonia in October of 1918.

Louis Freeman, Lieutenant, former Warrenton boy killed in France August 17th while "fearlessly exposing himself to terrible artillery barrage in order to personally superintend the operation of his troops," a son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Freeman, of Spartanburg, S. C.

Eddie Kendrick Smiley, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Smiley, of near Macon, died on the 12th of October at Camp Jackson of pneumonia in the 22nd year of his age. He is buried in the soil of the county he loved amid the scenes of his childhood.

Vance Hornaday StSing, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. StSing passed into the Great Beyond in France September 24th, 1918. He was one of the 79 soldiers who left here May 25th for Camp Jackson.

James Alexander Shaw, son of W. A. and Cora R. Shaw, born Mch. 1, 1894, died at Base Hospital, Camp Sevier, as member of H. Company, 120 Inf., 30th Division, on April 10, 1918, of Bronchial pneumonia. A member of Gardner's Missionary Baptist church, a good soldier, a clean christian gentleman who was never known to curse, smoke, chew or take a drink.

Archibald W. Limer, 1st Lieut., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Limer, was born in New York, December 22, 1892, came to Warren county when twelve years old, joined Company H. at the age of 17, was commissioned a second lieutenant by Gov. Craig on June 29th, 1914. He went to the Mexican Border, then to France in May of 1918 as First Lieutenant. He commanded H. Company in the series of forward movements beginning Sept. 26, 1918, and fell in action on September 29th leading the company in a determined attack on the Hindenburg line near the village of Bellicourt. He was recommended for captaincy August 20th and appointment received by Company Oct. 1st. His last words on the fatal 29th were an inquiry of the

one next in command as to the condition of his attacking wave.

Albert L. Coleman, corporal, son of L. P. Coleman of Merry Mount, volunteered July 25, 1917, killed in action in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, Sept. 29th in Hindenburg Line attack.

Ernest E. Frazier, Sergt., son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Frazier, of Warren Plains, was born April 11, 1896, and killed in action in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy September 29th. He saw service with H. company on the Border and as a man and soldier was held in high esteem by his comrades.

William T. Savage, Oak City, inducted into service July 25, 1917. Killed in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, September 29th.

William Lawrence McCullen, inducted into service July 25, 1917, as 1st sergeant H. Company. Promoted from 1st sergeant to second lieutenant Aug. 1, 1917, commissioned first lieutenant Dec. 8, 1917. Killed in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, Sept. 29, 1918.

Alonzo K. Breeze, Rosemary, inducted into service July 25, 1917. Wounded in the battle of Montbrekain near the town of Vaux-Andigny. Died of wounds in hospital. Member of H. company.

Godwin Bracy, Roxobel, inducted into service July 25, 1917. Killed in action in battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, September 29th, 1918.

Simon F. Griffin, inducted into service July 25, 1917. Killed in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, September 29th, 1918.

Oliver W. Howell, corporal, Durham, inducted into service July 25th, 1917. Killed in action in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, Sept. 29th, 1918.

Jerry Harris, Roanoke Rapids, inducted into service July 25th, 1917. Killed in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, September 29th, 1918.

Fletcher W. Merritt, sergeant, Roxboro, inducted into service July 25,

1917, soon after return from border. Killed in action on the Ypres Front in France, August 21, 1918.

John D. Mizell, inducted into service July 25, 1917, killed in the battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, September 29th, 1918.

James A. Modley, Williamston, inducted into service July 25th, 1917. Killed in action in the battle of La Selle River, France, October 17, 1918.

Willie Ubert Nicholson, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. J. Nicholson, of Littleton, born April 14, 1895, entered service September 19, 1917, died at Camp Sevier as member of Co. C., 30th Division, on the 20th of January, 1918. He was the first soldier in the county to lay down his life for the cause of justice, liberty and humanity.

William Richard Coleman, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Coleman, of Wise, enlisted as volunteer with the 23rd Engineers. He enlisted from Rocky Mount where he had lived since he was seventeen. He went across from Camp Meade, Md., died February 27th, 1918, in France from pneumonia at age of 32. He is buried in Brest.

Edward Lee Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones Davis of Warrenton, enlisted in Navy from Charlotte at the age of 21. Made several trips across on the Convoy Ticonderoga, was killed at sea September 30th, 1918, by submarine officer as he swam to U-boat asking that his ship, already torpedoed, be spared the shrapnel which was killing the men as they took to the lifeboats.

Macey D. Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. B. Harris, of Macon, who was inducted as member of H. company on July 25th, 1917. Killed in action in France September 29th, 1918, in battle of Hindenburg line.

Herbert M. Miles, son of Mrs. Mattie Miles, Warrenton, sergeant H. company, saw service on Border and in France. Member Warrenton Baptist church. Killed in action September 29th, 1918, in battle of Hindenburg line.

Leon L. Powell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Powell, of Marmaduke, member of H. company was killed in action September 29th at the age of twenty three. He was a sergeant in the home organization, saw service on the Border, his last words were,

"Tell mother, I died going to the front!"

John Hunter Watkins, Corp., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Watkins, of Palmer Springs, volunteered in April 1917, at the age of 19, as member of H. Company. Was killed in action September 29th, 1918.

Frank Weaver, corporal, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fate Weaver, of Warrenton, saw service on Border. Killed in battle of Bellicourt and Nauroy, France, September 29th.

Benjamin C. Robertson, corporal H. Co., was wounded October 9th, 1918, in attack upon Premont and Branch and died at an A. E. F. Casualty Clearing Station October 10th at six-thirty. He was a son of William Skinner and Fannie C. Robertson, of Arcola.

Robert T. Adams, son of Mrs. Susan E. Adams, of Norlina, died of bronchial pneumonia in France October 15, 1918, and rests in peace in the A. E. F. cemetery 331. He was called into service May 23, 1918.

George Overby, son of Mrs. Bettie Overby, of Macon, entered service May 25th, killed in action November 10th, 1918.

Corp. Clack R. Stewart, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Stewart. He was a member of Co. A, 322nd Infantry. Died November 30th at Base Hospital 25 in France from wounds received in action November 10th at age of 23.

#### Mr. Polk's Address

The chair explained the absence of General B. S. Royster, caused by the death of a life long friend, and presented Senator Tasker Polk, chairman of the Welcome Home committee. Mr. Polk in vivid language painted the valor of noble sires on the field of battle, the courage and devotion which men of America had always evinced in times of stress, and told of the expectancy which pervaded every heart in the early days of the struggle that America's army upon the field of battle would fight and die to maintain the high standard of its forebears. The record of the battles of Europe and the courage of the American troops justified this confidence.

The devotion of the men of Lee and Jackson to the cause which they thought was right and their valor in the four years which tried the souls of men were lauded by the speaker, and the thought was eloquently voiced that some Great Hand guided the destinies of the universe thru bloodshed for the sublime purpose of shaping civilization toward higher and eternally worthy objectives.

This hand of Destiny has demanded as its toll among many the noble lives denoted by the gold of sacrifice upon Warren's Flag of Honor and the devolving obligation by their comrades, their relatives and friends that the sacrifice was not made in vain.

#### Great Parade Forms For March

As Chairman Polk concluded his short address the band played a number of selections as chief marshal Thomas D. Peck gave final instructions for the parade which immediately formed in sections as marshals graced with regalia and well mounted, assumed control of its component parts.

At twelve thirty Color bearer Alfred J. Ellington, on a beautiful white horse and bearing aloft the colors of the Lost Cause and the United America headed the first group of the parade. Marshal Peck with Lieut. Alston Twitty came next with the retinue of marshals including men

#### WISELY FEATHERED NESTS



#### Resolutions John White Camp Oct 1

- 1st. That Rev. T. J. Taylor and A. S. Webb, Esq., prepare and publish in our County papers suitable memorial resolutions in honor of our deceased Brethren;
  - 2nd. That our thanks are hereby extended to the various Committees, and especially to the Daughters of the Confederacy, for their kind consideration of our comfort, and superabundant banquet;
  - 3rd. That we sincerely thank W. Brodie Jones, Esq., for his interest in us, and for his securing the Record of the deaths of our young soldiers who died in defence of their country and humanity—both those who died breaking the Hindenburg line and those who died of disease, all equally worthy of Honor;
  - 4th. That we appreciate Col. T. D. Peck's recognition of our love for a good smoke as manifested by a big box of cigars.
- J. W. ALLEN, Commander,  
A. S. WEBB, Secretary.

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