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VETERAN PASSED OVER THE RIVER

The soul of another servant of the Saviour of the world, has passed over the river of death to be with Him in that House not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The Master chooses that many shall serve Him here below for long years, if need be to do the work to which they are specially chosen. The forty-five years in which John Lafayette Cherry wore the armor of the Christian soldier ended on Thursday, July 26th, 1917. He had fought bravely as a Southern soldier, and was wounded in the head, which gave him much trouble at various times, but these lighter afflictions only cemented his faith in the goodness of the Father. He was born seventy-five years ago in Martin County.

In the early years of manhood, as he was wont to state, he faithfully served the enemy of his God, and like St. Paul, he could serve the Master better because of this. During the pastorate of the late Dr. L. L. Nash, he was converted at a time of great awakening in the Methodist Church, and taking the vows of the Christian in holy baptism, he began his life-work of preaching the Gospel in the highways and hedges, doing good wherever he could, giving of his small means to help the suffering. Not a time did he waver in his fight for the truth of the Gospel, and through it all shone a sublime faith given to few men. In all things, he never failed to see the hand of God, and his life was one season of joy because of his love for the Master. Though not educated as other men who enter the ministry, he was, perhaps, more familiar with the Scriptures than the average preacher, and his interpretations thereof were sound and doctrinal, true to the Church and firm in that faith once delivered to the saints. No man has ever lived in this community whose life was more consecrated to the service of Jesus Christ; truly, may it be said that he walked with God.

He had been married several times, and his last wife survives him with several children, who were with him when the end came. For more than a year, he had been forced to give up his services which were held at the homes of those who desired to have him, and he remained at home doing the work nearest him as the true follower of Christ. By industry and faith in the goodness of God, he had made for himself and family a comfortable home near the Cemetery, and there conducted a small grocery business.

Friday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock the funeral services were conducted by Rev. H. M. Eure, pastor of the Methodist Church, and his body was laid to rest in the family plot. No flower laid upon the fresh mound, shed a sweeter radiance than did the ministry of his life among the people with whom he came in contact.

"For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia
Thou wast their Rock, their fortress, and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear, the one true Light.
Alleluia."

Abusing Public Property

People who live in the vicinity of the City Hall have noticed for the past two Sundays that several young boys have been in the dressing rooms and auditorium; they were seen smoking and doing other things injurious to the building. Many buildings are burned by boys who go in them to smoke and gamble. The boys seen, or at least some of them, are known and the police can obtain their names. Last Sunday, Chief of Police Page was sitting in the front of the Hall while several boys were in the dressing rooms making mischief. Of course, he could not see or hear them but it shows how indifferent the boys are to the law, when an officer was so near. The City Hall has been so damaged by such acts that it is scarcely decent for people to sit in. The chairs are broken, the curtains are torn and everything has an air of neglect. Manager Gordy of the Gaiety should take precautions to have the back doors securely fastened and the windows down, or the police should know the reason why. Some fatal day the building will burn and with it much of the town, and, too, because proper care is not taken of it.

Extremely Hot Weather

The mercury this week has been unusually active, more so than at any time this season or last as to that. Sunday morning and the night before were cool, but late Sunday afternoon it began to climb, and Monday it was up the ladder and Tuesday was hotter. Many workers in and around town were obliged to quit their jobs at the noon hour, as the heat was so intense, for the mercury was lying around in the shade on the 100 mark. Tuesday night was "a hot night in old town" and everybody kept open house all through the night. Wednesday there was more breeze, and some relief was felt. The extreme heat has injured crops here and in the surrounding counties. This section has not felt such heat in years, and, too, coming after very cool months.

Failed To Pass

Turner T. Grimes, asst. bookkeeper in the Farmers & Merchants Bank, volunteered for service in the Navy at Norfolk, last week. However, he failed to pass on account of his weight which was 20 pounds under the required number of 128. Leon Andrews, Peter Davis and P. W. Wright, all colored, also volunteered; the last two failed to pass the examination.

N. S. Godard, who was examined for service at Warrenton last week could not meet the requirements as to physical strength, being deaf in one ear.

Printer Failed Us

The local Exemption Board furnished us the list of the 425 names of the men who were in the first draft in Martin County. As we were not prepared to set it in the shop, we sent same to Ry. Mount Telegram office, and it was promised "us last night. We held our forms open for it, but later we were informed that the matter could not be furnished us at all this week. This is a sore disappointment to us and our readers, as we wanted to give the drafted men all the information that we could. We make this explanation because we had promised to have the list in this week.

Three Years Of War

The British offensive on July 31st, celebrated the beginning of the fourth year of the world war. Only a few people who studied the situation thought that the struggle would last even three years. The lamented Lord Kitchener said that it would continue for three years, and he was right but he did not dip far enough in the future, for signs point to a long war, unless internal strife in the Teutonic nations break up the military party's strength.

This fourth year of war will mean much to the American Nation who has been drawn into it because of the insults to the country by Germany. The Kaiser has assumed the mastery of the world, and arrogantly stated his purpose to destroy everything that opposed him on land and sea. The thoughtful man will see the mission of the United States; he will recognize in President Wilson the man who is to undermine the brute strength of the German government, and fight for and win that peace which the world needs as never before. But the President cannot win the fight alone. He must have the united strength of the Nation behind him. Whoever can must fight with a heart single to the purpose of crushing Prussianism; those who cannot fight must do their part in carrying the burden of war, whether in the store, office, on the farm or in the woods.

A new army is being gathered now from the flower of the young manhood of the Nation; let no one try to hinder the work of the government, but give of himself as a valiant soldier to win this war which is being waged by our country for righteousness' sake. Be a man and an American, and there is no power on earth to prevent the victory of the United States and the Allies.

In Columbia For A Month

A. D. Mizell with Jessie T. Price motored to Columbia Monday. Mr. Mizell has gone there for a month to take the place of the cashier in the bank, who decided to return to his home in Norfolk. Mr. Louis Harrison, formerly with the F. & M. Bank here, left there some weeks ago and accepted the cashiership of the Bank of Plymouth. Mr. Mizell will attend to the business until a permanent cashier is engaged.

The Season Of Picnics

The picnic season has been open here for some time, but only recently have the younger boys and girls been hieing away to the "Big Mill" for the purpose of enjoying the life found only in the summer on a beautiful pond of water. There is no place in this section which appeals more to the heart of those who like outings than the "Big Mill" with its beautiful surroundings, water falling over the dam, and a safe place for young bathers. Last week, Miss Daisy Manning chaperoned a party out there, and yesterday two of the classes of the Methodist Sunday School spent the day there and enjoyed an appetizing lunch, and found the water all that was wanted to have a good time.

It is reported that the German soldier is being horrified at the intensity of the British fire. Let it be hoped that such is the case. Anything to stop the bloodshed.

NEGRO REGRETS VISIT TO SOUTH

"O Lawdy, I've certainly glad to be back in Auburn."

This was the greeting that Perry Williams, one of Auburn's well known characters gave to his friends when he arrived in the city this morning, from Williamston, North Carolina. He is much disappointed with his trip to the South and expects never to leave this quiet community or go globe trotting in the future.

Perry left here many months ago to visit his relations in Williamston, which is on the border line between North and South Carolina and from the way that he speaks of the treatment of the negroes there, it is evident that he had good reason to shake the dust of the Carolinas from his heels and decide that after all there is no place like old Auburn.

In telling of incidents of his experience, Perry says that colored people in the South are treated harshly and that they do not get enough to eat. Many of them do not know where their next meal is coming from.

"I've just come from having the first square meal I had since I left Washington," Perry informed the reporter who interviewed him, "and believe me there was a sharp edge on my appetite, too."

Through a petition that was taken up by his friends in this city, Perry was forwarded the necessary tender for transportation home and he expressed his hearty thanks and appreciation of the act. "I'm home for good," Perry said, "and the next time I go traveling, it will be a short journey to Fort Hill."

Perry Williams will not be unwelcome in the city. The former slave went South expecting to end his days in peace and solitude but he became homesick and yearned for Auburn, once again perhaps, he will carry Old Glory in procession here, taking his old place of prestige and honor.

(Many people will remember the old negro, Perry Williams, who visited here and in Williams Township for several months. He is related to the Pennie Keyes heirs, and probably wanted money, which he failed to get. The statement that the negroes are treated harshly, was, no doubt, made for the pleasure of a few folks up North, who pretend to believe such things. The best class of the Northern people do not attach any truth to old negro's tales, such as that told by Williams. However, it may be true that many do not know where their next meal is coming from, and some whites may be in the same fix in this land of plenty, but it is owing to the laziness of both classes. There is plenty of work right here in Williamston and in Martin County, and this is true of the entire South. Farmers are offering splendid wages to laborers in the fields, but often crops suffer because of the lack of labor, while men and women, too, are loafing around doing some kind of meanness. With a quart or two of "monkey rum" made of the commonest kind of molasses, the average negro makes a dollar or more per week and spends his time in idleness.

The editor of the Advertiser-Journal, which is published at Auburn, N. Y., and who wrote the above article, should study geography along with the negro question, and learn that Williamston is not near the border line between the two Carolinas, but

Soldiers' Aid Committee

The North Carolina Council of Defense has arranged for the organization of a Soldiers' Aid Committee in each county. The duties of such a committee are enumerated below. Martin County will aid in the work, and already men have responded to the call.

a. To render without charge any legal service desired from the time of call to the colors until the end of the war.

b. To see that during the absence of the soldier there shall be no lapse in his insurance policies, no failure to pay taxes on property nor interest on mortgage indebtedness, and to make such legal transfers of property as the soldier or his family may desire.

c. To see that no advantage shall be taken of any soldier in legal proceedings in which he may be a party, or in which he may have an interest.

d. To look after and assist in caring for all persons who may be, or who may hereafter become, dependent upon a soldier for support.

e. To aid soldiers in securing employment when they return.

f. To arrange for special training or education of soldiers partially disabled by wounds or disease.

g. To see that all soldiers who are called to the colors are properly registered, so that they may vote during their absence.

h. To perform any other service for soldiers when necessity therefor arises during their absence at the front.

Contributed To Ambulance Fund

At the meeting of the State Bankers Association at Wrightsville in June, the members of the Association voted to purchase an ambulance for the Red Cross Society to be used in the present war. The Peoples Bank and the Farmers & Merchants, of Williamston, have mailed their checks for the amounts pledged by them. There is no movement for humanity or the uplift of the people, that does not appeal to these institutions. They are of the people and for the people in times of peace or of war.

Mrs. Oscar Anderson Hostess

On Thursday afternoon of last week, Mrs. Oscar Anderson entertained in honor of her cousin Miss Gladys Keel, of Rocky Mount. The rooms were attractively arranged for the enjoyment of rook, six tables being used for the games, which were delightful throughout. The hostess served delicious refreshments, and the hours passed too quickly by. Mrs. Anderson is one of the most charming of the young matrons in the town, and her guests always anticipate and realize a pleasant time in her home on Main Street.

is on the right bank of the Roanoke River, sixty miles from the coast, and is the largest peanut market in the world for the farmers' stock. And the county in which it is situated, produced one of the three men who went farthest at the Battle of Gettysburg; and whose name is cut in marble on that historic spot. We hope Perry will carry the flag for many more years—there are plenty of patriotic negroes in Williamston who carry it when necessary—Editor)

There is many a man who wants a dependent wife at the present time. Bachelorhood is not the happy state just now.

Second Lieutenant Mizell

Perhaps, many of the people of the county have seen that Charles E. Mizell, native of the county, but for 26 years in the medical department of the government has been promoted to the rank of Second Lieutenant of the 4th Virginia regiment. Lieut. Mizell was at Fortress Monroe for years, and for the past several years has been in every state in the Union organizing hospital corps, etc. Desiring to enter the fighting service of the country, he was given an honorable discharge from his work, and later enlisted and was made second lieutenant of the 4th Regiment.

He is a native of Martin County, and is well-known in Williamston, where he visited occasionally and has relatives here also. He was instrumental in getting enlistment for Robert Biggs in the hospital work of his regiment; Biggs left Monday morning to enter upon his duties, if his examination was favorable. Lieut. Mizell will, no doubt, reflect honor upon his native state and county in the great war in which he must play his part.

He Follows Mr. Herbert

Even though he is nearly seventy years old, yet he would be willing to enter the war if it was only to fight for France alone, was the assertion yesterday afternoon at the Hotel Emerson of Wilson G. Lamb, one of the best known men in North Carolina. Mr. Lamb was selected by his state to notify President Wilson of his nomination after the National Democratic Convention met in Baltimore. He was also a delegate to the National convention which met in St. Louis.

Mr. Lamb, who is a friend of Assistant Manager Herbert, of The Emerson, was a guest at the old Carrollton Hotel when Mr. Herbert was clerk there. He afterward went to the Eutaw House and found Mr. Herbert at that hotel and now that Mr. Herbert has been made assistant manager of the Emerson, he now makes that his headquarters.

"I think the people of the United States owe France a debt of gratitude which they can never repay," said Mr. Lamb. "When the United States needed help during the Revolution it was France that came forward with men and ships, and I think now is the time for the people in this county to come to the assistance of that country. North Carolina has come forward to a man, and will do all in its power to uphold the dignity of the nation. Although I am very nearly seventy years old, I would gladly shoulder a gun and fight side by side in the trenches with the French soldiers.

"It is my opinion that the greatest victories of this war will be won in the air and under the sea."—Baltimore American.

Card Of Thanks

After a long illness, death came to my wife on July 25th, 1917, at 3:30 o'clock a. m. I wish to thank my friends both white and colored for the many acts of kindness done for her during the weeks of suffering. But with all that was done for her, she had to depart from this world, and her place in the home cannot be filled; she is gone but not forgotten.

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