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Another Comrade Passes Over.

After a short illness, Joseph Bryant Coffield died at his home near Everetts, Martin County, on Sunday night, November 11th 1917, at 9 o'clock. For more than a year, his strength had been failing him, and almost suddenly he was stricken down and within a few days, his spirit had "crossed the bar."

He descended from an ancestry of the splendid Southern type, that had much to do with the early history of Martin County, and inherited the strong, manly character of his race. On February 6th, 1837, he was born at the Coffield homestead, where he had lived for years, and where he died. In the year 1865, he married Miss Elizabeth Pender, of Tarboro, and for a number of years, he made his home there and became identified prominently with the political and business life of the town and county. He was the choice of the democratic party for Register of Deeds, and served Edgecombe County in that capacity for several terms; he also was engaged in the mercantile business at Tarboro.

His parents, the late Archibald and Chrissie Coffield, whose home was one of the most hospitable in the county, went to their reward years ago, and his death leaves none of their children living except one daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Becker, of New York City. After the death of his mother, he returned with his family to live at the old home in Martin County, and reared his children there, only four of whom survive him, Mrs. Julius H. Purvis, Mrs. Thomas H. Crudep, H. I. Coffield and A. S. Coffield. About two years ago, his wife died, and since he has spent his days in the lonely quietness of his home, and often expressed a desire to follow his beloved companion, whose tender ministrations he greatly missed and needed.

Answering the call of the South in 1861, he enlisted in Company H, 1st North Carolina Regiment, commanded by Capt. Rives, and was afterwards promoted to the office of Lieutenant and Adjutant of his regiment. On May 12th, 1864, he was captured by the Federals and sent to Charleston with others and placed under the Confederate guns, which act was claimed to be in retaliation by the enemy for the placing of negroes under fire of Federal guns on the James River near City Point.

No man in Martin County has been more closely identified with public affairs than he, having served three terms in the Legislature as a representative; and there his abilities were recognized and he reached a plane of usefulness and prominence. As chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, for several terms his service was one of efficiency, and his advice always on the right, which worked for the safety and welfare of the people of the county who gave him their highest esteem as a citizen and friend. "He was a splendid soldier, a good citizen and wise legislator," is the tribute of one who knew him best.

For years he was a communicant of the Episcopal Church and died in the hope of a blessed resurrection. Tuesday morning, his body was taken to Tarboro and there interred in Calvary Churchyard, besides his loved ones gone before, Rev. Bertram E. Brown saying the last words for the dead. As tokens of love and esteem, flowers, beautiful and fragrant, were placed there upon the mound as a covering for the beloved dead.

Y. M. C. A. Meeting.

A meeting was called at the City Hall on Sunday for the purpose of starting the campaign to raise \$3,000, which is Martin County's part of the \$35,000,000 asked to help the work of the Y. M. C. A., among the soldiers of the country. The ministers of the town had preached appropriate sermons at the morning services, and asked the co-operation of their hearers in the work of raising the amount. Though the crowd was small, the enthusiasm was largely in evidence. Addresses were made by Luke Lamb, B. A. Critcher, A. R. Dunning, H. W. Stubbs, C. H. Jordan and W. R. Burrell. Each of these set forth the claims of the Association and the good that was being done everywhere for the soldiers.

Dr. John D. Biggs was elected Chairman and W. C. Manning, Sec. Treasurer of the Martin County Branch of the Association; A. R. Dunning, Luke Lamb, B. A. Critcher, W. R. Burrell, C. H. Jordan, and H. W. Stubbs were chosen to solicit funds for the Association in Williamston Township; Mrs. J. E. Smithwick, S. E. Hardison, Plenny Peel, A. B. Ayers, J. W. Williams, V. R. Taylor, R. W. Salisbury and H. S. Everett for other parts of the county.

Report Not Vouched For.

There have been rumors all over the county that Dr. R. M. Buie, who volunteered for medical service and was sent to France, had been killed. His wife received a cablegram from him on his safe arrival in France, and has heard nothing about his death. His friends at Bear Grass know nothing about it, and it is very evident that the report is false. If he had been killed, the War Department would have been advised, and the fact given to the press.

Annual Visitation

Bishop Darst will preach both morning and night on Sunday next, November 18th, at the Episcopal Church, at which time there will be Confirmation.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

To Organize Red Cross Chapter

On Wednesday evening, November 21st, at 8 o'clock in the Court House, a Chapter of the Red Cross will be organized. Dr. John D. Biggs will preside over the meeting, and the officers of the Chapter are to be named by a nominating committee, and other business of importance will be transacted. Prominent speakers will address the meeting, and it is hoped to have a splendid rally for the work in the interest of every American soldier at home and abroad.

Everybody in Martin County is cordially invited to attend this meeting especially the members of the different Auxiliaries in the several townships. Come and make it the greatest meeting ever held in Martin County. The work needs every earnest American help--don't stay away.

Special meeting of Skewarkee Lodge Tuesday night, Nov. 20, for 1st and 3rd degree work.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr. Hostess

Friday morning last, Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., was hostess to a number of friends at "A Knitting Tea." in honor of her house guests, Miss Gertrude Kitchen, of Scotland Neck, and Miss Helen Poteat, of Wake Forest. Each guest was asked to bring her knitting and spend the hour in doing her bit, while pleasing conversation was indulged in. Mrs. Martin served tea, sandwiches and cake, which were enjoyed by the guests: Mesdames P. B. Cone, J. S. Rhodes, C. B. Hassell, J. H. Saunders, B. S. Courtney, Oscar Anderson, S. R. Biggs, Kelly King, Arthur Anderson; Misses Helen Maynard, Carrie Dell Blount, Daisy Manning.

Gold Point Items

B. E. Moye, of Robersonville, has purchased the J. E. Roberson farm here.

Henry Taylor, we learned, will return to his farm another year. What Gold Point needs most is better school facilities. So far we hear of no school here. The people of this vicinity should wake and have better schools. Why should we lag behind, other sections in so important a matter as education?

J. D. Bowen from near Williamston was here Sunday visiting his daughter, Mrs. Tom Harrell. J. T. Ross, J. A. Bryan and Andrew Everett, of Robersonville, were here Sunday.

Our farmers have been taking advantage of the good weather the past few days in harvesting their crop. Frank Smith from near Spring Green was in town Sunday.

Young Thieves

Recently, Anderson, Crawford & Co., have been missing goods from their store, and failed to find the thief. Finally members of the firm watched for several nights, but the burglars did not put in their appearance. However, on Wednesday a colored man carried a gun to the store, which he supposed was some of booty of the thief. A search warrant was issued and a policeman went to the home of Grover Manson and found some gun cartridges and a pair of rubber boots. Manson accused William Crew of being a partner with him. The boys, for both are young, were placed together and finally in a heated argument, they told the whole tale of robbery. They entered through a very small transom over the back door of the building.

Another Young Sailor

Williamston has sent another boy to serve his country in the Navy. Samuel Gardner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gardner, has enlisted in the Navy and was assigned to the patrol boat, "Messick." Young Gardner was a student at the High School here but was urgent in his desire to get into service. He is only seventeen, but, will make an active Tar in Uncle Sam's Navy.

Mistake In Name.

Recently it was announced that G. A. Roberson, a member of the Martin County Corn Club, had made a splendid yield on one acre of land, the number of bushels being 133-5-7. A mistake occurred in the name, for it should have been Henry G. Roberson, who is the thirteen-year-old son of Mr. James A. Roberson. Young Roberson won a prize at the Tarboro fair also, and promptly received a check for same.

Oak City Items

The school children under the direction of Prof. and Mrs. Bowers and Misses Ross and Reid entertained a good-sized audience last Wednesday night. The entire programme was creditably rendered:

The Homespun Girl, by School.
Duet, piano, Gladys Everett and Mildred Davenport.
Joy of Pretense, Willie Johnson.
Pumpkin Pie, song, Primary class.
The Raggedy Man, Syble Ross.
Duet, piano, Beatrice and Dare Daniels.
Our hired Man, Hazel Piland.
Duet piano, Annie Hurst and Bertha Piland.
Solo piano, Eleanor Hiner.
Influence, Nat Johnson.
Duet, piano, Myrtle Hyman and Syble Ross.
Curly Locks, Livingston Harrell and Helen Hines.
Recitation, Sarah L. Johnson.
Solo, piano, Mildred Early.
Duet, piano, Sarah Johnson and Mrs. Bowers.
Song, by children.
Mary, Mollie and I, by girls.
Duet, piano, Mrs. Bowers and Miss Ross.
Patriotic songs concluded the entertainment.

Announcement

The Tobacco Board of Trade of Williamston announce that the warehouses will close here on Tuesday evening, November 27th and remain closed until Monday, December 3rd. This is to give all who desire, time for the Thanksgiving holiday. Patrons of the market will kindly note the date.

Another Son Enlists.

Reginald Burrell, son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Burrell, has been at home this week, leaving yesterday. On Monday he enlisted in the Navy and will train at the Portsmouth training camp. For months he has been employed at Richmond, but war's call could not be refused, and so he answered, as thousands of patriotic sons of America are doing. He came home to see his parents before going into service.

Mr. John E. Woodard Married

Ex-State Senator John E. Woodard, of Wilson, married Miss Frances Lucille Jordan at Danville, Va., Wednesday. The marriage was a quiet one. Mr. Woodard's attendants being his two brothers, Messrs. Calvin and Warren Woodard.

Mr. and Mrs. Woodard will tour as far as Canada, visiting many of the larger American cities.

A Card of Thanks

I desire to express my appreciation of the kind acts of friends during the illness and at the death of my mother, Mrs. George McNaughton. At a time when sorrow shut out everything earthly, the ministrations of friends and neighbors help to lift the dark clouds, and the heart full of grief treasures every kindness done.
Mrs. John L. Rodgerson.

To Build Chapel.

The bazaar held Thursday night of last week for the benefit of the Sunday School at Biggs school house, was very attractively arranged and the sales were over \$100. The ladies of the Baptist congregation in town assisted by many from the country contributed the articles and refreshments. The object to which the money will be placed is the building of a Chapel near Biggs school house, which is on the Bear Grass road about four miles from town. For several years, there has been a well organized Sunday School there, which the local Baptist congregation organized.

Teachers Association

The Martin County Teachers Association held its first meeting for the year 1917-18 at the Williamston Graded School building, Saturday November 10th, 1917. Prof. E. E. Bundy, of Williamston, was elected President; Prof. J. B. Bowers, of Oak City, Vice-President; and Miss Eva Peel, of Robersonville, Secretary.

There were forty-five members enrolled. While some names were omitted in the last year's roll, the Association was fortunate enough to add others who promise great good.

Prof. Bundy urged that we make our schools this year growing schools, of quality as well as quantity. To do this we must be growing teachers. After Mr. Manning had outlined the work, teaching profession, the meeting took the form of the following program:

9:30—Devotional Exercises, County Supt.,
9:45—Organization,
10:00—Outlining Reading Course.
10:00—The Teachers, The Pupil.

The Community as essential elements of a good school,
1st The Teacher—Prof. J. D. Rucker,
2nd The pupil—Prof. J. B. Bowers,
3rd. The Community—Prof. F. Q. Barbee.

1:30—Explanation of Census and Report Blank

2:30—Address, Dr. W. E. Warren Subject: The Physical Examination of children and Quarantine Laws

3:15—Council of National Defense and the Teachers' part of it, Miss Daisy Manning

3:30—Home and Foreign Relief, Mrs. Burrell, Adjournment.

A resolution was passed to issue a school journal eight times, or for eight months, 1,000 copies for each issue. Plans were made to solicit subscriptions for the journal, which will be printed by the Enterprise Publishing Co., at Williamston. Editor Manning appeared before the Association upon request and stated terms for the publication, etc.

We want to make this year the best since the organization of the Association. Each teacher must work for this end. Now is the time to begin, and to get real good from the meetings, we must put something into them. Teachers, let us resolve to get good from them.

Eva Peel, Secretary,

Camp Fire Girls

The Camp Fire Girls gave an entertainment at the Parish Hall on Tuesday night, and realized a neat little sum for their organization, which has recently been started here. Mesdames A. R. Dunning and E. E. Bundy are at the head of the camp.

Big Potato Crop

Fairfax Harrison, chairman of the Railroads' War Board, authorizes the following:

The railroads are now moving what promises to be the biggest potato crop in the history of the country. This crop, which is estimated will total approximately 453 billion bushels or half again as much as last year, has been on the way since the middle of September. The movement of it will continue until about April 1st next year. Reports received by the Commission on Car Service indicate that even with intensive loading more than 750,000 cars will be needed to handle the potato crop.

The Rotary Club Meeting.

The Rotary Club held one of its best and most interesting meetings last evening. It was host to the firemen, a number of whom were present. There was also present Mr. W. C. Manning, a prominent citizen of Williamston, Martin County, the guest of Mr. Frank Hassell. Mr. Manning has been here this week in attendance on the Christain convention and took a leading part in its deliberations. He is chairman of the national defense in his county, and during the evening delivered an interesting talk on the subject of food conservation and other matters vital to the nation and people.

He said for a long time he had seen something of Rotary in the papers and did not understand what it meant, but now he believed it meant that a lot of good fellows had enrolled themselves into an organization to do most they could for their community and their people. He congratulated the membership on the spirit of the assemblage and the showing it made. He then spoke of the great war that is in the world and the crisis confronting the nation. He earnestly called attention to the necessity for conserving our resources that we might help win the war. No man can tell the end, since Russia and Italy seem to be breaking down. I am sure said he, that the Rotarians will do all they can to help their country give freedom to all mankind. He urges the members to write to the boys in the camps. They would appreciate these letters, for they were missing the congenial good fellowship they have been used to while with you.—Wilson Times, Nov. 9th.

Lest We Forget.

There are so many demands on the people at this time on account of the war, it is feared that the cause of the orphan may be forgotten. At Thanksgiving and Christmas it is expected that the contributions to the different orphanages will always be great, as they are seasons when the whole country seems so much akin. At this time with the cost of everything far in advance of previous prices, the care of the fatherless becomes heavier. But amid it all—the needs at home, the work for the comfort of the soldiers and sailors—the cry of the orphan is heard in this land of ours, and it must be heeded. Work there is for every one to do and so many can give, that do not think it necessary. Don't forget the orphans in North Carolina.

October Sales

The report for the Williamston tobacco market shows total amount for October to be 763,097 pounds; Robersonville, 461,796 pounds. To November 1st, Williamston had sold 2,894,544; Robersonville, 2,194,588 pounds. The sum total for the county markets to that date is 5,089,132. Every pound of this tobacco was sold at the highest market price—the Martin County markets are not excelled by any in the East.

Russia overthrew vodka and went into the business of hatching revolutions. They just cannot keep out of trouble.

The farmers of Martin County are extremely cautious about disposing of their present stock of bacon and pork, though another killing season is at hand. Their action is one evidence of the effect of the doctrine of conservation.