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A Little Child Dead

A home bereft and hearts bowed down with sorrow is one of the common events of life, wherever man and woman dwell, and yet grief is no less poignant, and the loss of loved ones no more patiently borne. Since the beginning of the human race, the laughter of little children has been stilled in the home, the patter of little feet heard no more, and lips that prattled of love and joy closed forever, and yet death is still the dreaded thing which blots out all else.

So it was when the pure, white soul of little Leota King, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George N. Gurganus, went to join that happy throng, where the Friend of little children reigns in glory. Several weeks ago, the child was stricken with pneumonia, and for days was extremely ill; but the disease was checked and she was able to play about the home, and to go into the sunshine. But later the insidious effect of the disease showed itself, and the heart became involved, and at 7:45 Wednesday morning, the child died. Not only was Leota the beloved child of her parents' home, but she had entered into the hearts of others, who, perhaps, are as heart-broken as father and mother; her childish heart held the sweetest affection for all, for love was the gift that she offered during the five years of her life.

The funeral services were held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock, Rev. H. M. Eure, using the ritual of the Methodist Church. Interment was made in the Baptist Cemetery. The little mound was covered with spring's choicest flowers, the tender offerings of friends and relatives.

Anniversary Of The War.

It is expected that Congress will make the 6th of April, the first anniversary of the declaration of war a holiday throughout the country. On this day will be launched the campaign for Third Liberty Loan. The first and second campaigns were highly satisfactory, and it is expected that the Third will measure up to that which the government desires. The people of the country must buy bonds or else some day pay taxes to the Huns. Which is preferable?

"Liberty Bonds create the tidal wave of victory in this war--an early, complete, triumphant victory. If we are to win the war abroad--if we hope to submerge the Kaiser--we must first learn to spend wisely, to abandon selfishness, and invest every dollar we possibly can in bonds which provide materials and equipment, without which the war cannot be won. Save and save."

Remember that the campaign opens on April 6th, and Martin County is expected to add her share to the required number of Bonds which will help win the war for US.

Too Late!

"How would you feel if General Pershing were to cable that he had met with defeat, that the boys had no ammunition and had nothing to eat? I know how you would feel. You would know you had not done your duty and you would be ashamed of it. You would then wake up and want to buy Stamps and do anything to help win the war, but too late, too late!"

What Your Bond Purchase Will Accomplish.

The following figures give one a definite idea of what his or her loan to the Government by the purchase of Liberty Bonds will accomplish when used by the War Department:

One \$50 bond will buy trench knives for a rifle company, or 23 hand grenades, or 14 rifle grenades, or 37 cases of surgical instruments for enlisted men's belts, or 10 cases of surgical instruments for officers' belts.

A \$100 bond will clothe a soldier, or feed a soldier for eight months, or purchase 5 rifles or 30 rifle grenades, or 43 hand grenades, or 25 pounds of ether, or 145 hot-water bags, or 2,000 surgical needles.

A \$100 and a \$50 bond will clothe and equip an Infantry soldier for service overseas, or feed a soldier for a year.

Two \$100 bonds will purchase a horse or mule for Calvary, Artillery, or other service.

Three \$100 bonds will clothe a soldier and feed him for one year in France, or buy a motorcycle for a machine-gun company.

Four \$100 bonds will buy an X-Ray outfit.

One \$500 bond will supply bicycles for the headquarters company of an Infantry regiment.

Some More American Efficiency.

Acting on orders from the German Government, the officers and crews of the German ships interned in American waters inflicted such damage upon the machinery of the vessels as they deemed absolutely certain to keep the ships out of service for two years. By that time the Germans thought the war would be over.

But American efficiency and American invention effected the necessary repairs in from six to eight months and at a cost of \$273,000; the Germans had figured the cost of repairs at \$2,600,000 and the necessary time 24 months.

Good Friday.

Today is the most solemn fast in Christianity, and commemorates the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ. All over the world, Christians of nearly every name are observing the day. In business circles in the larger cities, there is a cessation of trade and the day within the past few years has become to be more generally observed. This year, the day is early and Sunday, Easter Day, is also earlier than usual. There were services at 11 o'clock in the Episcopal Church here today, and services have been held every day at the same hour with the exception of Monday, the week being Holy Week in the Church calendar.

North Carolina Sells Over Million.

North Carolina's sale of Thrift and War Savings Stamps reported by the Post Offices up to Mar. 1, and by the banks to Mar. 15, to the State Headquarters here, is \$1,208,000.81. This amount raises her per capita sale to fifty eight cents which places her in the class with Massachusetts and Vermont and a little further from the bottom where she has been holding sixth place. The only states having a less capita sale than North Carolina are Michigan, with a per capita sale of 31 cents, Mississippi 22, Georgia 22, Alabama 19, and South Carolina 15.

For Relief In Belgium.

The Martin County Chapter of the American Red Cross actively engaged in the work of collecting clothing for the Allies--Belgians and people of Northern France--during last week, which duty had been asked by the Commission for Relief in Belgium. These people, whose country has been devastated by the heel of the Huns, are almost devoid of clothing, and so the Commission asked for good second-hand clothes, shoes, blankets, etc.

The Chapter asked for clothing, and large quantities were given graciously, and it was collected by a committee, who are pleased at the generous donations. The Commission hoped to be able to collect 5,000 tons in the country during the week of March 18-25th, and, no doubt, this amount was supplied and more, too. There are very few homes that cannot find something which would be useful to those unfortunate people, whom the United States must help until the Huns are driven back and defeated.

Court This Week

Judge Daniels is completing the March Term of court here this week. The entire time last week was consumed with the clearing of the Criminal Docket; though the cases were of minor importance, many of them were strongly contested, especially where the parties were in the position to employ good legal counsel. Monday, the Civil Calendar was taken up, and it has consumed all the hours since then. Several prominent out-of-town lawyers attended the sessions and much work was done.

Why Not Stop It?

If it is true as the general public say that gambling is very much indulged in right here in the town, why cannot the police stop it? Certain places are frequented by certain crowds and it is certain that gambling goes on. The truth is that there is very little secrecy about it--at least, that is what the public say and the public knows everything that happens in a small town. Young men, old men and no men at all indulge in the strict violation of the law in this matter. It is high time that Williamston cleans itself up along this line. It can be done, and the offenders punished to the limit. A man does not have to gamble; it is a game for cutthroats and his kind. Every one who gambles is not a cutthroat, but he is in a mighty bad company. Then there is the example to the young boys; what kind of a man will your boy make if he gambles? Ask yourself this and insist that the law be enforced.

Had Wonderful Trip.

Both the Overland and Buick parties arrived home on Monday evening. From the looks of the cars and the fagged-out appearance, the good roads up North are a myth. The parties report a fine trip despite the many stops and inconveniences. On account of the great number of Army trucks, the roads are cut in knee-deep ruts along the highways, and often the cars would get stuck fast. One car had to be left in Richmond, and Hermon Taylor and William Ellison returned for it, leaving here on the train Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry Hatton, Mrs. J. A. Parker and little son and Elizabeth Gurganus arrived here Wednesday.

The Triangular Debate

Today, Misses Mary King Ellison and Louise Robertson left for Scotland Neck, where they will meet debaters from Robersonville tonight; Miss Esther Hodges and Ethel Griffin at the same time meet the Scotland Neck debaters at Robersonville. Tonight at 8 o'clock, the teams from Robersonville and Scotland Neck will meet here in the Court House. The public is invited to attend and give the visitors a cordial reception.

Over To France

Louis Manning, who volunteered to go to France with a regiment of New Hampshire troops stationed at Camp Greene has sailed for "over there." It is thought he will make the second Williamston boy, so far as is known, who has gone over, to join in the fight. Jack Edwards went on a transport but returned and is now in Brooklyn. Lieut. J. W. Watts, Jr., is in England at the present time.

Oak City Items

Miss Gladys Ross and little Gladys Everett spent the weekend in Washington.

Miss Lillian Mae Burnett spent Thursday in town.

Mrs. Olivia Council is spending some time with Miss Lou Council.

Mrs. Fannie Grimes, Miss Ada Lee Long, Mr. and Mrs. Beverly and Jim Whitthard were in town Monday.

Mrs. F. M. Haislip, of Hamilton, spent Monday here.

Corporal B. L. Hines left Friday morning for Camp Sheridan, Ala.

Mrs. F. M. Harrell will have her spring opening Thursday.

Mrs. F. M. Harrell celebrated her birthday, March 13th, with a party. The dining room was prettily decorated and with streamers from the chandelier to each corner of the table was very attractive. The birthday cake in the center of the table was surrounded by carnations and hyacinths. The entire color scheme being pink and white. Ice cream, cake and wine were served. Music, contests, etc., helped to pass a pleasant evening. There was a large number of friends present.

German propaganda talked among the colored population here is not quite the thing, especially by a white native Carolinian. He should be more patriotic and loyal to his country and State.

A sad occurrence happened Saturday when Mr. Baker S. Council was stricken down while at work in his garden. He died Tuesday morning at 6 o'clock with paralysis. Mr. Council had just passed his 75th year. He lived on his farm near Oak City from his early days until within the last few years, when he moved in town. He leaves two daughters, Miss Lou Council, who lived with him, and Mrs. F. M. Haislip, of Hamilton, and one son, R. S. Council and also seven grandchildren. The burial took place Wednesday p. m., at the old Council home.

Notice is given that the banks of Williamston will be closed Monday, the day being Easter Monday and a holiday all over the country.

"We must lay aside luxury and laziness if we would win the war."

More Comfort Kits are Wanted With Sox and Tobacco

Every American woman who has helped to pack a Red Cross comfort kit for our boys "over there" will be interested in a cablegram received February 24th, at the National Headquarters, from Major James H. Perkins, American Red Cross Commissioner to Europe.

"Every American soldier now entering the trenches carries an American Red Cross comfort kit containing towel, shirt, writing paper, pencil, soap, handkerchief, socks, mirror and tobacco. The number of kits cannot be stated, but the fact that every soldier has one means that the work done by American women is a big comfort to the soldier now on the firing line. This fact should be a solace to the American women who have made them, as well as to the soldiers. More kits with socks and tobacco."

To Build Home Here

It will be pleasing to the friends of Mr. and Mrs. P. F. Apfel to learn that they will erect a residence here this summer. A lot on Biggs, St. South, has been purchased from Dr. Biggs, and Contractor Marshall will build the house as soon as material can be placed. Mr. Apfel has made his home since the organization of the Cooperage Company, while Mrs. Apfel lived in Buffalo, N. Y., and later made a home in Norfolk on Colonial Avenue, where Mr. Apfel could spend the week-ends. This arrangement was because there was no house here to be rented, a condition which keeps people from coming here to live.

Doing Their Bit

Among the live business men of Martin County may be found Saunders & Fowden, Druggists, of Williamston. Alive to every business proposition, they also keep pace with everything patriotic at this time in the history of the country. This week they are doing their bit by donating a page ad for the sale of the War Savings Stamps, thus getting in the line with others who have contributed prior and those who will come later. In this way they are helping our soldiers "go over the top" and help win the war for US.

Notice To Taxpayers

All Town Taxes not paid by April 1st will be subject to additional costs, as prescribed by law. The Commissioners are urging me to collect these taxes, and I earnestly request all those who have not paid their taxes to be ready to settle them, as I will call on them for a settlement in the next few days.

C. F. Page,
Tax Collector.

Cotton Ginned

The number of the bales ginned in Martin County to March 20th, 1918, was 8,599 against 10,502 for the same period for the year 1916. Roberson County led with 49,185 bales.

County Clean-up Week beginning May 6th, and inspection days 9th and 10th.

J. L. Hassell,
Chmn. Co. Commissioners,
W. E. Warren,
Supt. of Health,
Mrs. N. W. Grimes,
Chmn. Co. Pub. Health, Woman's Div.

Armenian and Syrian Relief Fund.

Receipts since last report.
Mrs. William Hodges \$3.00
Miss Blanche Everett Palmira N. C. as follows:
Conoho Baptist Sunday School 8.12
St. Mark's Col. Baptist Church 11.15
Several Contributions 19.25
Heretofore reported 353.06
\$394.58

This entire amount has been sent to Mr. C. H. Dodge, Treasurer of the Fund, 1 Madison Ave., New York.
Sylvester Hassell.

Save More Flour.

The scarcity of flour seems to be greater than was first predicted. We cannot hope to get more than two-thirds as much as we normally use.

We ask the following classes of people to assist in saving, viz: Those that sell, those that buy, those that cook, and those that eat.

PERSONALS

Walter Roberson, of Robersonville, was here Sunday.

Warren H. Biggs has been in Richmond this week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Julian Warren, of Conetoe, were here Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ewell, of Hamilton, were in town Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry M. Stubbs returned from Wake Forest on Monday.

Mrs. Jones and children are the guests of Mrs. B. S. Courtney on Church Street.

Jesse Hodges, of Wabington, was here Wednesday visiting relatives.

Fred Dunston, of Windsor, was in town Wednesday attending Court.

Manager McClure, of the Carolina Telephone Co., Tarboro, was here Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hayes, who have been visiting relatives here, left for their home on Tuesday.

Private Thomas J. Smith, stationed at Camp Lee, was in town Saturday evening visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Pope and children with Miss Laurie Ellison were here from Robersonville Monday.

Dr. and Mrs. Grover C. Godwin arrived here Saturday to visit relatives. Dr. Godwin will do health work at one of the Army Cantonments.

Mesdames C. D. Carstarphen, Alonzo Hassell, Clayton Moore, Miss Clyde Hassell, Mary Carstarphen, Sutton Carstarphen, Lon Hassell and C. D. Carstarphen, Jr., spent Wednesday near Hobgood with Mrs. J. A. White.

Miss Martha Jewett, of Washington City, is the guest of Mrs. John L. Hassell on Smithwick Street. Miss Jewett is the granddaughter of the late Mrs. Martha Hassell, and has not visited Williamston since 1879. Her father, the late Benjamin Jewett, lived here when a young man.

Lamp Exploded.

Wednesday night, the lamp which heated a brooder in the poultry house of Theodore Roberson, exploded and a nice brood of White Wyandotte chickens were smothered to death. Dr. York, who lives next door, heard the explosion and gave the alarm. But for this, there might have been a destructive fire.