

REV. W. R. BURRELL LEAVES TO TAKE UP Y. M. C. A. WORK

Impressive Farewell Service Held Sunday Night

Months ago, Rev. William R. Burrell, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church, offered himself as a worker in the Y. M. C. A. for overseas service. Having served in the army in Canada for six years, he had an abiding love for and faith in the soldiers and desired to serve in some capacity. So he was accepted and received the commission of Religious Director and enlisted for the entire period of the war.

Sunday evening, he held his last service until his return, and people packed the large auditorium to the doors. Dressed in the uniform of the Martin County Guards, of which he is Chaplain, he spoke interestingly of the work which the Y. M. C. A. is doing in the home camps and across the seas. The musical programme was pleasingly rendered, and the service throughout was most inspiring.

The congregation to which Mr. Burrell has ministered since March, 1915, granted him leave of absence for one year, and his wife and two children are to occupy the parsonage. Two sons have volunteered and are in the Navy.

Perhaps, no minister has ever lived among this people who was more beloved, not only by those to whom he came to serve but by the entire town and community. Broad of mind and big of heart, every man, woman and child was an object of interest to him; he rejoiced when they rejoiced, he sorrowed when they sorrowed.

In truth he was the pastor of this people, and in giving him to that other great work, they realize their loss for the time. The Church under his pastorate has made splendid increase in both the volume of work and membership. Appreciating his usefulness and feeling for him that great love which should exist between the pastor and his flock, many gifts were made to him as slight tokens of that love.

Some day, if God wills, he will come back to take up his work where he laid it down to go out upon the battlefields to minister to the wounded and dying; until then, prayers will ascend to the God of our Fathers for his safety wherever he may be.

Bear Grass

C. B. Harrison, of Williamston, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Stalls were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Bullock Sunday.

Mrs. R. M. Baie, of Woodville spent last week with Mrs. Nathan Rodgeron.

Miss Mary Moore returned from the hospital Friday after an operation for appendicitis.

Miss Nannie Bullock was the guest of Myrtle Gurganus Saturday night and Sunday.

Arthur Wynn with his brothers went to Washington Saturday on business.

Miss Annie Bell Taylor went to Williamston Monday morning to see Mr. Neasar Harrison leave for the training camp. We truly hope that he will be successful, and that all of them may return in the near future.

To All Farmers of Martin County Who Want Seed

We, the undersigned, are making an effort to purchase seed wheat to be furnished to farmers at net cost for planting this fall. Any farmer interested will please let us know immediately that necessary arrangements may be made to procure same.

Respectfully,
J. L. Holliday,
Demonstration Agent,
W. C. Manning,
County Food Administrator.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS OF COMMUNITY INTEREST

If a vote had been necessary to get Main Street paved, last week would have been an opportune time, for it would have carried with a whoop. What is really needed is a soil expert to decide between sand and clay.

Sunday night in Williamston is usually the liveliest time of the week, for it happens that after the Church hour people try to burn all the gas that they could purchase on Saturday.

Miss Minnie Orleans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Orleans, was soloist at the Baptist Church at both services on Sunday. Miss Orleans possesses a voice of unusual timbre, which has been trained by the best talent in New York City, where she is employed as accountant by a large export house.

C. W. Keith claims to be some artist when raising beans is concerned, having produced a crop in 52 days.

P. H. Brown had on display at the F. & M. Bank some of the largest peaches seen in this section in years. They grew on the "Lajah Brown Farm" which is owned by Mr. Brown. Only a few bushels were picked off as the trees have been neglected, but Mr. Brown hopes to get a greater and finer harvest next year.

Jesse T. Price, Martin County Agent for the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co., left today for Atlantic City as the guest of the Company. Mr. Price won the trip by selling \$100,000 insurance by June 1st. The truth is that he sold that amount some weeks before the specified date.

With The National Guards

Mr. Jack W. Biggs has received a card from his brother, Robert S. Biggs, announcing his safe arrival "over there." He sailed about two weeks ago with his company which belongs to the 29th Division, and which has been stationed at Camp McClellan, Anniston, Ala. He belongs to the Ambulance Corps and the Division is composed of National Guardsmen from the States of North Carolina and Virginia and others. Corporal Biggs volunteered for service early last year, and though young, has given excellent service in the work of making preparation for winning the war against the Huns.

Arrived Safely In France

Mr. J. W. Anderson has received a card stating that his son, Lieutenant Roy Anderson, had arrived safely overseas. He received his commission at Fort Oglethorpe in November of last year and was assigned to the regular army, and is now in the 52nd Infantry. For a while he was at Fort Sill.

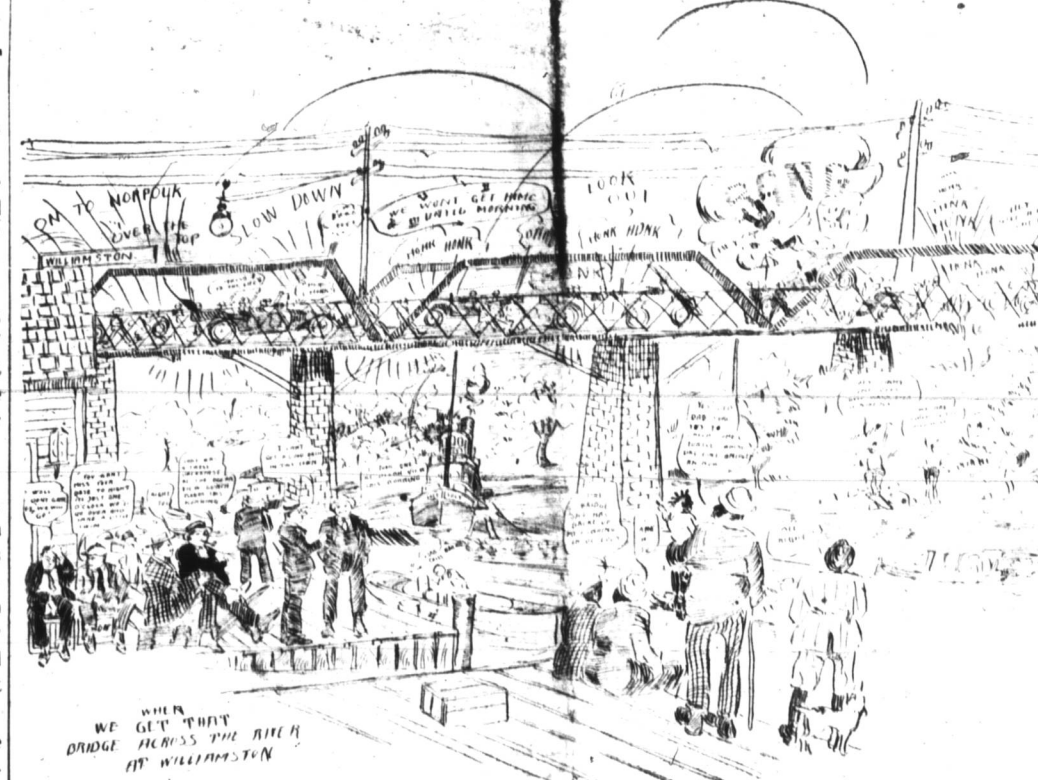
Mr. John L. Rodgeron has been informed that his nephew, Irving Dawes, of Richmond, has arrived safe recently also. There is a number of Martin County boys "over there," and it is expected that some of them participated in the fight now on.

More Red Cross Contributors

There should be added to the already published lists of Red Cross contributors, the following from Griffins:
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Lilley, \$35.00
S. B. Lilley, 25.00
Rome C. Griffin, 25.00
S. J. Lilley, 25.00
J. C. Gurkin, 10.00
W. W. Lilley, 10.00
Miles R. Lilley, 10.00
John A. Lilley, 5.00
A. B. Lilley, 5.00
J. Eason Lilley, 10.00

Offices In The Peoples Bank

Messrs. Dunning & Moore, Attorneys, who have for some time had offices in the Leggett building, second floor, have moved this week in the handsome offices on the third floor of the Peoples Bank. These offices were arranged especially for the firm, and are convenient and pleasant. They have been equipped with new articles of furniture, and are in all respects modern, combining as they do conveniences for the firm and their numerous clients.



by John Philpot

BRIDGE AND BOONE-BANKHEAD HIGHWAY PRACTICALLY ASSURED BUT THIS IS NO TIME TO SLACK UP - ON TO WASHINGTON TUESDAY

Williamston Chamber of Commerce in Determined Effort Sends Committee to Visit All Eastern Counties. Committee Returns with Encouraging Information. Much Unselfish Work Rendered

The citizens of Williamston and Martin County are alive on the bridge proposition; and they do not expect to give up the fight for it until it has been decided. Every indication points to the placing of the bridge at Williamston, and the article appearing below indicates that all things are coming this way.

About a dozen of Williamston men attended the Tarboro-Halifax meeting at Tarboro, and after that interest grew greater. The Chamber of Commerce met last Friday night in the rooms of the Lotus Club and appointed a committee to tour the lower counties in the interest of the movement. This has been done this week, and reports are fine. Everybody expects to be at Washington Tuesday, and it is vitally necessary that Martin County have 500 or more representatives there. Don't rest easy until the matter has been settled. That bridge will cross the Roanoke at Williamston.

Raleigh, N. C., July 22—As chairman of the North Carolina state highway commission, Col. Benehan Cameron, has received from the secretary of the Bankhead highway, official information that the board charged with the investigation of the official route, as between the proposed eastern and western routes through Virginia and North Carolina has reported without prejudice as between the routes, this meaning that the board charged with final adoption, being favorable to the eastern route, will either finally adopt the eastern route or develop both routes.

The eastern route is via Raleigh and Durham. The eastern route is understood to have won out in the fight for the routing of the Bankhead highway. Col. Cameron has been fighting for this for quite a while and is much elated.

Col. Cameron says there will be an important meeting soon at Washington, N. C., to take action looking to the construction of a fine bridge at Williamston, and that there is also a fine prospect for an excellent bridge to be put in soon at Elizabeth City. Both as the result of the winning out of the eastern Bankhead highway route he believes that the development of this section of the highway, which will certainly go forward now that the route is about settled definitely will be very great and he is much gratified.

Oak City Items

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Daniels were in town Sunday.

David House, of Stokes, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Worsley.

Mrs. Mollie Haskett left for Washington Sunday.

Miss Alma House spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. B. M. Worsley.

Simon Everett and friend, of Robersonville, were here Sunday.

Herman Rawls, of Robersonville, spent the week-end with H. S. Everett and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Harrell were in Tarboro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Davenport and Mrs. R. W. House were in Robersonville Sunday night.

Miss Henrietta Tingle is spending a couple of weeks near Winterville.

Miss Lillie Mae Burnett is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. Ralph House.

Miss Esther Gluyas, of Williamston, was in town Monday.

Miss Alta Hines is spending a few weeks with her sister at Cartwright's Wharf.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Harrell and Mrs. Clara A. Hines were in Robersonville Sunday night.

Aaron Joyner from one of the camps was the guest of Miss Annie M. Daughtridge Sunday.

Miss Jefferson House spent Friday in Hobgood.

Herbert Rawls and Miss Helen Roberson were in town Sunday.

Messrs. T. H. Barnett and W. H. Laughinghouse were in Greenville Sunday.

Mrs. John Lanier Hassell Hostess

Invitations were issued to a large number of the women of the town by Mrs. John Lanier Hassell, requesting their presence at her home at 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to meet Mrs. Charles Hassell, of Washington City, who is her house guest, and gifts of towels were asked for the base hospital at Atlanta. The guests assembled on the verandah of the home on Smithwick Street, and were presented to the honor guest by the hostess. Two large receptacles decorated in National colors were conveniently placed as depositories for the gifts, which were numerous. There was a pleasant conversation throughout the hour, and later the hostess served delicious ice cream with cakes, the latter being decorated in red, white and blue.

A Call To Service

To the Young Women of Martin County:

The United States must have 25,000 student nurses now—students nurses to release graduate nurses for work at the front. Graduate nurses can only be supplied by filling the training schools connected with our hospitals with new students.

The American Red Cross and The Council of National Defense, through its Nursing and Woman's Committees, are uniting their forces to conduct an immediate short and intensive campaign to enroll a United States Nurses Reserve for training schools in both Army and civilian hospitals in order that every vacancy shall be filled.

The demand is for the enrollment of 25,000 physically fit young women between the ages of 19 and 35, having full high school training wherever possible, but candidates will not be refused for lack of having completed a high school course if otherwise found fit. North Carolina must furnish 460 of these nurses. Will you be one to answer the call and enlist in the service of your country?

For full information please call on either of the following:

- Mrs. John L. Hassell, Williamston
- Mrs. T. S. Hadley, Williamston, R. F. D.
- Mrs. J. S. Ayers, Everetts
- Mrs. R. W. Salsbury, Hamilton
- Mrs. Clara A. Hines, Oak City
- Miss Hattie Everett, Palmyra.

Enlistment must be made from July 29th to August 11th. Let Martin County answer this patriotic call as she has answered all others, and again "go over the top."

Mrs. John D. Biggs, Jr., Chairman Martin Co. Division, C. N. D.

Appointed Quarantine Inspector

The following will explain itself: "Know all men by these presents that E. N. Gordon has this day been appointed Quarantine Inspector in accordance with the Laws of the State and the regulations of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture.

And said E. N. Gordon is duly authorized to perform all the duties devolving upon by virtue of such appointment.

Given under the seal of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, this the 10th day of July, 1918.

W. A. GRAHAM, Commission.
K. W. BARNES, Secretary.

BRIEF PERSONAL MENTION WILLIAMSTON AND VICINITY

Mrs. Clayton Moore and little daughter are at Courtney Terrace, Virginia Beach, for several weeks.

Mrs. K. E. Crawford and son are guests at Courtney Terrace, Virginia Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes and Master Francis Barnes left about ten days ago for Maryland to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hassell, of Washington City, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hassell on Smithwick Street.

Reginald Burrell, who is stationed at New York, arrived Sunday to visit his parents.

Dr. W. E. Robertson and Fitzhugh Robertson are visiting their parents on Watts Street.

Misses Fannie Murt Manning and Eva Peole left Saturday for Southern Pines, where they will be the guests of Mrs. J. J. Stroud.

Mrs. Warren Biggs and Miss Martha Cotten Crawford left for Lexington Tuesday to visit relatives.

John Hadley, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hadley, left for the Naval Base at Hampton Roads on Monday, where he was assigned after having volunteered some weeks ago.

Henry Harrell, a former Williamstonian and the brother of Mrs. Lovet Harrison, is a visitor in town this week, accompanied by his son. He is employed by United States Cartridge Co., and lives in Savannah, Ga., and is en route to New York and Boston on business for the firm.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Newell and children motored here from Louisburg Sunday, and spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. John D. Simpson on Main Street.

W. Roy Hampton, of Plymouth, with a friend was here Wednesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Watts and son spent Sunday in town with relatives.

Mrs. Myrtle Evans spent Saturday night and Sunday in Jamesville.

Rev. B. O. Myers, of Plymouth spent Wednesday night in town.

Frank S. Hassell, of Wilson, is visiting relatives in town.

Mrs. E. M. Gordy has returned from a visit to Spring Hope.

Mrs. Knight, of Robersonville, is the guest of Mrs. Wheeler Martin this week.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Gardner, of Victoria, Va., with their three children have been visitors here this week.

Mrs. B. F. Godwin had as guests on Tuesday a party of relatives from Plymouth, who motored here to spend the day.

Mrs. John D. Biggs is at home from a visit to her mother at Scotland Neck.

J. D. Ray, of Scotland Neck, has been in town this week on business.

Titus Critcher went to Lexington yesterday to visit relatives.

Willis Owens, Jr., of Edenton, has been visiting his uncle, J. L. Rodgeron, this week.

Misses Elizabeth Braswell and Margaret Bunn, of Battleboro, are visiting Miss Velma Harrison this week.

Miss Marian Gorham and sister, of Tarboro, are guests of Mrs. Hugh M. Burras.

Mrs. B. S. Courtney and children are visiting relatives in Winton.

Services At The M. E. Church

Beginning Sunday with the eleven o'clock service, there will be preaching in the Methodist Church every night at 8:45 during the week. All are cordially invited to attend these services, and especially do I insist that all members of the Methodist Church be present at each service.
H. M. Eure, Pastor.

MR. JOHN EDMONDSON ATTACKED BY TWO DOGS

How Long will our People Tolerate This Nuisance

On Wednesday morning, Mr. John Edmondson, rural carrier on City Route No. 3, went to the home of Mrs. Will Campbell to deliver a registered letter; he was attacked by two dogs and received a severe wound on one leg and another on the thigh. He insisted that the dogs should be killed, but Mrs. Campbell would not consent to it. However, Mr. Edmondson told her that he was going to kill them, and wrote a check for \$5.00 and gave to her. The dogs were tied and the trip to town was begun. One of the dogs choked before reaching town, and his head was cut off and brought on. The other animal was decapitated, and both heads were sent to Raleigh for examination.

Mr. Alfred Edward Dixon

Alfred Edward Dixon was born in Nash County, N. C., July 16th, 1884, and died in Williamston, July 20th, 1918. He lived several years in Rocky Mount, where, for some time, he was engaged in the mercantile business.

When a mere boy, he was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Sandy Cross, under the ministry of Rev. C. L. Reid. He was an active church worker until his health failed a few years ago. While active in business affairs, he always found time for his religious duties.

Nearly five years ago, he was happily married to Miss Myrna Hight, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hight. She was a true help-meet through their short married life. In his afflictions, she was attentive to him at all times, day or night. This union was blessed with two bright children, Alfred Edward, Jr., and James Willis. Two or three years ago, he was taken with that dreaded disease, diabetes, and while all was done for him that medical skill and loving hands could do, it was only a question of time when he would succumb to its ravages.

On Saturday, about 2:30 in the morning, his soul passed into the great beyond, where we have every reason to believe he has gone to be with his Lord.

Late Saturday afternoon, the funeral service was conducted at the residence of Mr. J. W. Hight, by Rev. H. M. Eure, after which, just as the sun was sinking in the west, his body was laid away in the Baptist Cemetery in the presence of a large concourse of friends and loved ones—who wanted to pay this last tribute of respect.

May God's richest blessings abide upon widow and children.

Federal Farm Loan Association

Every farmer who needs to borrow money for a long term, should borrow from the Federal Farm Association. If you are in need see, Dr. John D. Biggs, Sec-Treas., or W. C. Manning, President of the Williamston National Farm Loan Association, who will gladly explain its features and help you to make proper application.

Remember that if you pay an ordinary interest, it will retire your loan in a given period of years. Our government wants to help you, and wants to furnish you money to either pay off your present debt, or to improve your farm. It will lend you money and give you 40 years to pay same.

Located In Leggett Building

Dr. Grover C. Godwin announces a change in the location of his offices, which will be on the second floor of the Leggett Building next to Anderson, Crawford & Co., being the same offices lately occupied by Dunning & Moore, Attorneys. His phone number for office is 161-2, residence 161-3.