

## Mrs. Chloe Lanier Dies Suddenly In Louisiana Monday

### Body of Prominent Williamston Native To Be Brought Here For Burial

Mrs. Chloe Biggs Lanier, greatly beloved Williamston native and a pioneer in education in this county and other parts of the State, died suddenly at the home of her daughter in Bandeville, La., last night. Few details of her death could be had here immediately. She had been in declining health for some time, but her condition was not considered serious and news of her death came as a decided shock to relatives and her many friends here this morning.

Funeral arrangements have not yet been completed, but relatives were advised this afternoon that the body will be brought here for burial.

The daughter of the late Joseph and Fannie Crawford Biggs, she was born on the Biggs plantation, near Skewarkey, 75 years ago, next November. Possessing unusual gifts and showing a keen interest in education, Miss Chloe, as she was later to be known to many hundreds of pupils, started teaching in the schools of this county when a young girl. She taught with the later Elder Sylvester Hassell in the old Williamston Academy, and also taught at Dardens and at Sandy Ridge over in Williams Township. She also taught in a private school built by the late J. W. Watts on the corner of Smithwick Street and Simmons Avenue here. After many years of faithful service rendered in behalf of the youth in this county, she joined the Christ School faculty at Arden and continued her important role of shaping and molding the character of youth. It was during her stay in western Carolina that she joined the Episcopal church.

Few people contributed more to the advancement of her community and its people than Miss Chloe did in the role of school teacher. She was interested in the young people and their problems and while stern of character she held a sympathetic understanding for everyone. While her body is now resting at peace far from most of her kin and loved ones and friends, Miss Chloe still lives in the actions of those men and women here and over the nation who studied under her in the several schools.

She was a remarkable character in that she never grew old even after passing the three score and ten mark. She was interested in her friends, enjoyed their companionship and kept up with events at home and abroad. She had no enemies, but held a sympathetic feeling for all mankind. Just a short time ago in discussing the war, she considered the suffering and horrors of war ahead of the reports on the progress of battle released by either side. She was fully appreciative of the finer and basic ideals of life, and while she appeared gay no matter what the day brought forth her life was patterned after the plan of her Maker.

When a young woman or about 1891 she married to Joseph Lanier who a short time later was elected sheriff of the county. He died a few years later. One daughter, Mrs. A. K. Silvernail, of Louisiana, survived the union. Mrs. Lanier had made her home here most of her life, and was living with her cousin, Miss Anna Crawford, when she left five weeks ago to make an extended visit with her daughter and family in Louisiana.

## Work On Deep Well Is Nearly Completed

Work on a fourth deep well for the town's water system is almost complete, and plans are being made to start pumping from the new outlet within the next few days. A large pump of the rotary type was placed in the well yesterday and motors for pumping water out of the well and then forcing it into the town mains are being installed today.

The superintendent of the water department is making plans to connect the new well to the town system near the courthouse on East Main Street possibly next Sunday.

It could not be learned today when water from the new well would be pumped into the mains for consumption.

## Mail Carriers Will Sell Defense Stamp

Thirty-two thousand rural mail carriers are now acting as agents in the sale of Defense Savings Stamps, postal officials have informed the Treasury Department. Demand for the stamps in sparsely settled districts caused the Post Office Department to authorize the carriers to act as salesmen.

The stamps range in value from ten cents to five dollars. Purchasers are given albums in which they can be mounted. When filled, the albums may be exchanged for Defense Savings Bonds.

## Splendid Crop Conditions Are Reported In County By Agent

Despite dry weather conditions earlier in the season and heavy rains during the past two or three weeks, crop conditions in Martin County were described as excellent at the present time by Farm Agent Tom Brandon. While there has been an excessive rainfall in some communities, the crops are holding up well, the agent declared, adding that he had seen no tobacco that had been more than slightly damaged. As for corn, the agent declared that there wasn't a sorry stalk in all the county, but the agent overlooked one or two small patches where apparently nothing more than a guano sack was shaken at the crop.

The rains have slightly altered the harvesting schedule for tobacco farmers, but the work is now under way on an extensive scale. Most farmers are harvesting their third "pullings" this week, and the cures

are almost perfect. The curings have color, texture and weight, the farmers admitting that they are not certain that the leaf has just what the buyers want.

The peanut crop is an unknown quantity, but the vines are thriving, and the sweet potato crop looks good. Cotton is growing rapidly, and as far as it can be learned the boll weevil is not appearing in any great numbers.

Commenting on the corn crop, the farm agent vows and declares that there'll have to be more barns built to properly house it.

Reports from other counties in this section tell of an extensive damage to tobacco. In Wilson where 12 inches of rain have fallen since June 1st, it is estimated that the tobacco crop has been cut by seven million pounds, and that the quality of the crop has been materially affected.

## Plans Completed For Aluminum Collection

### SHORT VACATION

Jailer Roy Peel had a mighty short vacation last week when the old hoosegow was emptied for the first time in four years. Cleared of all prisoners at 3:14 last Wednesday, the jail received new recruits between the hours of 12 and 1 Saturday afternoon, officers landing three drunks there in rapid succession. Before Sunday was spent, the number had been increased to eight.

An inventory of the group showed there were four drunks, an alleged rogue, a disturber of the peace, a check flasher and an operator of a motor vehicle without license.

## Selective Service Act Ruling Would Stop Draft Dodging

### Dependency Claims Must Be Made in Good Faith, Supported by Affidavits

While accusing no one and still favoring normal relations, the Selective Service Act authorities in a recent ruling took definite action to stop what may be termed "draft dodging".

In support of the ruling just recently handed down by the Selective Service Act, some startling cases have been cited. In Charlotte a few weeks ago, a colored man married over night and to make a strong case for himself, he went and borrowed a baby the very next day. Marriages ending in separation the next day or a few days after the ceremony have been reported, and it is to stop such action that the ruling was handed down. It is also understood that young men who have shirked the responsibility of providing for even dependent mothers and fathers can't offer dependency as a claim for a lower classification when the action is taken at the last minute to support the claim.

Married men and others having one or more dependents are placed in Class 3-A, the ruling covering the classification reading as follows:

Provided, however, that it is not advisable to defer any such registrant if he acquired such status for the purpose of avoiding training and service, and, therefore, no registrant should be placed in Class 3 if he acquired such a status after the day when he was required to be registered unless (1) he or his claimed dependent or dependents present to the local board written statements of the facts peculiarly within their knowledge, showing the history leading up to and the circumstances under which such status was acquired, and (2) such facts show that the status of the registrant was acquired in a manner consistent with the ordinary course of human affairs and was not acquired to provide the registrant with a basis for a claim for Class 3 deferment. If, in any such case, neither the registrant nor his claimed dependent or dependents has filed a statement as herein required, the local board shall, at least 10 days before it finally determines the registrant's classification, notify the registrant, in writing, of the requirements of this subparagraph and place a copy of such notice in the registrant's cover sheet.

## Christian Sunday School Plans Picnic Tomorrow

The local Christian Sunday school will hold its annual picnic at Albemarle Beach tomorrow afternoon.

The transportation committee, G. H. Harrison, chairman, is asking all those car owners who plan to attend to drive by the church not later than 2 o'clock and offer available seats to those without means of transportation.

## Third Of A Billion Lent In Six Months

Forty-two per cent of the banks in North Carolina made more than 255,000 loans totaling \$336,000,000 to business firms and individuals throughout the State during the second half of 1940, according to the semi-annual survey of bank lending activity made by the Research Council of the American Bankers Association.

## Local Scouts Will Canvass Town For 'Scrap' Tomorrow

### County-wide Organization for Collection of Scrap Is Perfected

Completing an effective organization over the week-end, L. Bruce Wynne, chairman, stated today that the drive for scrap aluminum was off to a splendid start in nearly every part of the county, and that he was more than pleased with the prospects. Making a tour of the entire county last week-end, the scrap aluminum collection chairman stated that he found a willing cooperation in every quarter, and was quite confident that the organization would get results.

The county organization is headed by Mrs. Camille Fleming Turner in Jamesville, Rev. W. B. Harrington in Griffins, Professor T. O. Hickman in Bear Grass, Mayor John L. Hassell in Williamston, Mrs. J. S. Ayers in Cross Roads, Mayor H. S. Everett in Robersonville, Mr. L. R. Edmondson in Hamilton, Mrs. Paul Edmondson in Hassell and Professor H. M. Ansley in Oak City. To supplement the county organization, Miss Lora E. Sleeper, home agent, is calling upon her club members to join the drive by aiding the work in their respective communities and delivering any collections they may make to the designated chairman. Those appointed to assist the work are, Mrs. C. H. Ange in Ange Town, Mrs. W. S. Gurganus in Bear Grass, Mrs. C. L. Daniel in Williams, Mrs. J. E. Smithwick in Jamesville, Mrs. J. Eason Lilley in Griffins, Mrs. Janie Holliday at Poplar Chapel, Mrs. John Dixon in Parmele, Mrs. E. T. Smith in Goose Nest and Mrs. Lynwood Johnson at Gold Point.

The drive is to continue through Tuesday of next week, but the county chairman is anxious to complete the task as early as possible and have all the pots and pans piled and

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## Small Amount Given To Ambulance Fund

The drive for funds to fill the \$200 quota allotted to Martin County as its part on the purchase of an ambulance airplane for war-torn England, is not progressing satisfactorily, Elbert S. Peel, county chairman, said yesterday. Reports released yesterday showed that only \$36.50 had been turned over to the county treasurer, D. V. Clayton.

"Citizens should be glad and consider it a privilege to contribute to this worthy cause," Mr. Peel said. "It costs the British government approximately \$85,000 to train a crew for a bombing plane. This ambulance airplane costs only \$75,000 and you can readily see the necessity of making as many rescues as possible with this type plane," he added.

Any individual in the county wishing to make a contribution may see or mail it to Mr. D. V. Clayton, or Dr. John D. Biggs, Williamston. Mrs. Charles Davenport, of Jamesville, and Mr. Joe Winslow, of Robersonville, members of the committee, will also accept donations.

The average number of new loans made per bank during the six months period under review was 1781 and the average size of loan was \$968.

The average number of loans renewed per bank was 1,662 and the average renewal was for \$1,625.

The average number of new mortgage loans made per bank was 49 and the average new mortgage made was for \$1,383.

## This Week In Defense

The War Department asked Congress for legislation to retain the National Guard, Reserves and Selectees for the duration of the emergency. President Roosevelt told his press conference that unless Congress acts the Army faces serious disintegration.

The President said no violation of contract or faith would be entailed in such extension of service, because the Selective Service Act had provided for such extension of service by Congress in the event of a national emergency.

The War Department announced initial deliveries of the A-24, a new dive-bomber that can outperform those used by other nations. The department said rifles and sub-machine guns are now being produced at a daily rate of 1,500, compared with 289 one year ago. Under Secretary Patterson issued a statement of Army progress showing expenditures increased six-fold in the past fiscal year.

Lend-Lease Aid  
President Roosevelt sent Lend-Lease Administrator Hopkins to London for a new survey of British needs, and assigned two Army generals to speed the flow of munitions and food to Britain. The Surplus Marketing Administration purchased 30,000,000 pounds of tobacco, 2,544,000 bushels of corn and 75,000 bales of cotton for shipment abroad under the Lend-Lease program.

Civilian Supply  
The OPACS announced a program to give preference over other civilian needs to repair and maintenance parts for privately-owned automobiles, trucks, trailers, tractors, household refrigerators, stoves, ranges and water heaters, plumbing fixtures, and furnaces, hospital equipment, surgical instruments and eye-glass frames and parts.

Ships  
The Maritime Commission said expansion of the merchant ship-building program requested from the Congress would provide 566 new ships by the end of 1943. Although only one of the 312 emergency cargo ships was scheduled for delivery this year, at least 10 will be in operation by December 31, the commission said. The fastest ship construction during the last war was seven months and 24 days, the Commission said, but it now hopes to reduce the time to 4 1/2 to 5 months, with two-ships-completed every days in 1943.

The Maritime Commission took title to 16 more Danish vessels and to four Italian vessels under provisions of the Ship Requisitioning Act and the Coast Guard seized 15 other Italian ships and one German ship to be put into service as soon as sabotage damage is repaired.

Aluminum Collection  
OPM Conservation Chief McConnell announced housewives' donations of used aluminum ware during the collection campaign July 21-29 should permit construction of more than 2,000 additional fighting planes. He said tests indicated a minimum of 15,000,000 net pounds usable in defense manufacture will be collected in the national campaign.

Civilian Defense Director LaGuardia said State Procurement offices of the Treasury Department will direct shipment of collected material from concentration points in each State to the nearest selected smelter.

Price Administrator Henderson said additional supplies of waste paper and cardboard are needed for packing articles produced by defense industries and urged that waste paper be saved by the household for collection by waste paper dealers.

Prices  
Labor Secretary Perkins announced retail food prices increased 1.7 per cent during the last two weeks of June, in addition to 1.6 per cent

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## Distribute Surplus Foods in the State

An average of more than three 50-car trainloads of surplus commodities flowed into North Carolina each month of the fiscal year closed in June with total shipments from the federal government being sent in 1,891 cars. A. E. Langston, state director of commodity distribution, announced.

A total of 89,613,246 pounds of foodstuffs worth \$4,102,224 at retail prices was given to needy and undernourished North Carolinians along with 747,189 household articles worth \$663,424.

School lunch rooms giving free meals during the scholastic season to needy and undernourished graded school pupils received 15,382,207 pounds of food valued at \$1,004,638. General cases were distributed 54,231,039 pounds worth \$3,097,585.

## County Farmers To Vote This Week On Leaf Grading Plan

Martin County farmers and other patrons of the Williamston and Robersonville tobacco markets have to date shown very little interest in the tobacco inspection or leaf grading referendum to be held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week, and it is now believed that a small vote will be cast. While the farmers, as a rule, are showing little interest in the referendum, reports indicate that those farmers participating in the referendum will vote for the grading system, authorities on the subject declaring that the farmer has all to gain and nothing to lose if the grading plan is adopted. The grading service is provided without cost to the farmer and offers the farmer a grade to go by, it has been pointed out.

Approximately 1,600 ballots have been placed in the hands of Martin

County farmers and the growers are asked to voice their own opinions and deliver the ballots to the county agent's office not later than Saturday of this week or mail them to the Tobacco Division A. M. S., P. O. Box 549, Raleigh. Ballots must be postmarked not later than Saturday night. Any farmer who patronized either of the two markets last year is entitled to participate in the referendum. If he did not receive a ballot by mail, he can procure one and vote at the office of the county agent the latter part of this week.

Local warehousemen are leaving the decision entirely up to the farmer, a spokesman for the group explaining that it would be perfectly agreeable with them to abide by the wishes of the farmer. Quite a few markets have the grading system already.

## Twenty-four County Youths Leaving For Army Tomorrow

### Group Includes Young Man Who Registered in Recent Registration

The largest group of selectees and volunteers to leave this county since the Selective Service Act was made law last year will depart from this point tomorrow morning. Twenty-four young white men are included in the group receiving instructions to report for service. Two others, Geo. Lee Roberson, of Williamston, and Albert Earl Roberson, of Route 1, Williamston have already entered the service and are now stationed with the Army Air Corps in Missouri. A third one, William Herbert Mizelle, of Williamston 2, has been deferred. It is possible that Willis Robert Crandall will not leave with the group as he is holding down a defense job in connection with the Navy Yard at Portsmouth. Up until late yesterday no appeal had been received, and if none is perfected by late this afternoon he is to report for duty. Crandall reported for service some time ago, but was rejected on account of a technicality. A new ruling has been issued in his and similar cases, and he is now answering his second call.

Caught in the second registration on July 1, Charlie Horace Whitaker, of Williamston R.R.D. 2, decided to volunteer his services. He is the first new registrant to leave the county, and is entering the service even before his order number is officially determined. It is believed that he would not have been subject to call within the next few months.

The names of the boys scheduled to leave tomorrow for Fort Bragg are: Vernon Ward Bryant, Densel Arlington Simpson and Charlie Horace Whitaker, all volunteers; Randolph Chandler, Willis Robert Crandall, Hal Carrish Parrish, William Leonard Jones, Luther Hugh Harrison, Joseph Alexander Martin, Benjamin Everett Manning, Dixie Dawse Roberson, Wesley Williams, George Wilson Moore, William Henry Gurkin, Exum Louis Ward, Jr., Thomas Gordon Roberson, Robert Lee Dickerson, Lester Bryant Edmondson, Charlie Gaston Curtis, Marvin Kelly Whitehurst, Willie B. Glesson, Grady Burghard-Hardy, Noah Henry Gurganus, Ruel Johnson Turner.

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The A.B.A. loan survey was participated in by 80 North Carolina banks, or 42 per cent of the 191 banks in the State.

These 80 banks reported that they made between July 1 and December 31, 1940:

118,514 new loans totaling \$114,706,007; 132,944 renewals of loans totaling \$215,993,442; 3,901 new mortgage loans totaling \$5,393,944.

The survey showed that business firms in the State used only half of the "confirmed open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of banks. A total of 21 banks in the larger centers of the State reported that they carried on their books \$15,042,200 in "open lines of credit" offered to and kept available for regular borrowers for use as needed by them. Of this amount \$7,077,062, or 47 per cent, was used.

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## COMPLETE

With favorable weather, the Roanoke River dirt fill contractors will complete the project on Friday of this week, a representative of the Kiker and Yount firm said yesterday. Work on the fill proper was completed last week, and workmen are now filling in places washed by recent rains. A few trucks are still hauling dirt today, but they are expected to finish possibly some time today or tomorrow. The road is in good shape with the exception of one or two places where the dirt is still too wet for machining.

Paving Contractor B. H. Martin is continuing preparations to start his work the latter part of next week or the week following.

## Earlier Opening Of Schools In County Is Being Proposed

### Few Positions in the Various School Faculties Remain Vacant Now

Although vacation days are hardly more than half spent, plans are being considered for reopening the schools in this county for another term. And arrangements for the new school year are virtually complete, according to a report coming from the office of County Superintendent J. C. Manning here yesterday. In accordance with suggestions coming from the State School Commission, the opening of the schools in this county on Wednesday, September 3rd, is being proposed. Last year the schools were opened on the first Thursday in September. The opening date mentioned is tentative and may be changed at the direction of the county board of education.

The county is losing three colored teachers in the elementary schools and gaining two in the colored high schools, one at Williamston and one at Parmele. The number of white teachers remains unchanged at 100, 31 in the high schools and 69 in the elementary departments. There will be 89 colored teachers in the county compared with 90 last year.

As far as it could be determined today, there are only two positions vacant in the school faculties, and both of those are in Williamston. One of those positions in the manual arts department has been offered to an applicant, but acceptance has not yet been received. The other position to be filled is that of principal of the local elementary school.

Miss Emma Baker, of Goldsboro, has been appointed to succeed Miss Frances Fowler, resigned, as fifth grade teacher here. Miss Baker, a graduate of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, taught several years in the Mt. Olive schools.

Other faculty appointments have been announced, as follows:

Miss Kathleen Evans, of Murfreesboro, to the home economics department, Oak City. This is Miss Evans' first year in the profession.

Miss Frances Ford Nichols, of South Carolina, has accepted the position of home economics teacher, and B. T. Wigley, of Mississippi, as teacher of vocational agriculture, in the Robersonville schools.

Miss Grace Rogers, of Bear Grass, first grade; Miss Edith Melvin, of Mt. Airy, third grade; Miss Frances Nelson, of Vanceboro, fifth grade; Miss Louise Dail, of Edenton, seventh grade, and V. B. Hairr, of Roseboro, agriculture teacher.

Miss Rebecca Pittman, of Scotland Neck, is succeeding Miss Mary Gorham as teacher of the Oak City fifth grade. Miss Gorham having resigned to accept a position in a bank. Miss Marjorie Dew will teach the seventh grade in the Oak City school.

## County Christian Endeavor To Meet In Robersonville

Saturday, July 26th, at 11 o'clock the Martin County Christian Endeavor will meet in Robersonville at the Christian Church. Everyone is invited to attend, enjoy a day of fellowship and to carry a picnic lunch.

## Russia Makes Ready For Counter Attack On German Invaders

### Startling Claims Made by Berlin But Germans Are Still In Old Positions

Despite startling claims made by Berlin, Russia is still very much in the war, and if rumors coming out of the Soviet materialize, Hitler ere long is going to run into one of the greatest counter attacks the world has ever known. Reports state that Russia is mobilizing one of the most extensive armies ever known just back of Moscow and when it is loosed, Hitler is certain to wish he had never turned his face toward the East.

While Russia continues to offer a strong resistance about 230 miles west of Moscow, reports would indicate that she is gathering an extensive array of mechanized equipment and millions of men in preparation for meeting the German barbarians some where in the Moscow area. Few details on the proposed counter drive have been released but it is apparent that such a movement is well underway since German claims she has been bombing troop concentrations just back of Moscow.

That the Russians are in a precarious position is not to be doubted, but there are many things to be considered along with the claims coming out of Berlin. Smolensk was captured weeks ago, according to the German claims. Steady progress was reported on the march to Moscow two weeks ago, late reports, virtually substantiated by German reports, state that fighting is still going on in Smolensk and that the German hordes are still 230 miles out of Moscow.

It is fairly apparent that German claims are running ahead of the victories. With nearly nine million men still locked in mortal combat, the struggle in Russia today is likely to offer a turning point in the war.

Aside from the Russo-German battle, England continues its air war on Germany. While the rate of destruction is being stepped up, witnesses returning to this country state that up until a short time ago one had to hunt for evidence of damage in Berlin. Famine is moving across the conquered countries, and little Greece is in a precarious condition. While those Greek soldiers who fought the Italians so effectively in Albania are on the streets begging for food, the Greek people are said to be still cheering the RAF planes as they pass over to bomb Greek ports and bases held by the Germans.

In an air raid last night, Germany claims to have done great damage to Moscow, one report stating that the damage was far greater than that dealt to Coventry last fall. Russian authorities stated that a few German planes broke through, and that while much damage was done, it was not near as extensive as that described by Germany.

The "V" campaign, started in England and designed to cause conquered countries to rise up against Hitler, is progressing rapidly, and sabotage work is being reported on a wide front. A mutiny was reported in Norway, and in Yugoslavia an extensive plot was advanced, the German barbarians rounding up and killing after brutal methods a large number of Russians and Jews.

Japan is reported to be moving troops toward Siberia, and a march on Indo-China is expected before the week is spent.

In this country, President Roosevelt yesterday told Congress that the nation is in greater peril now than a year ago, and it is fairly evident that longer training periods for selectees will be approved. A forward step in the defense program was taken yesterday when the Senate approved a bill permitting the seizure of property deemed necessary in prosecuting the defense work.

## Fourth Of Latest Draftees Rejected

Three of the last colored selectees to leave this county for service in the Army were rejected by doctors at Fort Jackson last week. All three of them were ruled physically unfit. Even though three were rejected, a greater percentage of the group was accepted than has been the case in past months. More than fifty per cent of one group was rejected some time ago.

Rhoden Purvis and William Henry Wiggins, both of Williamston, and George Spencer Jones, of Hobgood, R.F.D. 1, were rejected.

Strange as it may seem, some of those rejected are making efforts to get into the service. One of the three men returning last week has already visited his doctor in an effort to correct the physical ailment and gain admission to the army. A volunteer rejected some time ago, recently went before the board and tried to volunteer a second time. In contrast with those cases comes recent word from "Lightning", colored porter at the Geo. Reynolds Hotel before he volunteered, stating that "slavery won't nothing compared to army maneuvers."