

ENTENTE DECIDED TO MAKE A STAND AND THEY MADE IT

Anglo French Forces Withstand Tremendous Assault by Enemy on Positions at Ypres.

175,000 MEN FLUNG UPON 10-MILE FRONT.

Attackers Suffered Heaviest Casualties of any Single Day Since Drive Began—Too Weak to Continue.

Today's reports from the battle front only serve to emphasize the completeness of the victory won by the Anglo-French forces yesterday in withstanding the tremendous assault by which the Germans hoped to break into the Allied hill positions south-east of Ypres and begin cutting their way on toward the Channel ports.

The situation seems to have been one of the Entente high command deciding once more to make a stand after having forced the Germans to use up tens of thousands of men in fighting their way desperately forward as far as they have. The decision made, the stand was taken and the Germans were stopped as they have been on other fields since the great offensive began March 21.

The enemy, it is estimated, threw as many as thirteen divisions, or about 175,000 men, into the attack on this twelve-mile front, but despite continued furious assaults, was held almost in his tracks everywhere. At a few points there was slight enemy penetration but the lines were rectified later. During last night the French, in a dash counter-attacks, drove the Germans from Loivre, and re-established themselves there.

A most welcome feature of the current news from the front is the announcement that the French on the crucial part of the line at Loivre have not lost any part of their hold on Loivre. They now have undisputed possession of the place for the first time in several days, and have killed off the enemy efforts to gain a footing there.

The importance of Loivre lies in the fact that it guards the approach to Mont Rouge, one of the most valuable hills of the defense flank, which cannot be taken as long as Loivre remains in Allied hands. Similarly the Allies have stopped the thrust toward Scherentberg by holding Lacrete, while the Belgians dealt with them successfully and prevented any breach in the line toward the sea.

All the evidence points to the probability that the Germans suffered well nigh the heaviest casualties of any day on the Northern front as yet after wave of the attacking forces was mowed down by artillery and infantry fire. They were so exhausted by their fruitless efforts to advance that they remained virtually inactive throughout the night, and there were no advances today to indicate that they had resumed their offensive this morning.

South of the Somme front the British carried out a local operation last night further improving their position before Amiens.

Declaring that rumors of a change of government in Russia "do not sound altogether improbable," the Berlin Foreign Office has asked the Germans in Moscow to report on disorders in Petrograd in connection with the reported restoration of the monarchical government. Further reports on conditions are lacking.

Service Flag Presented at Mapleville.

At Maple Springs church Sunday morning April 28th, Service Flag presentation speech was made by Principal the boys who have gone from the church and are now in the military service of their country. The presentation speech was made by Principal E. B. Cox and was accepted of behalf of the church by Pastor G. M. Duke. The remarks of both were very appropriate to the occasion.

Following is Mr. Cox's tribute to our soldier boys:

It is fitting that our church should give public recognition to those of her sons who are now in the service of their country, other churches have service flags hanging on their walls, Maple Springs church, today, does honor to those of her boys, who in the crucial moment have heard a Nation's call and have nobly responded.

For those of her boys who have answered the call, stand ready, if need be, to make the supreme sacrifice. They are fighting for the Liberties of Our Country, for the civilization of the world, for the Religion of Jesus Christ, and for the maintenance of law and order among the great family of nations. They are fighting to make the world a safe place in which to live. No Crusader ever fought in a holier, worthier cause than they. Inspired by the loftiest instincts of patriotism they have waved all considerations for themselves and their loved ones, and are now ready to do their share "Over there"—to laugh at death and to advance across "No Man's Land", perhaps to the Great Beyond; descendants of noble blood—soldiers

of a new faith. But of an ancient tradition.

My friend, you might possess all the glittering wealth of the Klondikes, and of the Perus and give it all to be used for the good of your country in the present emergency, and go to Washington and work for Uncle Sam for one dollar per year and board and clothes and your sacrifice would be infinitesimal in comparison with the sacrifice these boys and those near and dear to them, are making. And the members of Maple Springs should feel proud of these boys, honor them and do everything in their power to make them realize that they appreciate the noble thing these boys are doing. I was reading last week a letter from one of these boys, and in that letter, after stating how hard he was working, he said: "A soldier's life gets monotonous at times, but I am not kicking on fate; if I were out of the service today, I would enlist just as soon as possible for I realize that I am doing my duty to the old U. S. A. by being right where I am." These words came from Hal Perry, noble words from a noble boy—no more genial, generous-hearted, lovable boy lives in Franklin county and if that spirit expressed by him in those words, be the spirit of all the boys in the service, then we need have no fear for the safety of the Republic. German autocracy will be swept from the face of the earth, and the civilization of the world will be saved from the wreck of universal war and out of it all Christianity arising triumphant, will have a newer and deeper meaning for the peoples of the world. And now, as this flag is presented to this church and as it hangs from Sunday to Sunday on these walls may it have a meaning for us, may it serve to remind us of the nobility of the sacrifice these boys are making. May it serve to remind us of the principles at stake for which they are fighting and on which the foundations of this church, itself, rest—Christianity and Freedom. And finally may it serve to remind those left at home, that there is a duty also for them to perform: To stand behind these boys and to omit the doing of no act and to leave unaided no word that will hasten the victory for America.

Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the Throne, And yet that scaffold sways the future;

And behind the dim unknown Standeth God within the shadow Keeping watch above his own.

Mr. Duke accepted the flag in behalf of the church in his usual happy manner. Among other things he said: Keep the line straight between the Old Home Church and our Soldiers, if we would have our boys saved and have them come back to us not moral wrecks the old church and the Religion of Jesus Christ will have to do it.

Mr. Meadows to Operate Farmers Union Warehouse. As will be seen from his advertisement on another page Mr. S. S. Meadows has leased the Farmers Union Warehouse and will operate the same the coming season. Mr. Meadows is one of the most experienced warehousemen in the State and is well known to the patrons of this market. He informs us he will make this house more convenient and will be ready with a full reliable and accommodating force to handle your tobacco at the opening of the season. Read his announcement.

Annual Reunion. We are requested to state that the annual reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held at Justice, on May 10th, 1918. A big dinner and a good time generally is in store for all who attend. The ladies and children will take a most important part in the program.

Miss Bryan's Recital. Quite a large number of Louisburg people enjoyed a most interesting recital given by Miss Kathryn Bryan at Louisburg College on Monday night.

The music and recitations by Miss Bryan and her assistants were excellent and greatly appreciated.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., not called for May 3rd, 1918: Mrs. Rodah Alson, Roy Evans, Miss Lillie Harris, Mr. J. W. Long, Miss Mary B. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. V. Dixon Sikes, Miss Healan Williams, Mr. S. R. Williams.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

C. D. C. Meeting. The Jos. J. Davis chapter, U. D. C. will meet at the home of Mrs. D. T. Smithwick, Tuesday afternoon, May the seventh, at four o'clock. Mrs. J. L. Palmer, Pres. Mrs. J. A. Turner, Sec.

COUNTY-WIDE SCHOOL TAX

Expressions by our Citizens on This All Important Question.

Mapleville, N. C., April 29th, 1918.

Mr. Editor:

I have read with care and interest what has been said for and against county-wide school tax and I would not have a word to say were it not for the deep interest that I feel in the future well being of the county, state and nation. The boys and girls of today must make the leaders in church and state when we who are now doing this work are gone. What that state and church and community will be will depend upon the preparation of the boys and girls of today receive. To have the best and reach the true ideals of Democracy there must be as far as possible sound bodies trained minds and a spiritual conscience. Owing to the great upheavals created by the War the many new issues and problems that confront us, the high price of living, it seems as if we must have more money to run the schools. Whether the present plan of county-wide tax is the best plan I leave for those who know better than I to say, many of them have said that it is and I agree with them and shall support it. I have just this advice to give it may be accepted, to the parents of my adopted county and home, for I love every one of you. You have been kind and good to me since I have been in the county, to pause and think and pray a long time before you decide to vote against this measure. I think I can see how you may oppose it but I beseech you before you finally decide to hear it explained by those who favor it and those who oppose it and then before God remembering the Future well being of your children, the Future well being of your county and your own responsibility and then cast your vote as you conscientiously believe to be the best.

G. M. DUKE

Editor Franklin Times:

May I trespass upon your valuable space to the extent of expressing in a brief manner my views in favor of the proposed additional tax for the betterment of the County schools? This is a matter that should not be dismissed or settled without due consideration like the purchasing of a Ford car or whether to go to town on Saturday; as it's effect will certainly show in the general tone and class of our citizenship from the day of the election to the end of time. Because a man in one Township near a Town with Graded School has raised his children and had that school's advantages is no reason why the same schooling should be denied another Township further away and with fewer advantages. It's all plain Franklin County, North Carolina, and should be treated as a whole and not parcelled out according to the general ideas, or like of ideas, of one particular community as the Bolshevik is trying to do up Russia. Every one knows that the child is not responsible for the spot on the earth where it happens to be born and reared and therefore should not be compelled to suffer in comparison with some other child living in a more favored locality; if the child in town is entitled to nine months out of each year in school—and all admit that it is—then the child in the country should certainly be accorded the same privilege. As to the failure of each parent to send his or her children to school each day in the school term that is a matter to be left to the discretion of such parent but the school should be there with open door and the teacher waiting with knowledge to impart to the child a full nine months term throughout the entire county.

The very fact that North Carolina ranks next to the bottom in the expense per capita per child of school age is evidence enough that we are not giving the "kiddies" a square deal. You can't get around bare facts and these will show that a sparsely settled state like Wyoming is paying the sum of \$20.00 per capita per child while the good old North State is paying but FOUR!

Like the boy in James Whitcomb Riley's "The Raggedy Man" some of our youngsters would no doubt, in their innocent lack of knowledge of the importance of an education, prefer to stay from school and "water the horse" be permitted but instead provide the longer school term and enforce the compulsory attendance law, and at the same time pay our teachers a living wage. I believe all will now admit that this is the poorest paid class of people on the face of the earth when one takes in consideration the preparation that is necessary to fit one for such a calling.

As I view the matter we have a Superintendent who is well fitted for the position he holds, surrounded by capable teachers in each school and we should by all means show the world by our votes in this election that we are a progressive people and will refuse to take a backward step in so important an undertaking.

L. L. JOYNER.

Editor of the Times, City. It is very seldom that I write for

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MR. W. F. EVANS SPEAKS TO BIG CROWD

AT OPERA HOUSE ON TUESDAY NIGHT

In the Interest of the Third Liberty Loan Bond Campaign—Introduced By Mr. F. B. McKinne.

Quite a large number of our people enjoyed the interesting and entertaining address in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan Bond delivered by Mr. W. F. Evans, of Raleigh, at the Opera House, on last Tuesday evening. The speaker, who was filling an engagement of Hon. J. S. Manning, Attorney General of North Carolina, was introduced by Mr. F. B. McKinne, Cashier of the First National Bank, in his usual happy and pleasing manner. The speaker then took up his subject and for quite a while held the strictest attention of his hearers.

After Mr. Evans had completed Mr. W. H. Yarborough was called on and delivered a most fitting after piece which was much enjoyed by all.

Swindell-Barrow.

A beautiful wedding was solemnized Saturday at high noon at the Methodist church when Miss Julia Barrow became the bride of Dr. F. O. Swindell.

Before the entrance of the bridal party, Miss Sallie Thomas Williams rendered an organ selection and Mrs. A. H. Fleming sang "Constancy." Immediately preceding the bridal party, Misses Minnie Brickley, Mary Belle Macon, Kate Blackhall, Hodge Williams, Kathleen Egerton, Ruth Hall, Mary Turner, Ruth Early, Elizabeth Allen and Mildred Scott, in afternoon dresses of white georgette crepe and wearing large black picture hats entered.

As the soft strains of Lohengrin's wedding march rendered by Miss Williams on the organ and Mr. W. J. Barrow on the violin, begun, the bridal party entered. First came the ushers, Mr. B. W. Ballard, Dr. R. F. Yarborough, Mr. L. E. Scoggin and Mr. E. H. Malone, followed by the little flower girls, Misses Mary Malone Best and Anna Gray Watson, carrying baskets of valley lilies. The maid of honor, Miss Francis Barrow, sister of the bride, wearing light blue tulle over silver cloth and carrying pink Killarney roses next entered. The bride entered on the arm of her father, Mr. J. J. Barrow. She wore an exquisite bridal costume with court train, a veil and wreath of orange blossoms and carried bride's oses. They were met at the altar by the groom and his brother, Mr. Harry Swindell, where the impressive vows were spoken, the ceremony being performed by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson. During the ceremony Miss Williams and Mr. W. J. Barrow played softly "A Perfect Day," and Mendelssohn's wedding march as the party left the church.

Dr. and Mrs. Swindell left on an afternoon train for Asheville where they will spend a week before returning to Camp Jackson where Dr. Swindell is now stationed.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. J. Barrow, one of the county's leading citizens and Clerk of the Superior Court, and she is deservedly popular among hosts of friends here who regret to see her leave Louisburg for her new home at Camp Jackson.

Marriage Licenses.

Register of Deeds Yarborough issued marriage licenses to the following couples during the month of April: WHITE—Arthur L. Goswick and Lillie H. White, Claude Pearce and Beatrice Pearce, John H. Griffin and Bonnie Williams, Richard Layton and Ina Cates, Pettigrew Arnold and Ina Perry, Logan Gupton and Bessie Burnett, W. J. Collins and Nellie Jane Utley, J. E. Privett and Eva James, Herman Rogers and Julia Wheeler, Ivey Pearce and Lillie Pearce, F. W. Songer and Emily Belle Macon, W. H. Edens and Nora Lee May, F. O. Swindell and Julia Elizabeth Barrow, George M. Carter and Temple P. Phelps, John K. Foster and Lois Watkins.

COLORED—Otho Dunston and Bettie Foster, George Williams and Martha Joyner, Mann Foster and Pattie Joyner, and A. L. Malone, Will Monroe and Novetta Branch, Wm. Freeman and Lucy Perry, Alfred Allen and Parnell Williams, Sol Williams and Nettie Durham, Charlie Wood and Beulah Williams, Wash Kearney and Mag Holden, Jim Hagan and Geneva Neal, Arthur Cherry and Eliza Davis, S. S. Dehnham and Bettie Winston, Jimmie Smith and Mattie Egerton.

To Repeal Special Tax.

We, the Trustees of Mapleville school, do hereby agree among ourselves and promise the people of Mapleville school district that in the event the county-wide tax now pending in Franklin county carries in the election of May 14, we will abandon the present special local taxes and that the taxes in our district will be no higher than they are at present.

G. M. DUKE, C. P. HARRIS, J. O. WILSON, S. W. FULLER.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mr. C. W. Shotley, of Snow Hill, Md., was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Miss Mary Belle Macon, of Rocky Mount, visited her people here the past week.

Mrs. J. S. Barrow, of Greensboro, attended the Barrow-Swindell marriage Saturday.

Mr. E. C. Barrow, of Greensboro, was in attendance at the Swindell-Barrow marriage.

Chief and Mrs. D. C. High went to Raleigh Sunday to visit their granddaughter, Little Miss McGrady.

Solicitor H. E. Norris and son, of Raleigh, and Mr. Caddell, of Wake Forest, were visitors to Louisburg yesterday.

Sergt. A. W. Macon and Mr. Raymond Hobgood, of Camp Sevier, S. C., who were on a visit to their people here, were called to camp Sunday.

Lieut. C. C. Julian, of Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., was a visitor to Louisburg the past week. Lieut. Julian was formerly with the Franklin Times. After returning from the Border duty with the Company last year he attended the officers training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, from which he received his commission. He returned home Friday.

Red Dog Regulations.

Since putting the notice in the Times a short time ago regarding the sale of Red Dog I have had considerable complaint regarding the prices being charged for it, and some confusion has resulted from a misunderstanding of the notices.

When a merchant had bought mill feed or Red Dog before the reduction in price was made he will be allowed to dispose of the supply he has on hand at a reasonable profit, not to exceed \$4.00 per ton, when he bought in lots of one ton or more, or \$5.00 in lots of less than one ton.

Under this ruling Red Dog should not sell above \$3.75 per hundred, except in a very few instances. If any one is charged more than the above for Red Dog and will report the sale to me it will be investigated. Under a recent ruling of the Food Administration a miller is forbidden to grind more than a thirty day supply of flour for any farmer who brings his wheat to the mill, unless the farmer has permission from the Food Administrator to have more than a thirty days supply ground.

The Food Administration has ruled that the manufacture of corn meal, molasses, sugar, etc., into intoxicating liquors is a willful waste of food and as such is punishable under the Food Control Act.

Merchants or millers who sell the above articles of food in such quantities or to such persons as will make it appear reasonably certain that they will be used in the manufacture of intoxicating liquors will be judged equally as guilty as the blockaders and will be dealt with harshly by the Food Administration.

I have information that four or five merchants and one or two millers are supplying blockaders with corn meal in considerable quantities, these merchants and millers are hereby warned that they will be investigated and when sufficient evidence has been obtained by the Secret Service they will be severely dealt with.

JOSEPH C. JONES, County Food Administrator.

The Colored Drafters.

Several splendid entertainments were given the colored drafters during the past week. Friday night in the court house, a large crowd was present at the affair given under the auspices of the Red Cross. Principal George C. Polk, had a large number of his students render patriotic songs and music, appropriate for the occasion. Excellent speeches were made by Mr. Ben Ballard, of Franklin, Dr. J. E. Malone and Dr. J. B. Davis. The musical selections were highly enjoyed and were under the direction of Mrs. Carrie S. Hawkins.

Wednesday afternoon in the court house fitting exercises were held in honor of the soldiers who departed for Fort Wayne, Thursday. At this meeting, the soldiers were given fine advice by Hon. W. H. Ruffin, Chairman of the local exemption board. Speeches were made by Dr. J. E. Malone, Dr. Adam Ball, and Dr. J. B. Davis. The school children and the members of the colored section of the Red Cross assisted materially in the rendition of the program.

In his address, Dr. Davis took occasion to laud the local exemption board. He declared the members the fittest of any holding similar positions. Then he urged the men to be obedient, honest, trustworthy and God-fearing. He pointed out in detail the long and honorable career of colored soldiers of the past, and closed by admonishing his hearers to follow in their footsteps.

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ANOTHER SCHEME TO ESCAPE DRAFT

CLEVELAND PERRY, COL., TRIES TO APPEAR DROWNED.

Leaves Clothes on Mill Dam at Whitakers Mill and Flees—Was to Have Left for Camp Tuesday.

Cleveland Perry, colored, 28 years old, and called to report in Louisburg on Monday afternoon in answer to a call to the colors, apparently in compliance with statements made previously that "he would rather die than go to war," attempted to leave the impression that he committed suicide by drowning himself in Whitakers mill pond early Monday morning, not realizing that a search would be made which would reveal the true state of affairs. Upon finding his clothes upon the dam a search was begun and Coroner Johnson, of Louisburg, sent for. When the Coroner arrived on the scene, they had begun to drain the pond. Upon investigation it was found that the boy left home that morning early, carrying with him a pistol. Later his overall pants and jacket, shoes and hat were found on the mill dam. After drawing off and sealing the pond no trace was found of Cleveland.

The matter was reported to Mr. W. H. Ruffin, Chairman of the local Board, who stated that there was a reward of \$50 for his delivery at any Army post by any officer or citizen.

The public around the community in which the ruse was attempted do not believe that the boy committed any rash act, but that he was shirking his duty as a registrant.

Notes From Ingleside.

This is the season to plant and plant to can. It seems that the rule is to plant everything you can to can and can everything you plant to can. And when the time comes to can, everybody that can and will can can can after can with an abundance of good things at hand to can—can he not? Thousands of dollars were saved last year by canning products that otherwise would have gone to waste.

There are thousands of fine young men throughout the country still at "the bottom" through no particular fault or choice of their own, who are anxiously awaiting an opportunity to go "over the top".

Mr. R. G. Pinnell, who has been quite ill at his home near Ingleside, the past week, is resting better today, and it is believed that his condition is more favorable.

Farmers are making rather slow progress in planting their crops, and some are beginning to feel right much "under the weather" on account thereof. War bread is not the worst feature of the trouble after all. It is the best ever.

Miss Kittle Foster is spending the week with Ingleside friends—Miss Foster expects to go North soon to visit her people in Bridgeport, Conn. Mr. and Mrs. Joel McKenzie were among the pleasant visitors to Ingleside friends a short time last week.

Mr. Dallas I. Dement, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dement, left last Wednesday for Norfolk, Va. A letter from the young man to his people states that he has entered in the U. S. Navy and is serving in the St. Helena Training Station, Norfolk, Va.

Some of our people are seeing many wonderful things these days. Tuesday night lightning bugs were taken for air ships.

Returns From Bridal Trip.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Harris, who were married last Thursday at Bluefield, W. Va., have returned from their bridal trip and are living at Mr. Harris' country home, one mile east of Louisburg. Mrs. Harris before her marriage was Miss Estelle Wiggs, of Raleigh.

Error in Pollholders.

On account of an error being made in copying off the list of registrars and pollholders we made an error in the list published last week. In Sandy Creek the name of J. J. Cooper was used instead of J. J. Carr. The list for this township should be J. B. Jones, A. S. Gupton and J. J. Carr.

Since the publication of the list last week it became necessary to change the registrar in Franklin township, as Mr. C. O. Moore declined to serve. Mr. W. D. Upchurch was appointed in his place.

Jarrell-High.

Announcements as follows have been received here: Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Moye announce the marriage of their sister, Miss Mamie Ora High, to Mr. Dennis Bliss Jarrell, Lieutenant, United States Army, on Thursday, the fourteenth of March. One thousand nine hundred and eighteen, at Philadelphia, Pa. Cards reading as follows were also enclosed: At Home after the first of May, Franklin, North Carolina. Miss High is one of Franklin's most popular young ladies and for a number of years has been engaged in hospital work as a trained nurse. She has many friends in the county who will extend congratulations.