

The Smithfield Herald

GERMAN LINE BADLY HACKLED.

One Million Pounds of High Explosives Set off by the Allies, the Report of Which is Heard for 130 Miles Away, Which Brought Consternation to the Germans. Fighting Continues Along Austro-Italian Front. France Preparing for Arrival of American Troops.

(Associated Press War Summary.)

In one of the most elaborately planned and daringly executed maneuvers of the war, Sir Douglas Haig's forces have dealt a mighty blow against the German line in Belgium and been rewarded with notable gains in Terrian and the capture of more than 5,000 prisoners and numerous guns of various calibre. In addition they inflicted heavy casualties on the Germans.

Over a front of more than nine miles, extending from the region of Ypres southward nearly to Armentieres the British started their drive in the early hours of Thursday morning and at nightfall had everywhere advanced their line, capturing villages and numerous points of vantage, among the latter the Messines-Wyt-schaete ridge, which commands the surrounding plains for miles and which for two and a half years had been a troublesome salient.

The villages of Messines and Wyt-schaete fell into the hands of the British during the attack, and the British even pressed on eastward from Wyt-schaete and occupied the village of Costtaverne and trenches east of the village on a front of more than five miles.

Probably never in history was an attack launched with greater preparation. For days the Wyt-schaete salient had been the objective of the British guns which had hurled tons of steel upon it. When the time for the attack came, the British loosed mines containing 1,000,000 pounds of high explosives in front of the German positions, the detonations being heard 130 miles away in England.

With consternation reigning among the Germans and under a curtain of fire, English, Irish, New Zealand and Australian infantrymen, with "tanks" to aid them, started across the open. The Germans offered only slight resistance, and everywhere were beaten off, even late in the afternoon when they had somewhat regained their composure and attempted a counter-attack near the southern end of the line, which was broken up by the British artillery fire.

Except for a German attack against the French northwest of St. Quentin which the French troops repulsed, quiet prevailed everywhere on the French front Thursday except along the Chemin Des Dames, where the artillery activity was violent.

Considerable fighting continues between the Austrians and Italians in the Carso region. Along the Vipacco Valley the Italians delivered several thrusts which were repulsed, while near Jamiano the Austrians have made further gains, according to Vienna. Rome, however, asserts that the Austrian attacks failed the latter region as likewise did an offensive in force on the Trentino front.

Great preparations are being made in France for the arrival of American troops. Already an American transport containing food for them has arrived in a French port and American warships are anchored off the French coast. Camps have been prepared for all branches of the American forces who are expected.—News and Observer, 8th.

Weather Summary for Cotton Region.

Washington, D. C., June 6.—Cotton has improved in almost all districts especially in the east, yet the crop is still backward and dryness in extreme south, and cool in northwest caused slow growth. Numerous complaints of poor and irregular stands. Some blight in Florida, but the weevil is active in several counties there. Some lice injury in Texas.

Corn in the south mostly growing well but needs rain locally. White potatoes are in good condition and are being harvested and sweet potatoes are being set except where dryness hinders. Truck in the east Gulf States needs rain badly. Sugar cane needs rain except in Georgia but peanuts and tobacco are mostly in good condition.

"Let us make 'the bondholders' and 'the people' interchangeable terms."—Theodore Roosevelt.

OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC.

Concerning School Work, Home and Farm Demonstration Work and a Few Other Things In Johnston County.

This article may be read with interest just now in Johnston because of the situation in regard to these things mentioned above, and because of the special stress that needs to be laid upon these things at a time when as never before every available means should be used for making the best better.

In the first place I want to make every citizen of Johnston County know exactly the basis upon which the Home Demonstration work of Johnston County rests. Last year the County Commissioners appropriated \$500 which was met by an equal amount from the State and Federal funds. \$800 of this money was set apart for Miss Pickens as salary which was \$66.66 per month. \$200 of this was set aside for traveling expenses which was \$16.66 per month. Miss Pickens is becoming too well known in the county for me to say anything concerning her worth as a tireless and effective worker.

Last year I bought and paid for, out of my salary, a Ford car that I might be of greater service to the work in Johnston. Miss Pickens used this car for all her work and in addition to that I gave to her any help that I was able to give. The part Miss Pickens paid toward expense of the car was about half what the cost of running it actually was. I mention these facts not because I am trying to play to the grand stand or to put up any hard luck tale, but that the following paragraph may be clearly understood.

This year the County Commissioners appropriated \$600 for the Home Demonstration work. Again the State and Federal funds will duplicate the amount. \$75 per month or \$900 of this is set apart for salary for Miss Pickens. \$800 or \$25 per month is to be used for transportation. This \$25 will be just about buy gas for a Ford car to do the work Miss Pickens is planning to do and will leave nothing for extra tires, repair, etc. This is going upon the supposition that Miss Pickens has a car which, as Mark Twain would say, is greatly exaggerated.

I went before the Board of County Commissioners last Monday and stated these facts hoping they might in their great wisdom find it expedient to furnish a car to Miss Pickens. They did not think it worth while. For this reason I am submitting the following for their consideration and for the consideration of the people of Johnston County:

Salary and expense appropriated	\$1,200.00
Expense account	\$300.00
Board at \$20 per month	240.00
Cost of Ford car	387.50
Extra cost of running car	120.00
	\$1,047.50
Balance	\$152.50

You will note that the above leaves \$152.50 with which Miss Pickens may clothe herself in purple and fine linen and buy a jar or two of cold cream to keep too painful sunburn blisters from driving away restful slumber after a day's loitering out in the country over a canner trying to be thankful that she has the privilege of serving the people of Johnston County.

Please understand that Miss Pickens is in Raleigh attending the canning school and she knows not that I am writing this. Just "cuss" Kelly if you do not like it; but remember it is the truth—and somewhere I have read: "The truth shall make you free."

Knowing Miss Pickens as I know her I would judge that she is no "quitter" and will do just about what the above figures indicate before she will quit the job while she is needed. I am just wondering if the sense of fair play which I know is inherent in the right thinking people of Johnston will permit this thing. Remember also I have no word of criticism for the County Commissioners. They have done what they think best, and that being the case I honor them for standing by their convictions. Even if that were not true I have barely enough sense as a woman to know better than to set up my feeble opinion against a decision handed out

from superior brains contained in the craniums of any set of men whatsoever.

In passing I might as well mention the fact that all this has confirmed me in the opinion that it is not a good business policy for me to furnish a car to do work in Johnston County that the county itself is not able to do. I take it that if the county is not able to do this thing, then it would be disrespectful for a pensioner of the county and a small atom such as I to presume to do this thing. For all of the above reasons I hereby respectfully offer my resignation as a candidate to furnish a car and to furnish myself for about half of the work as heretofore for absolutely nothing. It places Johnston County in the pauper class and I know full well she with all her good people does not belong there.

Finally, I know that the commissioners will do what the people of Johnston County want them to do—it must be fear of censure by ignorant or conservative voters that keeps any set of men in office from doing what wisdom, prudence and far-sightedness would dictate. The good of the whole county and the best interests of all its people are the things I personally desire. For these things I have toiled and hoped without fear or favor for the past five years. For these things in Johnston and elsewhere I shall always be ready to "do my bit."

Last year there were more than twice enough canned goods reported saved that would otherwise have been lost than it would have taken to pay the whole of Miss Pickens' salary and expense. This year something like 20,000 tin cans are already accounted for out in the homes of Johnston and these good women and men who are going to fill these cans have either been taught already or must be taught how to do this work.

In addition to this work of conserving products that would otherwise be wasted is the great big purpose of helping make better living conditions all over our county. This is being done and may be done by following out the plans we have already begun of working through the schools and school centers. I know this is worth while. What do you think about it?

And now comes the statement of a fact that may be of more or less interest to my beloved teachers and pupils and friends in Johnston County. It is that I will not be connected with the work in Johnston after July first. For almost five years I have gone in and out among the highways any byways of Johnston doing whatever I might do to be of help in the better development of the best interests of Johnston County people. I do not know what of good I may have done or whether anything worth while. I do know that the people as a whole have been mighty good to me and the keenest regret I have in leaving is the fact that I may not again find people who may be as loyal to me or whom I may learn to know and to love as I love the people of Johnston County.

There are so many whom I would like to see and so many words of appreciation that I would like to say that I shall content myself by saying all the good things are treasured up in my heart where they will stay to make my life stronger and happier than if I had never known my Johnston County people.

I shall be in my office in Smithfield the greater part of the time until July first and I want to see any and all of my friends who may find it convenient to call before I go from Johnston.

ELIZABETH KELLY.
Smithfield, N. C., June 6, 1917.

Messrs. Will D. Avera and George T. Whitley attended the commencement at Chapel Hill this week. They are enthusiastic about the addresses of Secretary of War, Newton D. Baker, and Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels. Seldom has any institution of learning been so highly honored with commencement speakers as has been the State University this year—two members of the President's Cabinet, and they the two men on whom the eyes of the world are centered at this time.

Rev. J. M. Duncan will preach next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at Sardis church and at Live Oak church the same day at 4 o'clock.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Mr. J. A. Holt is Killed in Railroad Wreck. Mr. Nat McLamb Dies of Toxine Poison. Banner Township Registered 228 Under Selective Draft. Boy Scouts Take An Outing. Many Other Items of Interest.

Benson, June 7.—Mr. and Mrs. William Henry Barbour, of Fuquay Springs, left for their home today, after spending several days with relatives near town.

Miss Julia Canaday left this morning for Aulander where she will visit Miss Mary Cook for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Surlis and Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Surlis went up to Kenly yesterday on business matters, returning home last night.

Miss Swannie Paschal returned home yesterday from Jonesboro where she spent Sunday and Monday with relatives and friends.

Messrs. Charlie Johnson, A. L. Barefoot, Jefferson Barefoot, A. B. Hudson and Jim Raynor went up to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Faircloth went to Sanford the first of the week where they were called because of the serious injury of Mr. J. A. Holt in a railroad wreck. Mr. Holt is a brother of Mrs. Faircloth.

Mr. R. P. Todd was a visitor to Garner and Raleigh Tuesday on business matters, returning home Wednesday morning.

Mr. Charlie L. Guy, of Dunn, was a visitor to our city Wednesday afternoon for a short while.

Messrs. D. B. Denning, W. R. Denning, Lonnie Denning and Ezra Parker returned Wednesday morning from Washington City where they went Monday to attend the Reunion being held there.

Mr. J. F. Thornton, a prosperous farmer, of Bentonsville township, was in the city Tuesday on business matters.

Miss Floy Johnson, of near Four Oaks, recently spent several days here at the home of her sister, Mrs. E. F. Moore.

Mr. Lynn Reaves, of Raeford, was here Sunday to attend the burial of his sister's husband, Mr. Nat McLamb.

Mr. Edgar Johnson, who holds a position with a jewelry store in Oxford, was here Sunday visiting relatives.

Messrs. A. V. Norris, Joe Norris, W. H. Royal, George Holland and others attended the Federal Court at Raleigh Monday.

Mr. Leary Wood, who has been in school at Trinity College for the past year, returned home the first of the week.

Mr. William Moore, of Smithfield, was here Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Moore.

Mrs. Lucy Canaday, of Elevation township, recently spent a few days here at the home of her son, Mr. Claud Canaday.

Miss Vallie Hill was a visitor to Smithfield Sunday, returning in the afternoon.

Mr. Eugene Jernigan left Saturday for Philadelphia where he has accepted a position through the summer.

Messrs. Charlie Benson and Richard Benson returned yesterday afternoon from Washington City, where they attended the Confederate Reunion. They report a very large large crowd and a fine time.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woodall and children and Mrs. O. A. Barbour and son, O. A. Barbour, Jr., went up to Pittsboro and spent Sunday and Monday at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Preston Woodall.

Misses Vivian Connor and Mabel Evans, of Rich Square, are here for several days visit to the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Stanford.

Mrs. H. W. Royal and little daughter, of Richmond, Va., are here for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Royal.

Mr. Mark Barbour, of Duke, recently spent a few days here with relatives in and near Benson.

Mr. C. L. Porter, Superintendent of this Division, with headquarters at Rocky Mount, was a visitor to our city for a few hours this week.

Mr. Baldy Barber took his daughter, Mrs. Talton Jernigan, up to the Wilson Hospital the first of the week. She is suffering with appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. R. U. Barbour and Mr. Talbert Stevens went up to Raleigh today on business matters.

The little child of Haywood Lucas, of Duke, died Friday night and was

buried at the cemetery here Saturday afternoon.

Mr. Carrol Holmes, of Farmville, recent spent several days here with relatives. He returned to his home the first of the week.

Mr. A. L. Barefoot is spending a few days in Raleigh where he is having his eyes treated this week.

The Boy Scouts, of Benson, are spending this week down in Cumberland County at Rhodes Pond. They are about ten in number and left here Monday afternoon to camp till Friday, taking their tents, cooking utensils and other camping articles with them.

There were 228 young men who registered here Tuesday between the ages of 21 and 31 years. Judging from this number from our township Johnston County registered far above the number accredited to it for registration.

Mr. J. A. Holt, brother to Mrs. J. B. Faircloth, of our city, was killed Monday in a railroad wreck in South Carolina, or so seriously injured that he died later in a hospital where he was taken. He was only 23 years old and was not married. The remains were taken to Sanford where the interment took place yesterday afternoon.

Mr. Nat McLamb, a farmer about sixty-three years of age, a resident of Benson, died at his home here Sunday night, after an illness of five days from Toxine poison. His remains were buried Monday afternoon at the McLamb Cemetery one mile south of Benson. He leaves a widow, besides a large number of brothers and sisters, to mourn his death. His wife, who has also been very sick, is slowly improving at this time.

In the voting contest which has just closed at Peacock's Drug Store, the first prize, a five passenger Ford touring car, was won by Mrs. E. R. Canaday, the second prize, a 15-jewel Elgin watch with a check for \$125, was won by Mrs. S. C. Smith; the third prize, a fifteen-dollar Ivey brush set with a \$10 check, was won by Miss Myrtle Ashcraft; the fourth prize a ten-dollar lavalliere with a \$15 check, was won by Mrs. Alie Smith; and the fifth prize, a \$15 diamond locket, was won by Miss Claudia Wood.

THE MIGHTY ROLL OF HONOR.

Many Still Registering. Attorney General Approves Action of Provost Marshal General in Authorizing an Extension of Time for Registration.

Washington, June 6.—The mighty roll of honor of American manhood had begun to reach Washington tonight from the States that had completed their count of the men of military age registered yesterday. At a late hour only a few complete reports had been received, but preliminary unofficial returns were sufficient to show that millions of men await the call to arms.

The official figures were too scant for an accurate estimate of the number who have registered. The first reports showed that the census bureau estimates of eligibles had not been equalled, but officials pointed out that the numbers by which one or two cities alone had exceeded the estimates would wipe out the entire deficiency of the several smaller States sending in the first official returns.

In some of these cities registration still was in progress today, the attorney general having approved the action of Provost Marshal General Crowder in authorizing an extension of time where cards were lacking or where the registration machinery proved inadequate to its task.

Until the records of the great manufacturing centers are completed results of the registration cannot be gauged accurately. General Crowder said tonight that it was not to be expected that the registration figures would check with the census estimates, if for no other reason because some hundreds of thousands of men in the army and national guard who were not required to register.

Messages from governors all over the country showed that there are relatively few slackers to be dealt with.

Heavy Rainfall Yesterday.

Smithfield had a heavy rainfall here yesterday, 1.72 inches. There were two downpours and the second was one of the heaviest rains that ever fell here.

THE NEWS IN CLAYTON.

Young Dentist of Raleigh Claims One of Clayton's Popular and Accomplished Young Women as His Life Companion. Superintendent Huggins and Complete Corps of Teachers Re-Elected With Only Two Exceptions. Others Items.

Clayton, June 6.—Miss Mary Pitts, of Elk Hill, Va., is visiting friends here.

Miss Mildred Branham spent last week in Baptist Center section with Miss Veta Austin.

Messrs. Aubrey Massey and Battle Tomlinson, of Wilson's Mills, were here Monday and Tuesday to attend the Bass-Massey wedding Monday night.

Misses Alta Dedham, Elizabeth Denton, Mrs. L. L. Dedham, Mrs. Dick Griffin and Mrs. W. R. Smith, all of Selma, were in town for a few hours Tuesday.

On last Sunday night the pastors of the Baptist and Methodist churches here changed pulpits. Mr. Hamby preached at the Methodist church and Mr. Sikes at the Baptist church.

Miss Eloise Turley is spending some time with friends and relatives at Pine Level.

Messrs. C. E. Kornegay, A. L. Futrell, Misses Gladys Whitely, Mildred Perkins and Omega Wellons, all of Selma, were in town for a few hours Sunday afternoon.

Mr. M. A. Huggins left Wednesday of last week for his home at Marion, S. C. After a few days visit there to his parents he will attend the summer school at Wake Forest, taking a special course in German and French. At the beginning of the fall term Mr. Huggins will return to Clayton as our Superintendent for another year. Clayton is indeed fortunate to have such an ideal man to fill the place of Superintendent of Clayton Graded School.

Mr. and Mrs. Waldo H. Gower, of Grifton, spent several days last week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Gower at West Clayton.

Mr. James Hall, of the Second North Carolina Regiment, now stationed at Goldsboro, spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Carter.

On Monday night, June 4th, 1917, at the hour of nine o'clock, at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Massey, on Main street, their daughter, Miss Lois Massey, became the bride of Dr. C. L. Bass, of Raleigh. This marriage was announced for June 26th, but owing to the registration on Tuesday, June 5th, it was hastened. The bride is a very popular young woman of our town, having finished high school here two years ago and since that time has been in school at Oxford College. She has a host of friends here as well as elsewhere, who wish for her a long and happy married life. Dr. Bass is a young dentist of Raleigh, a man of distinguished character and well known throughout Raleigh and vicinity.

We feel proud to say that all of the teachers who taught here during the past year have been re-elected except Miss Katiebet Morris, who did not apply, and Miss Stringfellow, third grade teacher. Because of shortage of funds some of the teachers will have to double up on their work and no one will be elected to take the places of these two left out. It is a great loss to the school to lose such an excellent primary teacher as Miss Katiebet Morris. She has been engaged in the work here for about six years and has done excellent work. Many of the parents regret that she is not coming back.

Miss Louise Taylor, of Rocky Mount, is visiting Mrs. T. M. White. Miss Taylor was one of the bride's maids at the Bass-Massey wedding.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Broughton and Mr. Jack Broughton, of Raleigh, were in town Sunday.

Mr. J. J. Lane, of Auburn, was in town Monday on business.

Mrs. Bennette Nooc, Jr., spent Wednesday in Raleigh.

Up to the present time the country as a whole has been practically sleeping with regard to the war. But we will awake with a sudden start when the selective draft begins to draw our own sons and brothers to the trenches. There will be no lack of interest from then on. Once thoroughly aroused to the seriousness of the situation, the American people will wade in with sleeves up and stick until the last dog is hung.