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JULY FOURTH IN PARIS.

Wednesday was a great day in Paris, the French capital. The city was thronged with American soldiers and a great celebration it was. Throngs of people turned out en masse to honor the day of American Independence. General Pershing, the American commander, was the hero of the hour. The Stars and Stripes was flung to the breeze from every public building and all Paris and France rejoiced because of the presence of the first detachment of United States men in khaki who had gone over to aid in the battle for world liberty. Every nation and land arrayed together in the fight for liberty and world civilization are shouting "All hail to America, the Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave." There was never such another Fourth seen in the once gay French capital.

AN EXAMPLE OF CHINESE HUMOR.

The Chinese are a queer people and are slow to depart from the customs extant in that land in the days before the Christian Era. However, they are not lacking in humor. The other day the President of China, seeing that it was time to get out and let the rulers of the old monarchy come in power again, stepped down and out. The new emperor, announced the change by issuing the following edict: "Li Yuan Hung memorializes us to take over the government, stating that he was forced by the troops during the first revolution to become the nation's head. He beanoins his defects as head of the republic and asks us to punish him. We recognize his mistakes and also his merits. We hereby appoint him a duke of the first class."

COL. OSBORNE'S SUCCESS.

When President Wilson chose Col. W. H. Osborne, of Greensboro, as Collector of Internal Revenue, he made a wise choice. The report of Col. Osborne for the year closing June 30 shows well. More than eight hundred million dollars was collected through his office during the past fiscal year, and it was done at a less per centage of cost to the federal government than ever before in the history of the nation. It cost less than one dollar to collect every hundred dollars turned into the Internal Revenue department during the past twelve months. And this has been the record of Col. Osborne for every year he has been in the office. Doing big business on a small per centage cost is one of his habits, for which the whole nation should be thankful.

In a few more weeks we shall be hearing how our men conducted themselves in action on the battlefields of Champagne. General Pershing is getting his force ready to assist the English and French against the von Hindenburg line. The American soldier which has been dubbed "Sammie" by the French will give a good account of himself when he is given a chance.

A GREAT RECORD.

The news that the daily papers brought to the American people on July Fourth was of a kind to cheer the hearts of everybody, soldier boys and all. It was the news of the safe arrival on French shores of every soldier sent over in the first contingent. Not a man was lost, neither was there loss of a single horse or mule. The American Navy proved that it was able to protect the men Uncle Sam is sending over to help fight the battles of democracy. The Germans found out somehow that an army division was going across and made an attempt to sink some of the army transports and send our soldiers to watery graves. But their efforts were in vain. Uncle Sam's hawk-eyed naval officers were ever on the lookout and when the German submarines showed themselves in the distance fire was opened on them and it is believed that one, at least, of Germany's undersea boats was destroyed. A fine record has been made and the Navy and Army both have a right to feel proud of the feat accomplished.

How Our Airmen Can Win the War.

The Literary Digest. The losses paid by the British for their victory at Messines ridge, correspondents tell us, were kept at an unprecedented low figure by their aviators, who by deeds of almost incredible dash and daring added a new chapter to the annals of aerial warfare. At a height of 20,000 feet a cloud of fast one-man machines maneuvered to keep German planes out of the field of action; at a height of from 3,000 to 5,000 feet a division of bombing and reconnaissance machines hovered above the enemy's lines; and close to the ground a swarm of fighting planes armed with 3-inch and machine guns joined in the melee with a recklessness productive of amazing results. Thus one airman chased troop-trains, pouring machine-gun bullets through their windows. Others dispersed large bodies of German troops gathering for a counter-attack, enflamed trenches, and attacked batteries, driving the gunners from their pieces. Another swooped upon and wrecked an automobile carrying five German officers.

Such incidents as these give vividness and meaning to the prediction that the military power of the United States will tell most immediately and decisively against Germany in the air. American, French, and British aviation experts agree that Germany must be beaten in the air before she is conquered on land or sea, and many of them see in America the deciding factor in this aerial domination. Testifying before Congress in support of the Council of National Defense's \$600,000,000 aeroplane program, Brig.-Gen. George O. Squier, who is the head of the American Army Aviation Service, declares that regiments and brigades of "winged cavalry" sweeping across the German lines and smothering the trenches with a storm of lead would put "the Yankee punch" into the war. "The aeroplane will prove the deciding factor in the war," affirms Rear-Admiral Robert E. Peary, who sees in the seaplane "the quickest and cheapest antidote for the submarine menace." "In the comparatively near future," predicts this authority, "the air-service will be more important than the Army and Navy combined." And he adds that "if the country takes hold of air-preparedness we shall through this not only beat the submarine, but bring about a decision in the great war." Howard E. Coffin, chairman of the Aircraft Production Board of the Council of National Defense, supports Admiral Peary's position. An "air navy" which will dominate every square mile of the Western battle-front from the North Sea to the Alps, from the front trench-lines back for sixty miles of terrane, is part of Mr. Coffin's vision.

Uncle Sam As a Dictator.

The United States, drawn into the Great War against its will, may become the virtual dictator of the world before the war is over. Realizing that they are dependent upon the United States to feed them as well as to furnish the money and men needed to win the war, the allies will undoubtedly defer greatly to the judgment of the American president in all matters of great importance. But America will drive no unfair bargain. The Stars and Stripes will float to the breeze on the crimson fields of France, but justice and humanity will march beneath its folds.

Mr. E. C. Narron returned Wednesday from a visit to Wrightsville Beach.

JULY FOURTH AT BENSON.

Crowd Estimated at Eight Thousand. Address of Welcome by Mayor Ezra Parker. Kenly Brass Band Made Music for the Occasion. List of the Prize Winners.

It had been advertised that July Fourth would be a big day in the town of Benson. Early that morning the people began to pour in from different directions and kept coming until one of the largest crowds ever seen there had arrived. People were there from Smithfield, Four Oaks, Dunn, Duke, Coats, and other towns, besides the vast numbers from the surrounding country. Harnett, Cumberland and Sampson Counties did their part in helping Johnston to make up the crowd.

At 10:45 the parade began. The Kenly Brass Band, which was an important part of the day's entertainment, seated on a big new Jeffreys truck, led the procession. Next were the Boy Scouts with flags. The marshals followed the Scouts and behind them were large numbers of automobiles and wagons. The procession stopped and the crowd gathered just east of the railroad near the depot where an address of welcome was made by Mr. Ezra Parker, mayor of the town. Announcements were made by Rev. J. T. Stanford, after which a violin contest was held on a large vacant lot owned by Mr. P. B. Johnson. Walter and Willie Clifton, of Elevation township, and Leonard Cook, of Pleasant Grove township, were in this contest. After this was the climbing of the greasy pole. An hour was taken for dinner and rest.

At 2:15 nine singing classes met at the Methodist church where some good singing was done in the grove by the church. This singing was very much enjoyed. Below is given a list of the leaders and their classes: Marion Ennis—Leader Old Field church class from near Duke. John B. Reynor—Beulah church class. Harvey Barefoot—Savannah Hill church class. Ezra H. Dixon—Pleasant Hill class. Matthew Raynor—Banner Chapel church class. Percy Suggs—Red Hill church class. O. H. Barefoot—Trinity church class. W. C. Stewart—Piney Grove church class. J. A. Parker—Holly Grove church class.

\$42.50 was distributed among the singing classes and each class got its part. Mr. Willie Dixon had charge of all the singing classes. It is estimated there were eight thousand people present.

Below we give a list of the winners and prizes:

- Tallest person—Tom Brown, 6 feet, 6 inches; second, Rev. J. T. Stanford, 6 feet, 4 inches—prize \$1.00, given by W. H. Slocumb.
- Heaviest person—G. P. Dunn, 266 pounds; second, F. B. Tart, 240 pounds—prize \$1.00, given by W. F. Smith.
- Best fiddler—Leonard Cook—prize \$2.50, given by P. B. Johnson.
- Largest family at J. F. Woodall's store—William Woodall, Ira Messer; prize \$2.00 hat by J. F. Woodall.
- Lowest lady—Mrs. Ida Messer; prize one dollar, given by Holland & Co.
- Tallest lady—Tie between Mrs. G. W. Rollins and Mrs. Lethia Lee; prize \$1.00 divided between both contestants, given by Holland & Co.
- Finest dressed country lady—Miss Novie Johnson; prize \$1.00, given by C. T. Johnson.
- Greasy pole—Carson Thornton, \$10 watch, given by J. W. Whittenton.
- Broad jump—Paul Stephenson, 10 feet; prize \$1.00, given by Benson Lee Co.
- Running broad jump—Garland Moore, first prize \$2.00; second prize Harvey Barefoot, \$1.00, given by R. C. Hockaday.
- Oldest man—Whitney Messer, 86 years; prize \$1.00, given by Norris & Turlington.
- Best fruit exhibit—C. E. Spence, \$2.50, given by W. P. Reaves.
- Finest pair of mules—A. D. Raynor; prize \$5.00, given by A. W. Hodge.
- Finest horse—James E. Wilson; prize \$3.00, given by James E. Wilson.
- Man with longest beard—Mart Stewart; prize \$1.00, given by G. F. Moore.
- Prettiest bouquet of flowers—Miss Pearl Barbour; prize \$2.50, given by Benson Drug Company.
- Largest load ladies at Rose & Co.—Ardle Raynor, 23 ladies on one wagon; prize \$5.00, given by Rose & Company.
- Largest load of men and boys at J. B. Faircloth & Co.—Pias Hudson, 82 men and boys on two wagons tied to each other and drawn by two oxen; prize \$5.00 pair shoes, given by J. B. Faircloth & Co.
- Finest country mule—Tom Barefoot; prize \$2.00, by W. W. Hockaday.
- Finest horse sold by R. U. Barber—Herbert Ennis; prize \$2.50. Finest

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Best mounted horse—By C. C. Jernigan; prize \$1.00, by Ezra Parker. Best decorated automobile—First prize M. T. Britt; second prize J. L. Hall, given by Alonzo Parrish; prizes \$5.00 and \$2.50 respectively.

Dispensary Points and Dates.

Monday, July 9, 16, 23, 30.	
Clayton	9 to 12 A. M.
Selma	12 to 3 P. M.
Benson	10 to 1 P. M.
Tuesday, July 10, 17, 24, 31.	
Four Oaks,	12 to 2 P. M.
Princeton	1 to 3 P. M.
Smithfield	10 to 1 P. M.
Wednesday, July 11, 18, 25, Aug 1.	
Pine Level	10 to 1 P. M.
Wilson's Mills	1 to 2 P. M.
Friday, July 13, 20, 27, Aug. 3.	
Hare's Store	10 to 1 P. M.
Saturday, July 14, 21, 28, Aug. 4.	
Farmers' Mercantile Co.'s	
Store	2 to 5 P. M.
Micro	12 to 2 P. M.
Kenly	9 to 11 A. M.

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W. H. WAKEFIELD, M. D., OF Charlotte, will be in Benson, Saturday, July 14th; Four Oaks, Monday, July 16th; Kenly, Tuesday, July 17. The Doctor limits his practice to the medical and surgical treatment of Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat troubles, and will charge no fee for fitting glasses in cases where no treatment is required.

JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOAD OF No. 1 heart shingles. L. C. Wilkinson, Kenly, N. C.

DID YOU EVER READ THAT great little story "Ten Nights In a Barroom?" If not get a copy at Herald Office. Price only 5 cents. By mail 8 cents.

NOTICE—I HAVE TAKEN UP A white sow which I found in my cornfield. Mark: Crop and slit in left ear and slit in right. Owner can get her by paying expenses, including cost of this notice. T. H. Daughtery, Pine Level, N. C., R. 1.

How To Buy Hardware!

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