

SOLDIER BOYS IN SMITHFIELD.

Raleigh Motor Truck Company Paid Town a Visit, Honored at Clayton Where Stop Was Made. Welcomed to Smithfield by Mr. W. W. Cole. Barbecue Dinner Given by Mr. W. M. Sanders. Red Cross Ladies Give Smithfield Boys Soldier's Kit, and Serve the Company With Cream.

Smithfield was greatly honored Wednesday with a visit from Raleigh Motor Truck Company, Lieutenant William Boylan, commanding.

The story of the trip is thus told in yesterday's News and Observer, written by Mr. Edgar Womble, one of the editors, who accompanied the soldier boys to our town:

The Raleigh Motor Truck Company, Lieut. William Boylan commanding, yesterday on their first practice run from here to Smithfield and return benefited from the road experience, were praised and feasted and on their return trip received a shower bath from the three or four showers of rain that they motored through. It is a jolly husky bunch of young fellows and notwithstanding the sprinkling given by old Jupiter Pluvius they enjoyed the entire program. The rain while wetting their khaki suits did not in the least dampen their spirits and though raining when they returned to the city, headed by their commander, they drove up Fayetteville street in perfect formation and in jolly humor showing that they are every inch American soldiers.

The run showed that the boys are making good. The day was just the right kind. There was bright sunshine, dusty roads, rain and muddy roads, thus giving the members a variety of experience and showing how the boys are developing in the driving and management of the trucks.

Patriotic Demonstrations.
Clayton and Smithfield turned out en masse to welcome the boys and the stay in both towns was made the occasion of a patriotic demonstration. There were short speeches, lavish praise for the boys who have volunteered to go to the front and an abundance of good things to eat served to them by the ladies of the towns. Commander Boylan and his men deeply appreciated the many kind things said about them and the hospitable way in which they were treated. They will always have a warm place in their hearts for Clayton and Smithfield.

The rain made a stretch of road just north of Clayton pretty rough for travel and in returning over this stretch of red mud two of the trucks skidded and went into the ditch and had to be pulled out.

The run started from here yesterday morning at 8:30. When within about a mile of Clayton the trucks were met by a reception committee in automobiles, from Clayton, who after an exchange of formalities piloted the cars into Clayton. The reception committee was composed of Mr. Charles W. Horne, Mayor J. M. Turley, E. L. Hinton, J. R. Williams, Hugh Ferrrell, Garland Wall, Mrs. E. L. Hinton, Miss Aldine O'Neil, Mrs. L. W. Crawford, Miss Elizabeth Harden, Master Meredith Crawford.

The reception took place on the beautiful lawn at the elegant home of Mrs. Ashley Horne.

Mrs. Horne, president of the Clayton chapter of the Red Cross, and a bevy of members of the society in their uniforms, and a large crowd of citizens gave the soldiers a warm welcome and after a short address of welcome made by Prof. J. R. Williams, lemonade and cigars were served to the visitors. Two watermelons were placed on each of the 29 trucks and the commander's auto piled full.

At "Camp Horne."
Prof. Williams told the boys they were now at "Camp Horne." That they were on the yard of a man (referring to the late Ashley Horne), who had fought in the war years ago and had served the Confederacy bravely in that struggle and whose work in peace was well known.

It pleased him to address such strong, able-bodied men, who were ready, if need be, to lay down their lives in defense of liberty for all mankind and all womankind. He assured the boys that the people of Clayton were with them, body and soul, and he believed that every man in the company would do his full duty. It is an inspiration, he said, to look upon you who are going willingly into a cause which is to help the world. "Don't go with the spirit to kill the

Kaiser," he said, "but be sure and land him in a French hospital." He closed with a tribute to the late Ashley Horne.

Lieutenant Boklan responded in a happy manner. He expressed thanks to the people of Clayton for the warm welcome. He regretted that the stop had to be short, but this, he explained, was necessary, as the company was out on a practice run, and must hurry along.

Three members of the company are from Clayton. These are Eckie Gattis, Auburn Gattis, and Garland Young. After refreshments were served by the ladies, three cheers were given for Clayton, and the trip resumed to Smithfield.

Smithfield Welcomes.
A reception committee, in automobiles, also met the company on the road a good ways out from Smithfield, and led the way to the town. Among the members of this party were Sheriff W. F. Grimes, F. H. Brooks, George L. Jones, W. W. Cole, Ed. S. Abell, L. G. Stevens. Upon arriving in town, Mr. W. M. Sanders, Editor Lassiter, and a host of others joined in giving welcome.

After the cars had been parked the members of the company lined up on the court house green where a large crowd had gathered. A short address of welcome was delivered by Mr. W. W. Cole. He told the young men that few were called upon to engage in a more noble service than they were engaged in. In this hour he said the nation was calling for real men and he congratulated them upon their willing response and their fine personnel. "Your people at home," he said, "have loved you, but never before have you been so loved and honored as you now are." To be great one must be good, he told them, and he felt sure that all would live such lives that would reflect credit upon the country.

Mr. W. M. Sanders then in behalf of the Smithfield Red Cross chapter presented each of the seven members of the company from Smithfield with a soldier's kit. Those who received these remembrances were J. M. Johnson, H. M. Woodall, B. L. Jones, I. Holland, Jr., S. D. Jones, George C. White and Luther T. Pierce.

After this ceremony Mr. F. H. Brooks informed the visitors that an entertainment awaited them at the home of Mr. W. M. Sanders.

Mr. Sanders Gives Dinner.
The company marched to the beautiful home of Mr. Sanders on Oakland Heights, where under the delightful shade of massive oaks a barbecue and chicken stew dinner, given by Mr. Sanders, was served by ladies. Big red ripe watermelon, lemonade and cigars were also served.

Lieutenant Boylan returned thanks for the splendid dinner.

Mr. Sanders made a brief speech which bristled with patriotism and said that while the dinner had been served at his home he wanted the boys to know that it was an expression from the entire town of Smithfield and the people of Johnston County.

Rev. H. F. Brinson and Mr. F. H. Brooks also made short patriotic talks, while like that of Mr. Sanders, elicited applause.

Three cheers were given for Mr. Sanders and for Smithfield.

At the conclusion of the exercises here, the soldiers marched back to the courthouse square, where ice cream and cake were served by members of the Red Cross, assisted by other ladies of the town. For those who wished to quench their thirst the drug stores were thrown open to them with not one penny of pay.

At both Clayton and Smithfield it seemed as if the entire population had been put on the committee to see that all the visitors had a good time.

Members of Company.

The following is the membership of the company:

First Lieutenant, commanding, William Boylan.
First Sergeant, Lewis F. Hicks.
Sergeants, Braxton Weaver, Edgar E. Ellington, Archie L. Stevens, Kenneth F. Howard, James I. Johnson, Jr., Oliver L. Holiday.
Cooks, Charles R. Ashley, Jack Weiner.
Privates, first class, Silas D. Alexander, Claude Barbee, Jr., Samuel Broadwell, Brevard O. Betts, Fletcher E. Brown, Robert M. Carter, Frank A. Cause, Herbert W. Chappell, Raymond A. Dameron, Allison B. Farmer, Aubrey S. Gattis, Merritt E. Gattis, Charles H. Gill, Isham Holland, Jr., William J. Hudson, Jr., Joseph M.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL.

Good Meeting at Free Will Baptist Church Conducted by the Pastor. Meeting in Progress at Baptist Church. Strong Sermons Being Preached by Revs. C. W. Blanchard and J. M. Duncan. Other Items of Interest.

Princeton, Aug. 15.—Mrs. Roy L. Hinman, of Raleigh, is visiting relatives near town, her old home place.

Miss Louise Toler, of Rocky Mount, is the guest of Misses Bessie and Jessie Massey this week.

Miss Bettie Revel, of Kenly, is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Waverly Edwards.

Miss Nell Bishop, of New Bern, is visiting Misses Ethel and Monte Baker. Miss Nell is an unusually pretty young girl, with such rare beauty it is true that "thy face is thy fortune."

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Smith, of Wayne, are visiting the family of Mr. H. D. Wells.

Mr. Baucum, of Wake County, is visiting the family of Mr. S. N. Liles.

Mrs. W. C. Massey is spending a few days with relatives at Kenly this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Bass, of Raleigh, were the guests of Mr. J. R. Ledbetter and family Sunday.

Miss Virginia McPherson, of Norfolk, Va., is spending several days with Mrs. O. F. Pike.

Miss Catherine Emerson, of Kenly, is visiting the family of Mr. Joe Amerson.

The two weeks old meeting of the Free Will Baptists closed last Sunday and eight young men and girls were baptized at Baker's mill as a result of the meeting. We are pleased to note that much interest is being shown among this congregation. They have an excellent Sunday school, and preparations are being made to build on to the church. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Whitley, is working wonders among his people.

The meeting at the Baptist church commenced last Sunday. Rev. C. W. Blanchard, one of the best ministers in the State, is in charge, assisted by the pastor, Rev. J. M. Duncan. Appreciative audiences are in attendance, and some far-reaching sermons are being delivered.

Miss Neta Liles, a young lady with rare musical talent from Warrenton High School, was in charge of the music at the Baptist church Sunday, to the delight of all the audience.

The many friends of Miss Margaret Ledbetter will regret to learn that she is very sick, and the symptoms of typhoid are prevalent.

Those pretty young girls who are in camp at Holt's Mill are Misses Cora Belle Ives, Irene Myatt, Miss Holt and the Misses Rand.

POPE MAKES PEACE PROPOSAL

No Annexations and No Indemnities at Close. Holds Out Belgium and Serbia Deserving Indemnity. Return of Captured Colonies Suggested.

Rome, Aug. 14.—Peace proposals by Pope Benedict have been delivered to all the belligerents.

The pope suggests restoration of Belgium, Serbia and Rumania, and peaceful solution of the problems of Alsace—Lorraine, Trent, Trieste, and Poland according to reports from vatican sources.

The pope's peace appeal proposes that there be no annexations, no indemnities except in special cases such as Belgium and Serbia, the return to Germany of her colonies in exchange for the occupied departments of France, freedom of the seas, disarmament and the formation of a supreme court of arbitration for the settlement of future international disputes.

Johnson, James M. Lewis Homer J. Lanier, James W. McGee, Jr., Frank S. Masten, Raymond Marshall, Clyde Mizelle, June C. Perry, John D. Pipkin, Eugene C. Pugh, Baxter Robinson, George E. Sewell, Roy W. Smith, Bernon L. Stacy, Blair Stevick, Bert Tilley, Thomas E. Upchurch, George C. White, Hunter M. Woodall, Judson G. Young.

Privates, James W. Cox, Jr., James R. Finch, Thomas A. Gardner, Selah D. Jones, Dale J. Kinter, Ira C. Styles, Milton E. Tharington, Oscar Turnage, Samuel Woods, Jr.

Privates, attached, Claude L. Bowling, Edwin S. Cole, Ernest L. Fields, James H. Gray, Arthur R. Johnson, Bernice L. Jones, Luther T. Pierce, James A. Roberts, Hoke D. Smith.

SELMA'S NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Large Number of Men Examined by Exemption Board No. 2 Which Met in Selma Monday and Tuesday. A. L. Westbrook Bound Over to Federal Court Under Heavy Bond. Personal and Other Items of Interest.

Selma, Aug. 16.—Mr. Geo. H. Morgan spent Monday in Wilson with his daughter, Mrs. C. D. Wood.

Miss Maggie Whitley has accepted a position as stenographer for Mr. R. L. Ray.

Mr. J. P. Parker, of City Point, Va., has been home fore the past few weeks for his health which is much improved. While here he has had his residence on Webb street converted into a modern bungalow, which adds much to the appearance of that section of town.

Miss Rowena Evans spent Sunday with friends in the Capital City.

County Commissioner W. M. Nowell, of Wilders township, was in the city Monday for a few hours on business.

Mr. R. E. Barham, of near Wendell, was here Monday for a few hours on business.

Among those who will attend the second Officers Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe is one of our townsmen, Attorney J. L. Cockerham.

Mr. C. G. Wiggs made a business trip to Wilson's Mills Monday afternoon.

The Wood Grocery Company have recently bought the plant of the Selma Gin Company and are now engaged moving the plant to the lot on which their Ice Plant is situated near the union station. The plant will be ready for operation by the opening of the ginning season.

The first services were held in the new Methodist church at Micro last Monday, and was the beginning of a Revival Meeting which is being conducted there by Rev. C. K. Proctor, assisted by Rev. J. G. Johnson.

Rev. C. E. Stevens, pastor of the Selma Baptist church, is conducting revival services at Thanksgiving church this week.

Mr. J. W. Blackman arrived Tuesday from his home in Rocky Mount to spend some time here with relatives.

Capt. and Mrs. J. F. Brown and children returned from a visit to Mrs. Blackman's sister, Mrs. Rose, near Princeton.

Misses Fannie and Nellie Richardson left Wednesday to visit their brother in Chattanooga, Tenn.

Ex-Mayor Jno. Talton, of Clayton, was here for a few hours Tuesday.

Mr. Cayton Hamilton, after spending some time with relatives and friends here, left Wednesday for a visit to his brother in Fremont.

Rev. J. P. Merritt is conducting a revival at the Lizzie Mill village this week.

Mr. Herbert Stallings who is manager of a drug store in Greensboro, was here Monday to be examined by the local Board under the Selective Service Act.

Miss Madeline Jeffries, of Greensboro, arrived Wednesday to visit Mrs. F. M. Hood.

Dr. J. B. Person received information this morning that his brother was dead in Fremont and left immediately for that place.

Rev. Clarence Graves, of Wake Forest, was in the city for a few hours today looking after his father's estate here.

Mr. W. C. Smith, of Henderson, arrived Sunday to accept a position in the Jones Barber shop.

The many friends of Miss Emma Blackman will be glad to learn that she is improving, after several days illness.

Over two hundred people were here Monday and Tuesday from District No. 2, Johnston County, for examination under the Selective Service Act. We understand that the board will publish a list of those whose exemptions are allowed and those who are not as soon as this part of the work is finished.

A number of our Selma people have reported personal and other news items to your correspondent, for which he is duly thankful, and he wishes to say that he will appreciate your telephoning to him any news items for publication each week not later than Thursday noon.

Mr. A. L. Westbrook, of Smithfield, who was here Monday before U. S. Commissioner R. J. Noble, was bound over to the Federal Court under \$1,000 bond.

NAMES OF FIRST MEN CHOSEN.

Of the First 86 Claims Passed On 35 Were Exempted and 39 Certified to District Board.

Johnston County Exemption Board No. 1, has given us the certified list of the first men chosen under the Selective Draft. Of the first 86 men whose claims for exemption were passed on by the Board 39 were certified to the District Board, 35 were exempted and 10 postponed for further investigation.

Joseph M. Johnson and Bernice L. Jones have already volunteered and did not have to appear before board. The men selected for the army, known as the official certified list is as follows:

28—107—William Delma Page.
274—122—Charlie M. Ogburn.
142—218—James R. Massey.
44—309—Fade Atkinson.
33—373—Nogah Wood.
14—509—Iowa Tennessee Lee.
159—1417—Hubert C. Woodall.
16—564—Tom Richardson.
209—571—Claude B. Jones.
18—596—Herman Jernigan.
47—604—Lonnie Adams.
83—606—Nathan A. Blackman.
74—652—Oscar McLamb.
12—676—Olen Jernigan.
187—685—Walter R. Strickland.
289—707—William R. Allen.
180—711—George McLamb.
287—736—Sir Milton McLamb.
161—760—Garland Moore.
257—773—George Lee.
268—856—John W. Lee.
153—882—Smith Perry.
291—1002—James H. Clifton.
15—1185—Lonnie Marvin Vann.
71—1236—Paul Sanders.
283—1250—Charlie Whitley.
164—1276—Almond A. Wellons.
67—1323—Leon E. Adams.
281—1337—Seth A. Norris.
201—1366—Robert P. Whitley.
149—1432—Allen S. Smith.
3—1436—Willie Cox.
156—1509—Henderson Sanders.
113—1560—Arthur V. Hinton.
9—1572—Herman Edward Higgins.
234—1112—Thaddeus D. Tart.
296—1698—Bragdon Johnson.
61—1031—Herman Byrd.
111—332—William B. Williford.

List of Those Exempted.
105—1292—Rufus M. Creech.
230—93—Andrew T. Fish.
166—5—Junius Wallace.
148—31—Sidney M. Bryant.
169—54—James A. West.
163—56—Henry R. Jones.
84—182—Lloyd V. Stephenson.
198—341—Charlie N. Rhodes.
224—363—Charlie G. Guin.
264—383—David Sanders.
55—1178—Thurman A. Lee.
254—388—Robert C. Beasley.
95—390—James W. Rhodes.
200—391—Danjel M. Barefoot.
260—519—Rufus D. Thompson.
145—550—Harvey J. Ryals.
32—616—Jeffro Moore.
99—721—Mallie Creech.
165—792—Rufus E. Watkins.
138—809—Haywood Sanders.
40—810—Thornton Rowland.
170—870—Willie L. Stevens.
278—222—John F. Sneed.
239—1585—Leonard H. Sasser.
51—1066—Lonnie Green Pollard.
217—1067—Sidney G. Barbour.
134—1288—Lee E. Sanders.
46—1324—Joseph Arthur Bradley.
144—1334—J. J. Jones.
193—1430—Walter P. Creech.
140—1470—Donner Hines.
211—1543—Agrippa Daughtery.
29—1546—Brodie B. Boykin.
223—1617—Herbert Higgins.
102—1649—John R. Davis.
29—1546—Walter Battle Boykin.

290—1425—Joseph M. Johnson.
244—1565—Bernice L. Jones.

NUMBER OF BRITISH SHIPS SUNK BY SUBS DECREASES.

London, Aug. 15.—A falling off in British tonnage sunk last week by mines or submarines is indicated in the weekly admiralty statement made public tonight. Fourteen vessels of 1,600 tons and over were sent to the bottom, as against twenty-one the previous week. Two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sunk last week, the same number reported the previous week. Three fishing boats met with disaster last week.

Mr. Taft, the beloved Ex-President, who has been quite sick at Clay Centre, Kansas, has improved sufficiently to leave for his summer home at Murray Bay, Canada.

CLAYTON'S LIVE NEWS OF WEEK

Motor Truck Company No. One, Enroute for Smithfield, Made Short Stop in Town Wednesday and Were Warmly Received. Miss Sulon McCullers Entertains. Other News of Interest.

Clayton, Aug. 15.—Mr. G. W. King, of Pleasant Grove, was here Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmo Gattis, of Enfield, are here visiting Mrs. M. E. Gattis.

Mr. W. J. Barbour made a business trip to Greensboro Tuesday.

Mrs. W. M. Byrd left today for couple of weeks visiting relatives.

Princeton where she will spend a Messrs. J. D. Barbour and J. R. Williams went to Smithfield Monday on business.

Messrs. C. P. Ellis and R. B. Ellis spent Tuesday in Selma.

Messrs. J. G. Edwards, of Raleigh, and Lonnie McCoy, of Lillington, spent a few hours here Sunday night.

Mrs. Henry Poole, of Selma, is spending a few days here with Mrs. E. L. Hinton.

Miss Jewel Hall, of Fayetteville, who has been visiting relatives here left last Saturday for Smithfield to visit friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Smith and children, of Selma, spent Sunday here.

Misses Ora Raper, of Wilson, and Mary Spence, of Goldsboro, are spending this week at "Wildwood Farm." Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Smith and little Thurman, Jr., spent Sunday here with Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Gullely.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pittman, of Oxford, are visiting relatives here this week.

Miss Faye Barnes, of Kenly, is the guest of Miss Duba Ellis this week.

Misses Ethel Hall, of Benson, and Roberta Upton, of Fayetteville, who for the past ten days have been visiting Mrs. D. M. Hall, left Monday for their homes.

Misses Clee Ellis and Telza Barnes are visiting friends in Lexington this week.

Miss Helen Brogden, of Goldsboro, is visiting Mrs. C. A. Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gregory, of Durham, are here on a few weeks visit to relatives.

Mr. Norman Ellis, of Sanford, spent last Saturday night here with his parents.

Mrs. J. D. Gullely is in Selma today visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Smith.

Miss Sarah Creech, of Selma, spent a few days last week here with Mrs. P. A. Wallace.

Last Friday evening from ten until eleven-thirty, Miss Sulon McCullers delightfully entertained at her home here, in honor of her house guest, Miss Aleph Langston, of Holland, Va. About twenty young people were present. The hour was late on account of the revival services.

This morning about ten-thirty o'clock the soldier boys of Motor Truck Company No. 1, passed through here enroute to Smithfield. They stopped over for about one-half hour and were royally entertained and treated to everything good to eat, on the lawn of Mrs. Ashley Horne's home. Twenty-eight trucks, sixty-three soldiers, gives us only a glimpse of what our noble soldiers are doing. Three of the boys in this company are from our town, these being Ekie and Aubrey Gattis and Garland Young. All the young men have the best wishes of those who do not go. We feel that nothing is too good to be done for these boys.

American Soldiers in London.

A London dispatch dated Wednesday says that American troops marched through that great city on that day. They were reviewed by King George and Ambassador Page. Our "Sammies" were greeted with tremendous applause at every turn. A Cabinet meeting which was in progress adjourned in order to honor the Americans.

Floyd Simpkins Under Bond.

Floyd Simpkins, the Raleigh young man, who was arrested last week charged with using seditious language while in Smithfield, was given a hearing Wednesday before U. S. Commissioner John Nichols and bound over to Federal Court under a five hundred dollar bond. Mr. J. H. Wiggs, of Smithfield, and Mr. N. B. Stevens, of Route No. 2, went to Raleigh to attend the trial as witnesses.