

OUR MEN DON'T LIKE TO "DIG IN"

Troops In France Can't Enthuse Over Molelike Tactics.

PROBLEM FOR THE OFFICERS

Passion For Digging In Is So Strong With Germans That They Have Been Known Desperately to Claw Holes In Ground With Hands Until Ends of Fingers Were Practically Worn Off.

One of the greatest problems American officers have before them is impressing upon their men the absolute importance of learning the best ways of keeping under cover. The American soldier is not a natural "digger in."

It is the American spirit, as it was that of the Canadians, to stand up and fight, but the world war has long since passed that stage, and now in the long wear and worry of a struggle of attrition the best commander is the one who best conserves his men by keeping them under cover.

One of the great reasons why the Germans still are in France and Belgium is their wonderful facility for digging themselves in. They have a perfect passion for it and an incentive as well, for the allied artillery never ceases to pound them day and night.

Can't Enthuse Over Shovel. The German belief that they can dig faster than a modern army can advance is one of the principles of their defensive tactics. Notwithstanding that has been told along this line, notwithstanding the heroic efforts to rouse his enthusiasm over the pick and shovel, the American soldier has remained decidedly lukewarm.

It is purely a matter of temperament, and there seems to be no doubt now that only actual battle experience will convince American soldiers that the ability to take advantage of any bit of cover is one of the greatest assets the modern man at arms can have.

"It seems a shame to have to curb the fine fighting spirit of our troops," said an American training officer, "but the men must be made to understand as far as possible that impetuosity must be subordinated to steadiness. This has become a time clock war. The men must advance in given time and go no farther. Every step of infantry advance must first be worked out with the artillery, and when the plan is arranged it must be strictly adhered to."

The natural fighting man, it seems, has a natural antipathy to digging in. Even in these late months of war British Tommies would much rather remain above ground and stand chances of getting killed by shells than to dig the deep dugouts so adored by the Germans. In planning the battle of Messines Ridge, which was a model of clean cut victory, the British commander took into account the fighting man's point of view, and when the advance had reached a stage where it gave the British covered high ground the fighting men were directed to take a rest, while specially organized labor battalions were rushed up from the rear to do the necessary digging and consolidating of new trenches, so as to make them thoroughly proof against counterattack.

American O. K.'s That Plan. The result was that the fighting men, unhampered and unworried by necessity of digging, went forward later in the day and took objectives that were rather hoped for than actually expected. Those are the tactics the American fighting man would like to see. They appeal to him, but just now he is being put through a pretty stiff course of digging. This does not apply to digging trenches alone. He is being taught how to dig himself in individually while lying flat on the ground in face of enemy fire, thus getting temporary shelter and protection in a sort of grave-like excavation. It is not so often nowadays, however, that a man has actually to dig himself in on solid ground, for there is seldom an infantry advance made over anything but ground pitted and torn with shell craters.

Fighting from shell holes is an art in itself, and one that Americans must learn before taking their place in the allied line. German prisoners declare they would rather fight from shell holes on an active part of the front than from a regularly organized trench system. The latter affords the artillery too good a target.

They Are Regular Moles. The Germans even conceal some of their shell holes by putting brown waterproof sheets over them whenever an allied airplane is seen approaching. The passion for digging in is so strong with the Germans that they have been known desperately to claw holes in the ground with their hands till the ends of their fingers were practically worn off. Thus some were found dead, others taken prisoners and had to be sent to the hospital with all their finger nails gone.

Oddities of the News

Bundle of wood New York boy was carrying on his head toppled over on him and killed him.

Running away from home because of whipping, a Greenwich (Conn.) boy lived on vegetables stolen from the police gardens.

Strongest baby in the country is Charlie White, two, of Great Barrington, Mass., who can chin the bar fifteen times.

Funeral procession allowed to cross from Minnesota into Iowa consisted of a hearse and twenty-five automobiles filled with liquor.

Brevity and density of bathing suits at Atlantic City are to be censured by four policemen appointed to the job as a reward for meritorious service.

Nineteen-year-old youth arrested in Dutchess county, N. Y., called himself a war veteran. He fought two years with the Canadians in Europe and doubtless felt like one.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR UNCLE SAM'S TROOPS

At Home and Abroad They Will Get Gifts From Red Cross Santa.

No American soldier or sailor will fail to receive a useful gift next Christmas, whether he is in America or France. The American Red Cross, with its membership of 3,000,000 persons, has just completed plans for the event. Red Cross chapters nearest the thirty-two camps and cantonments will arrange community Christmas trees, with carols, pageants and holiday movies, to which the men will be invited.

Packages will be forwarded to every soldier and sailor abroad. In each package will be surprises, in addition to a regular list, including writing paper, pipes, tobacco, cigars and cigarettes, unbreakable mirrors, puzzles, dominos, handkerchiefs and playing cards.

Many of the chapters are already at work on their Christmas allotments of comfort bags. These will be made of khaki and furnished with extra pairs of woolen socks, needles, pins, thread and buttons. Suggestions for articles to be donated include mouth organs, safety razors, extra soap, spoons and knives.

The money used will be that contributed for the express purpose of Christmas cheer. None of the war fund will go in the Christmas gift fund. The Red Cross last year remembered the men on the Mexican border, in Haiti and Santo Domingo. As to the value of it General Pershing said: "These things bring the soldier to remember that the people at home are behind him. You do not know how much that means to any soldier who is over here carrying the flag for his country."

REVIVE MARKSMANSHIP.

Rifle Shooting Again to Become Important in World War.

Convinced that marksmanship with the rifle is not altogether a lost art, even if it has been somewhat neglected in these latter days of war, the commanders of the American forces now preparing in France for the battlefront are giving their men a thorough course of instruction in the school of rifle fire. It always has been a tradition among European armies that the United States had the finest shooting army in the world, no matter what might be its shortcomings in other respects. This tradition the new American army hopes to keep alive, and there is a general belief among the officers of the expeditionary force that the time again will come when rifle fire may be of the utmost importance.

The old regular British army, which virtually was annihilated in the first six months of the war, also was a fine shooting army, and its ability with the rifle cost the Germans dearly on many occasions. Both rifle practice and machine gun work will appeal to the American soldiers. It is a phase of training for which they are particularly keen, and already they have been making some marvelous scores with both weapons.

GIVES PRESIDENT A PULL.

Baltimorean's Motor Truck Helps Wilson's Car Out of a Mire.

President and Mrs. Wilson had an unpleasant experience while motoring on the Belair road. Accompanied by secret service men, they were enjoying the trip when in turning their limousine backed off the highway into a mire covered with grass, into which the wheels of the machine sank almost out of sight.

The chauffeur and secret service men called a farmer with a mule team, but the mules were unable to budge the car. Afterward a Baltimorean, driving a five ton truck, came along, and in a short time the powerful motor pulled out the president's car. The secret service men offered to pay the owner of the truck, but he declined to accept any money.

"It is enough reward to be able to get President Wilson out of a hole," remarked the Baltimorean as he returned to his truck.

BETTER MAKE YOUR FINANCIAL

arrangements before the Fall rush starts. Money is cheapest commodity on market. Better "lay in store" your needed supply while it can be had. War liable to cut off loans at any time. Loans made in Johnston County \$1,000 up to one-half appraised value of cleared land, on five (5), ten (10) or twenty (20) years. Interest five (5) per cent. on five years loans; six (6) per cent. on ten and twenty year loans. Supply unlimited. "First come, first served."

Have some valuable land to sell. See me before selling your land. Always in market for negotiable paper of all kinds.

August 25th, 1917. FREDERICK H. BROOKS, Smithfield, N. C.

DISSOLUTION NOTICE.

Having purchased all the interest of D. T. Worley in the firm of D. T. Worley & Company, this is to notify that all persons having claims against said firm will present same to me, and all persons owing said firm will please settle with me. This August 10, 1917. J. H. WORLEY, Selma, N. C.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.

Seven tenant houses in ideal location, four blocks from Court House, on street car line, Goldsboro, North Carolina. Property now paying 10 per cent on \$4500.00, and fine corner for opening grocery store. Would exchange for Johnston County farm. Write lock box No. 326, Smithfield, N. C.

SALE OF VALUABLE LAND. By virtue of a decree of the Superior Court of Johnston County in a Special Proceeding before the Clerk entitled "W. D. Boon, Adm. of John N. Gregory, deceased, vs. Mary Ann Gregory, Lela Gregory, et al.," the undersigned commissioner named by the Court in said decree, will offer for sale at Public Auction for cash to the highest bidder before the Court House door in Smithfield, N. C., at 12:00 M., on the 10th day of September, 1917, the following described land, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: That tract of land conveyed to John N. Gregory by J. E. Stewart and recorded in the Registry of Johnston County, Book "X" No. 7, page 384, and described as follows: Beginning at a stake in the edge of a branch in J. E. Byrd's line, and runs as his line N. 81 W. 25 chains to a stake and pointers, Byrd's corner in Dixon's line of the Troy Stewart lands; thence as that line S. 4 1-2 W. 24 1-2 to a stake where formerly stood a hickory, C. D. Stewart's corner; thence S. 85 E. 12 chains to a stake; thence N. 41 E. 18 chains to a stake; thence N. 27 1-2 E. to the beginning, containing 50 1-2 acres, more or less.

SECOND TRACT: That tract of land conveyed to John N. Gregory by J. W. Neighbors and recorded in Book "N" No. 10, page 499 Registry Johnston County, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a post oak in Alvester Norris' line and runs S. 18 W. 8 3-4 chains to a stake; thence N. 81 W. 23 chains to a stake in John N. Gregory's line; thence as his line N. 4 E. to Alvester Norris' line; thence as his line to the beginning, containing 21 1-4 acres, more or less.

Terms of sale cash. Time, September 10th, 1917, at 12:00 M., at the Court House door in Smithfield, N. C. This 8th day of August, 1917. J. R. BARBOUR, Commissioner.

No. 666

This is a prescription prepared especially for MALARIA or CHILLS & FEVER. Five or six doses will break any case, and if taken then as a tonic the Fever will not return. It acts on the liver better than Calomel and does not gripe or sicken. 25c

Farms For Rent

I have several good farms for rent. Liberal terms, good houses, some teams, cows, hogs. Will be personally at mill and farm all of 2nd week of September.

T. H. ATKINSON, Lunsford, N. C. (New post office Atkinson's Mill.)

Hauling Wanted

We have a lot of dry lumber we want hauled to Smithfield, lumber is about two miles from Mr. Burt Barbour's store. Good price. Come to see us.

RAND & LAWRENCE SMITHFIELD, N. C.

SALE OF LAND FOR TAXES.

I, C. G. Moore, Town Tax Collector, do hereby offer for sale the following Lots for delinquent taxes for 1915 and 1916, to be sold at 10 o'clock A. M., in front of the Mayor's Office, in Kenly, N. C., on the 20th day of September, 1917:

- TAX FOR 1916. A. B. Holland, 1 town lot, Tax \$2.29 and costs \$1.20. Naoma Alford, one town lot, Tax \$2.25 and costs \$1.20. Barnes & Hooks, 1 town lot, Tax \$3.34 and costs \$1.20. Wiley R. Barnes, 1 town lot, Tax \$2.00 and costs \$1.20. James Cuddington, 1 town lot, Tax 25c. and costs \$1.20. J. H. Davis, 3 town lots, Tax \$14.90 and costs \$1.20. Mrs. J. H. Davis, 2 town lots, Tax \$2.50 and costs \$1.20. M. T. Davis, 2 town lots, Tax \$2.00 and costs \$1.20. S. S. Earl, 4 town lots, Tax \$3.25 and costs \$1.20. Mrs. Annie V. Ferrell, 3 town lots, Tax \$14.50 and costs \$1.20. G. H. Garner, 6 town lots, Tax \$414.50 and costs \$1.20. Z. A. Holland, 1 town lot, Tax 50c. and costs \$1.20. J. R. Hare, 3 town lots, Tax \$4.50 and costs \$1.20. W. F. Jones, 1 town lot, Tax \$2.50 and costs \$1.20. Arthur Pike, 1 town lot, Tax \$2.50 and costs \$1.20. Needham Weaver, 1 town lot, Tax 35c. and costs \$1.20. Zanzo Burton, 1 town lot, Tax 13c. and costs \$1.20. Arthur A. Thompson, 1 town lot, Tax 25c. and costs \$1.20. TAX FOR 1915. G. H. Garner, 6 town lots, Tax \$414.75 and costs \$1.20. C. G. MOORE, Tax Collector. Kenly, N. C.

TOWN OF SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA.

\$70,000 Street Improvement Bonds. Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield, North Carolina, at the Municipal Building in said town, until Monday, September 10, 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, when they will be publicly opened, for the purchase of \$70,000 Street Improvement Bonds of said town. The bonds will be coupon bonds, registerable as to principal and interest, of the denomination of \$1,000 each, dated September 1, 1917, and payable as follows: five bonds on September 1st in each of the years 1919 to 1932 inclusive. They will bear interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on the first day of March and September in each year. Both principal and interest will be payable at the office of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, 55 Cedar Street, New York City.

Proposals must be enclosed in a sealed envelope, marked on the outside "Proposal for Bonds" and addressed to H. L. Skinner, Mayor of the Town of Smithfield, N. C. Bidders must deposit with the Town Treasurer, before making their bids, or present with the order of "C. V. Johnson, Treasurer of the Town of Smithfield," upon an incorporated bank or trust company, or a sum of money, for or in an amount equal to two per centum of the face amount of the bonds bid for, to secure the town against any loss resulting from the failure of the bidder to comply with the terms of his bid. No interest will be allowed upon such checks. Checks of unsuccessful bidders will be returned upon the award of the bonds. The bonds cannot be sold for less than par and accrued interest. Purchasers must pay accrued interest to the date of delivery.

The purchaser or purchasers will be furnished with the opinion of Messrs. Reed, McCook & Hoyt of New York City that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the Town of Smithfield. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the United States Mortgage & Trust Company, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the town officials and the seal impressed on the bonds. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. By order of the Board of Commissioners. H. L. SKINNER, Mayor. Dated, August 27th, 1917.

NOTICE. My son, Harvey M. Lee, aged 16 years, left my home on August 19th, 1917, without my consent. This is to warn all persons against hiring him, feeding him, clothing him, making trades or contracts with him, or giving him aid in any way. IRA LEE, SR. Four Oaks, N. C., Route No. 3. August 27, 1917.

LITTLETON COLLEGE. The 36th Annual Session of Littleton College will begin on Wednesday, September 26th. We have an ideal plan by which pupils may live at their own charges in our main dormitory, thus saving about \$75 during the scholastic year. For further information address J. M. Rhodes, Lake Junaluska, N. C., till September 5th, and after that, Littleton, N. C.

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix on the estate of Joe C. Bailey, deceased, hereby notifies all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 25th day of August, 1918, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery; and all persons indebted to said estate will make immediate payment. This 25th day of August, 1917. MINNIE O. BAILEY, Administratrix.

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$20,000 STREET IMPROVEMENT BONDS OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915, entitled "An act relating to local improvements in municipalities," the Board of Commissioners of the town of Smithfield, N. C., has, upon petitions made as provided in said act, determined to make the local improvements hereinafter described, and to assess a portion of the cost of said improvements upon property benefited thereby as provided in said act, which assessments shall be payable in ten equal annual installments; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Board of Commissioners the cost of said local improvements will be \$20,000 of which \$10,666.67 will be assessed as aforesaid, and the remainder will be borne by the city at large, and it is necessary to finance said local improvements by issuing bonds of the town of Smithfield;

NOW THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE TOWN OF SMITHFIELD DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Negotiable bonds of the town of Smithfield, to be known as Street Improvements Bonds, shall be issued pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act, 1917, to pay for the constructing or reconstructing of the surface of the following named streets and highways in the town of Smithfield, such surface to be of sheet asphalt, bitulithic or bituminous concrete, laid on a solid foundation, and for the constructing at the same time of sidewalks, curbs, gutters and drains on such streets and highways, viz: Market Street from Fourth Street to Ninth Street or Broadway.

Section 2. The maximum principal amount of the issue of Street Improvement Bonds hereby authorized shall be \$20,000, of which not exceeding \$10,666.67 of bonds shall be for the purpose of paying the portion of the cost of said improvements that is to be assessed upon property benefited thereby, and not exceeding \$9,333.33 of bonds shall be for the purpose of paying the remainder of said cost. The maximum rate of interest which said bonds shall bear shall be six per centum per annum. The maximum period within which they shall mature shall be fifteen years.

Section 3. The following matters are hereby determined and declared pursuant to sections 17 and 18 of The Municipal Finance Act, 1917:

(1) The probable period at the end of which the last installment of said assessments (in anticipation of which not exceeding \$10,666.67 of said bonds are to be issued) will have been in arrears for two years, is 12 years. The probable period of usefulness of said improvements for the town's share of which not exceeding \$9,333.33 of said bonds are to be issued) is 20 years. The average of said period (they being the periods that would be stated herein pursuant to The Municipal Finance Act, 1917, if a separate ordinance were passed for the bonds for each of said purposes) taking into consideration the amount of bonds applicable to each purpose or item, and the period stated in this section in respect to that item, is 15 years.

(2) A tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be annually levied and collected.

(3) A statement of the debt of the town of Smithfield has been filed with the Clerk, pursuant to the Municipal Finance Act, 1917, and is open to public inspection.

(4) The average assessed valuation of property subject to taxation by the town of Smithfield for the three fiscal years in which taxes were last levied, as shown by said statement, is \$1,045,568.00.

(5) The amount of the net debt of the town of Smithfield, outstanding, authorized or to be authorized, as shown by said statement is \$71,769.62.

Section 4. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and shall not be submitted to the voters of the city, the bonds hereby authorized being exclusively for improvement of which at least one-fourth of the cost is to be assessed upon abutting property or properties benefited and said cost being a necessary expense of the said town of Smithfield.

The foregoing ordinance was passed on the 17th day of August, 1917, and was first published on the 31st day of August, 1917.

Any action or proceeding questioning the validity of said ordinance must be commenced within thirty days after its last publication. E. S. SANDERS, Clerk of the Town of Smithfield.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Johnston County, In the Superior Court, September Term, 1917.

Mrs. Hattie Shaw Narron, Admrx. of Jno. A. Narron, Deceased. vs. Turner Boykin and Lizzie Boykin Ingram.

To the defendant Turner Boykin: The defendant Turner Boykin above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been instituted in the Superior Court of Johnston County, North Carolina, to ask foreclosure of certain mortgage deeds executed by said Turner Boykin and his then wife, Lizzie Boykin, to John A. Narron, Atty., as set out in complaint in this action filed in the office of the Clerk of said Court; and the said defendant Turner Boykin will further take notice that he is required to appear at the term of the Superior Court for the County of Johnston to be held on the third Monday after the first Monday in September, being the 24th day of September, 1917, at the Court House in Smithfield, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action filed, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 20th day of August, 1917.

W. S. STEVENS, Clerk Superior Court of Johnston Co. FREDERICK H. BROOKS, Attorney for Plaintiff.

RESOLUTION FOR PAVING MARKET STREET FROM FOURTH TO NINTH STREETS.

WHEREAS, in pursuance of the provisions of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915 a petition has been lodged with the Clerk of the town of Smithfield for the improvement of Market Street from Fourth Street to Ninth Street or Broadway, in said town of Smithfield, and the Clerk, after investigating the sufficiency of said petition has this day presented the petition to the Board of Commissioners, together with his certificate certifying that he has found that the petition is signed by a majority in number of the owners of the lands abutting upon the parts of streets proposed to be improved, who represent a majority of all the lineal feet of frontage of said lands (a majority in interest of owners of undivided interests in any piece of property being deemed and treated as one person for the purposes of the petition) and;

WHEREAS, The Board of Commissioners is, after due investigation, satisfied that said petition is sufficient;

NOW THEREFORE, Be it Resolved, That said petition for the improvement of Market Street from Fourth Street to Ninth Street or Broadway be and the same is hereby determined to be sufficient and to be in all respects in conformity with the requirements of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That said Market Street from Fourth Street to Ninth Street or Broadway be improved in accordance with said petition and pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915 by paving said street with sheet asphalt, and by the construction, reconstruction and altering of curbs, gutters and drains therein.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That two-thirds of the cost of said local improvements, exclusive of so much of the cost as is incurred at street intersections and the share of railroads or street railways (if any) shall be specially assessed upon the lots and parcels of land abutting directly on the improvements, as provided in Chapter 56 of the Public Laws of 1915, and said assessments shall, at the option of persons whose property is subject to such assessment (which option shall be exercised in the manner provided in said act) be payable in ten equal annual installments, beginning on the date on which said assessment shall become due and payable, with interest as provided in said act.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That said local assessments shall not be made until bonds of the town of Smithfield shall have been authorized to be issued for the paying of the cost of said local improvements.

The vote on the passage of the foregoing resolution was taken by ayes and nays and was as follows:

Voting aye: Commissioners W. H. Lassiter, H. P. Stevens, S. C. Turnage, C. I. Pierce, N. B. Grantham, J. D. Underwood.

Voting Nay: Commissioners, None. The resolution was declared adopted and ordered to be published in The Smithfield Herald, a newspaper of general circulation in the town of Smithfield, N. C.

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a certain mortgage executed by Renza Hocutt and wife, Millie Hocutt, on the 24th day of March, 1916, and recorded in the Register of Deeds' office for Johnston County, North Carolina, in Book No. 18, at page No. 149, default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness therein secured, the undersigned will offer for sale, at public outcry for cash, in front of the Court House door in Smithfield, Johnston County, on Tuesday, September 11, 1917, between the hours of twelve and one o'clock, p. m., the following real estate, lying and being in Johnston County, Oneals township, North Carolina, and described as follows:

Bounded on the north by the lands of Jas. E. Hocutt, (colored) on the west by the lands of Jas. E. Hocutt, (colored), on the south by the lands of L. G. Bailey, on the south by Moccasin Creek, containing thirty acres, more or less.

Place of sale, Smithfield. Time of sale, September 11, 1917. Terms of sale, CASH. This August 7, 1917.

J. H. SMITH, Mortgagee.

Y. Z. PARKER, Attorney.

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