

BOY SCOUTS ENTER INTO PATRIOTIC WORK

An enthusiastic meeting of the Boy Scouts was held at the Presbyterian manse on Friday evening. Beside the scout master, Rev. Job R. Hay, and assistant, Vern Clement, there were present 1



SCOUTMASTER J. R. HAY

registered scouts, some boys intending to register, the troop committee consisting of F. D. Clement, J. W. Smith and H. N. Carrier, and several of the boys' parents.

The meeting had special significance at this time as expressed in the slogan of the scouts, "Every Scout Feed a Soldier." In order to carry out this plan they decided to adopt a system of co-operative farming and accepted the very generous offer of T. S. Wood of an acre of land for raising corn. H. and N. Carrier likewise showed interest in the cause by agreeing to advance the money needed for buying fertilizers.

At this meeting the Scouts decided to prepare a paper for presentation to the mayor, offering their services to the town in any way that they can be used.

This was the first meeting of the scouts to be attended by the parents.

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Domestic

It is authoritatively stated in Washington that it is almost a certainty that the department of agriculture will be given money and authority to make a food survey of the country, and to curb speculation in food products.

The governor of North Carolina, advocating the disbanding of all professional baseball leagues in that state, says "the man who can play professional baseball ought to be in a trench or in a furrow."

Frederick T. Reidt, recently honorably discharged from the army at San Antonio, Texas, has been sentenced by a military court-martial to serve two years in the federal penitentiary for making remarks regarded as disloyal to the country and derogatory to the president of his country. He also loses his pension.

Fire destroyed the plant of the Overstreet Crate company and nearby houses owned by the concern at Lockhart, Fla., near Orlando, entailing a loss conservatively estimated at from \$150,000 to \$200,000.

Trading in May wheat has been barred by the Chicago board of trade. The amount of what now on the market in Chicago is placed at a minimum of 180,000 bushels.

Arthur Muh, receiving teller of the Jackson (Miss.) State National bank, was found guilty of embezzling \$18,000 and sent to Atlanta, Ga., to serve six years in the federal penitentiary.

James W. Poe, of Richmond, Va., president of the Colored Citizens' Patriotic League, says that 300,000 negroes have left the South in eight months for Northern points, and the emigration northward and westward continues to flow.

It is stated on good authority that seventy-three thousand Southern negroes have found employment in the state of Pennsylvania alone in the past three months.

If the new war bill becomes law, household, light, heat and telephone bills, admission tickets to amusements, and life insurance, railway tickets, automobiles, automobile tires and tubes, soft drinks, postage rates, golf clubs and baseball bats, club dues, labor union dues, and a host of other everyday necessities or luxuries will be taxed.

Charles E. Vawter, the Christianburg, Va., college professor, was declared not guilty of the murder of Stockton Heth, Jr., whom he shot to death in the Vawter home early on the morning of March 13.

Victor Carlstrom, aviator instructor, and Cary B. Espes, a student flier, were instantly killed when the airplane in which they were flying collapsed at an altitude of 3,500 feet and fell like a plummet to the earth, near Newport News, Va.

Enlisted men will get \$25 per month during actual hostilities. The pay of other grades below commissioned officers will be increased, but not in proportion to that of the privates.

If the terms of the new tax bill for war purposes become effective, the American people will pay \$33 per capita. The people of the British Isles, it is pointed out, now pay \$60 per capita.

There will be no loophole for dodging war taxes, it is stated in Washington. If the president and the ways and means committees of both houses of congress can prevent.

Arrangements for the placing of all interned alien enemies in permanent detention camps, where they will be housed and given work at fair wages, have been completed by Secretary Wilson of the labor department.

A yield of 366,116,000 bushels of winter wheat from the 1917 crop is forecast by the department of agriculture.

Washington

Congress has begun the sixth week of war with the calendars of both houses of congress still filled with legislation which the administration feels is essential to the successful conduct of the conflict with Germany.

The house will probably conclude discussion of the \$1,800,000,000 war revenue bill shortly and send it to the senate.

An amendment to the espionage bill prohibiting the use of cereals or grains in the manufacture of intoxicants will probably pass both houses, and will not seriously delay the ultimate passage of the entire measure.

The food control bill will most likely be the next war measure taken up by both houses of congress.

Two months of campaigning for a million gardens have turned the attention of more than thirty million people to the task of producing food.

Announcement, by way of Baltimore, Md., is made that the negro republic of Liberia, West Africa, has cast its lot with the entente allies. This is stated to be of advantage to the entente because it will remove German control of Liberian wireless telegraph and cable facilities.

The federal shipping board has announced the purchase of seven Austrian merchantmen from American owners. Tonnage is placed at 52,651 tons, and the price paid is stated as \$6,775,006. The price, it is pointed out, is about half the prevailing price for ships.

The espionage bill has been of the press censorship section.

In both houses, it is stated, legislation is expected to cause a debate, and some decided opposition is expected to develop. At the same time, a consensus of opinion that some form of food control will be enacted in law.

An authority on the submarine menace says that the means of fighting submarines are increasing daily and, without giving details, states that the number of submarines put out of action in ten days has risen in a very satisfactory manner to all the allied powers.

The situation in Russia is becoming a serious question to the allied powers. The present temper of the Russian people is not understood, because it is the opinion in allied capitals that Russia must "sink or swim" with the destiny of the allies.

The council of soldiers' and workmen's delegates at Petrograd, Russia, will, in a few hours or a few days at the most issue a manifesto to the world calling for a peace conference, and it is stated that the document will decry the useless expenditure of human life and recite that nothing can be gained by a prolongation of the present war.

Russian Socialists make no secret of having held conferences with German Socialists, and say that the blood tie existing between men is stronger than any political or national difference.

A Peking, China, dispatch says that China will not enter the world-wide war yet. The officials in power want war, but the house of representatives refuses to entertain any such move at this time.

Persistent rumors of German submarines in the south Atlantic are given additional color by the disclosure that government investigating agencies are running down a story that freighters of an American company, flying the American flag, have carried supplies to sea for the U-boat. However, officials will not go into details.

European War

Rotterdam, Holland, reports a naval attack on the German submarine base at Zeebrugge, on the Belgian coast, and states that it was the most destructive yet made by British warships.

An official statement issued by the British admiralty anent the naval aerial bombardment of Zeebrugge says a very heavy bombardment of the important area at Zeebrugge was successfully carried out by a portion of the British forces under orders of the Dover vice admiral.

An Amsterdam dispatch says that a Socialist member of the German reichstag has questioned the government anent the incorporation of foreigners into the German army.

General Korniloff, commander of the Petrograd garrison, owing to what he says is an impossible position arising from efforts of various Russian organizations, has resigned his office.

On the lengthy front in Macedonia the entente forces continue their offensive with success between Dairan and the Cerna river.

In addition to inflicting heavy losses on the Germans and the Bulgarians, the entente forces in the Macedonian theater captured many prisoners.

Bitter attacks by the troops of the German crown prince and Crown Prince Rupprecht are being made against the positions vital to the defenses of Lens and Laon held by the British and French, but so far the allied forces have withstood all attacks.

Dispatches from allied sources say that the German crown prince is prodigal to the extreme in the use of manpower in his effort to capture French and British positions, the Germans even using dead bodies of their companions for breastworks.

Thirteen Austrian submarines have been sunk by the Italians in the Adriatic in a less number of days.

It is stated that the German secretary of the navy admits that the formidableness of the submarine campaign is being gradually destroyed.

The Norwegian foreign office reports the sinking by German submarines of three Norwegian steamers.

A Spanish dispatch says that two Norwegian steamers have been sunk by German undersea boats off the northwest coast of that kingdom.

The lower house of the German law-making body will not adjourn in May, as has been the usual custom, but have made plans for a short summer session in July, so that the government will not be left in the hands of officials.

A substantial decrease in the number of sinkings by submarines in the last week will be shown in the forthcoming weekly report of shipping losses. It is stated the report will show the smallest losses in three weeks.

A fight between a submarine and Spanish and French trawlers, in which two French trawlers with small-caliber guns, battled for some time with the submarine, resulted in the trawlers being sunk, says a San Sebastian, Spain, cablegram.

A Riga, Russia, dispatch says that Major General Karloff, commander of the Siberian rifles division, has been assassinated. He was very popular with his men, who vigorously deny any connection with the assassination.

It is stated by way of Denmark that Imperial German Chancellor Bethmann-Hollweg will answer a peace interpellation in the lower house of the German congress soon.

After five days of extraordinary hard fighting between the Canadians and Germans, the little village of Fresnoy, lying southeast of Lens, and the adjacent wood are in German hands.

MRS. H. P. CLARKE DIED AT ROCKBROOK SUNDAY NIGHT

Death Followed Long Illness; Interment in Brevard Tuesday; Of Prominent Family.

Mrs. H. P. Clarke died at her home, Rockbrook Farm, on Sunday night. She was in her fifty-seventh year. For the last three years she had been in delicate health and had undergone several serious operations, which had been of merely temporary benefit. Her death, while a matter of regret and grief, was not a surprise to her many friends here.

Mrs. Clarke, whose maiden name was Mary Jane Macfie, was born in Fairfield county, S. C., near the old historic town of Winnsboro. Her father was Capt. James P. Macfie, a prominent citizen of that section and a Confederate who served in the celebrated Hampton Legion. She came of that sturdy Scotch race which settled and developed so much of both the Carolinas and formed so important a part of their best citizenship.

About 22 years ago she was married to H. P. Clarke of Columbia, S. C., and lived in that city for about four years, moving to this county and taking up residence at Rockbrook. It was there that Mr. Clarke died a few years ago.

Mrs. Clarke was a member of the Presbyterian church, and her religious faith and charity were the most prominent features of her life. Her kindness of heart was great and won her the devotion of many friends; but it was not greater than her strength of character and her loyalty to what she believed to be true and right.

Her son, Harry, and step-daughter, Mrs. H. N. Carrier, are the only surviving members of the family. There are four living brothers, W. H., R. R. and J. P. Macfie of Fairfield county, S. C., and S. M. Macfie of Brevard. Her one sister, Mrs. A. M. Anderson of Columbia, was with her for several weeks before her death, as was also her cousin, Mrs. James Woodrow, of the same city. Among other visitors from a distance attending the funeral ceremonies were the three brothers first named from South Carolina and a son and daughter of Mrs. Anderson.

The funeral services took place at Rockbrook Tuesday morning. They were conducted by Rev. John R. Hay, assisted by Rev. C. D. Chapman and Rev. E. H. Norwood. Interment followed at the Gillespie cemetery. The pall bearers were J. H. Baxter, A. M. Hammett, T. D. England, J. S. Bromfield, Dr. W. J. Wallis and Rev. E. H. Norwood.

REMAINS OF W. K. OSBORNE LAID TO REST BY MASONS

The funeral services of W. K. Osborne, an account of whose death was given in the News last week, were held at the home on Thursday afternoon in the presence of many friends and relatives. All the children of the deceased were present. They were: Mrs. Dr. William Lyday of Penrose; Mrs. A. N. Poole, Mrs. J. K. Mills, C. S. Osborne of Brevard; Mrs. M. L. Shipman of Raleigh; Mrs. Z. K. Justus of Davidson; Cam and H. K. Osborne of Spartanburg; Joe Osborne of Gaffney, S. C.; and Virgil Osborne of Stone Mountain, Ga.

Rev. A. W. McDaniel, late pastor, and Rev. J. R. Owen of Mars Hill, former pastor of the deceased, conducted the services, the main talk being made by Rev. Mr. Owen, the substance of whose words are found in the following:

My friends, we have come to bury one of Transylvania's best known and most loved citizens. Among the multitude here to do him honor are the old comrades of other days, bending under the weight of many heavy winters, neighbors, friends, sons and daughters. I am reminded of another fallen soldier, a story that belongs to the early dawn of human history "And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him." This is God's epitaph written on the memory of a noble life. He did not write a volume to tell the story. One stroke of the pen was enough. Most of us will not want a longer story when the time is out. This is the story of a quiet man whose every day religion was most prominent. As I recall

my acquaintance with Uncle William's life, the salient features were his quiet, simple, child-like disposition; the depth and harmony of his nature, and progressive ideals. It would be unfair to judge such men altogether by the few things we happen to know about them. So many of their deeds, and often the noblest of them, are unwritten and unpublished. Even the left hand knows not the story of the right.

The Bible standard of the good man is, "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your father which is in heaven is perfect." A soldier may lose the step for a moment, but he is a soldier nevertheless and may fight as bravely as if his mechanical skill in keeping time was perfect. I stood before the great clock in Asheville this morning and regulated the hands of my little watch by standard time. The good man may find this want every day, but it is heaven's plan and the world should be generous enough to grant him this privilege.

In the days when the gold fields of the west lured many men from their homes a young man from the east left his wife and children and wasted the strength of his manhood in the vain search for gold. Aged and in poverty, in after years he returned home to find that his children had grown to be happy and useful men and women. With these gathered about him, he said, "My richest treasures were at home and I knew it not." Brother Osborne had this joy in the superlative degree, and took his departure as one that lieth down to pleasant dreams.

The services were concluded at Oak Grove cemetery, where the

casket was borne to the grave by Masons and the body laid to rest with the burial rites of the Masonic order.

ADMINISTRATRIX'S NOTICE

Having qualified as administratrix of the estate of Ben Fisher, deceased, late of Graham county, N. C., this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the undersigned for payment within twelve months from date, otherwise this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

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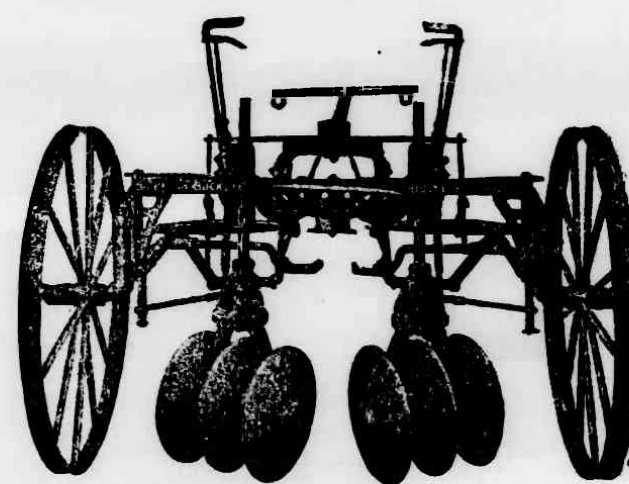
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