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POLK COUNTY WAS 100 PER CENT.

Every Township in the County
Succeeded in Subscribing Its
Entire Allotment.

QUOTA EXCEEDED BY
OVER 50 PER CENT.

Polk county finished the race like a thoroughbred. She would not be satisfied with simply filling her quota, but oversubscribed more than 50 per cent. The quota was \$35,000.00, and the amount of bonds sold, \$58,700.00. County Chairman Little says that even yet subscriptions are coming in, some people not knowing that the campaign closed Saturday night last.

Every township in the county has sold its allotment, and is therefore entitled to an Honor Flag, while two townships, Saluda and Tryon have doubled their allotments, and are entitled to add a star to their Honor Flag.

Polk county will receive its Honor Flag as a county, and we suggest that a big mass meeting be called to meet at Columbus at the raising of that flag, and let's have one grand jollification day.

There were no slackers this time, everybody seeming willing and glad to do what they could to aid in the campaign. Chairman Little is proud of the results, and he has a right to be, and expresses his good will to those who helped him so much to put the Loan through to a successful ending.

—W. S. S.—
POPLAR GROVE.

The people in this section are very busy, trying to get through with their planting.

Quite a crowd of young people from here attended services at Lebanon, Sunday. All had a jolly time.

A company of young people from here motored to Greenville, Wednesday, of last week, to see friends and relatives.

Some of the people from this section have been attending patriotic meetings and heard some prominent men talk on the Third Liberty Loan. Let's all do our best.

Buy Thrift Stamps if you can't do any better.

Every little bit will help to win the war. Why not get down to business? Every person can do something to help win the war.

Why not every boy and girl get right down to work and put in an extra acre and make something to invest with Uncle Sam?

Don't forget the singing convention at Rock Springs third Sunday.

Oh, how I enjoy the Old Polk News. Let's strive to make it more successful.

Luck to all correspondents.
—W. S. S.—
BURNETT SCHOOL.

We were glad to see so many people at Sunday school, Sunday.

Mr. Byron Taylor passed through this section, Sunday.

Mr. Burgain Ledbetter left for Oregon, the other day.

Mrs. M. N. Burnett spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ina Burnett.

Mrs. C. B. Gibbs visited Mrs. U. S. Gibbs, Saturday afternoon.

U. S. Gibbs visited Mr. M. N. Burnett, Sunday.

visiting relatives, it is Mrs. Leo Brisco. Mr. Frank Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Thompson and daughter, Bessie motored to Camp Sevier, Sunday.

Mrs. John Cochran fell from a wagon, Sunday, and was slightly hurt. Dr. Twitty, of Rutherfordton, was called to the bedside of Mrs. J. H. Gibbs, last Thursday.

Columbus Wilson, of Route 1, went to Camp Sevier, Sunday to see his son, and was knocked over by a car, and badly hurt.

Messrs J. H. and B. F. Gibbs motored to Tryon, Monday, on business. Go to church, Sunday, at Bethlehem.

Tuti frutti, Punch and Judy, Our soldier boys will do their duty; Don't you worry, don't you fret; Our boys will get the Kaiser yet.

—W. S. S.—
COLUMBUS.

Of course Polk county went "Over the Top." Much praise is due the workers who so successfully managed the campaign. We feel sure our Polk boys who may go to France will feel that the home folks are doing something too.

Columbus High School now has 26 stars on her Service Flag.

Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Feagan visited Greens Creek, Sunday.

Mr. Walter Ridings is on the sick list this week.

Leona Feagan visited with Katherine and Ollie Shore, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Shore and children motored to Hendersonville, Sunday.

Mrs. Noah Daniel and children, of Landrum, spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walker Newman.

Mr. Ray Arledge, from Camp Green, spent a few days at home.

Mr. J. P. Arledge and Ray Arledge visited Yates Arledge at Camp Jackson, Columbia.

Mr. J. M. Shipman, of Hendersonville, county attorney, was in town Monday.

Miss Corine and Mr. Arthur Osmond, of King's Mountain, are visiting their brother, Mr. James Ormond.

Mr. and Mrs. Crawford Green, former students of Columbus High School, are visiting Mrs. Green's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Constance, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Cannon and Mrs. H. G. Cannon, were in Columbus Sunday.

Misses Jackson, Messrs. John L. and N. B. Jackson, were in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hutcherson and Mr. Glen Clark spent the day at Camp Sevier.

Miss Lizzie Dedmond gave a party in honor of Miss Corine and Mr. Arthur Osmond, Saturday night.

Fred Case, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Case, died Wednesday after a long illness. The deceased was 15 years of age. Interment was made Thursday at the Baptist cemetery. Prof. E. W. S. Cobb officiated at the funeral.

Messrs. Ernest McMurray and Dewitt Smith, have accepted clerical positions at Spartanburg.

—W. S. S.—
MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Sunday school at Cooper Gap is improving nicely, with J. M. Gibbs as superintendent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Whiteside visited Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gibbs, Sunday.

Messrs. Martin Gilbert and Festus Coggins made a flying trip to Tryon, Saturday.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

BRIGHT'S CREEK SCHOOL NEWS.

(Too late for last week.) The Bright's Creek school had a happy closing on April 19th. We feel that we have had a short term of rare accomplishments.

Those who have done satisfactory work, made good deportment, with an average grade of above 90, or in other words, those who are on the "Honor Roll," are:

First Grade—Hubbard Thompson, Holland Walker, Thomas Walker, Kansas Walker and Ira Lou Hill.

Second Grade—Lona Walker and Della Walker.

Third Grade—Floyd Walker.

Fourth Grade—Vina Laughter, Hanford Thompson and Mav Hill.

Sixth Grade—Valina Constant, May Belle Thompson and Bertha Laughter.

TRYON ROUTE 1

Mr. Marvin Edwards spent the week-end with Frank Edwards.

Miss Clara Edwards returned home from school at Brevard Institute, last Tuesday.

Mrs. W. B. Edwards and Jennie Goforth, were callers at the home of Mrs. J. B. Daiton, Sunday.

Misses Letha Barber, Clara Edwards and Esther Gibbs, and Messrs. Frank Edwards, George and Ed Barber, spent the day, Sunday at Greenville at the camp; also at Mr. Walter Barber's, and all had a jollive time.

We hope to return soon.

We are glad to know that little Dawson Edwards is improving. He has been sick for the last month, with pneumonia.

I AM A GERMAN.

At last I cast my mask aside
And bare the hate I used to hide.
Now to myself I can be true
And do the deeds I love to do.
I am a German.

The stolid, kindly man is dead;
A ruthless beast is born instead,
The bars are down—the beast is free
To roam at will on land and sea.
I am a German.

I love to send the good ships down,
And see the helpless children drown,
And when the mothers scream in pain,
I laugh at struggles all in vain.
I am a German.

The poison gas and liquid fire
Have satisfied my heart's desire.
It's sweet to see men reel and choke
And fight against the deadly smoke.
I am a German.

And sometimes, in a sheltered place,
I spy a baby's dimpled face,
Ah! then I feel a fiendish joy,
And kill it quick if it's a boy.
I am a German.

I poison wells so more may die;
No pity lives in such as I.
The simple homes I burn at night,
And in this pillage find delight.
I am a German.

The sick and wounded feel my hand,
And when I see a Red Cross band
I straightway set upon their track,
Because I know they can't strike back.
I am a German.

I rape and ravish, rend and tear;
With hideous noises fill the air.
The loudest screams of pain and fear
Are sweetest music to my ear.
I am a German.

There is no law of God or man
But I will break it if I can.
I only live to maim and kill,
And while I live I always will.
I am a German.

—Kenneth Graham Duffield.

SUNNY VIEW.

The people of this section are getting along nicely with their planting.

Miss Anna Wilson and Maggie Jackson spent a few hours with Miss Lizzie Williams, Sunday.

Mr. Tolbert Odell was a caller at Mr. U. S. Gibbs, Sunday.

Misses Grace and Ona Gibbs, Thury and Leona Burnett and Messrs. Noah Lynch, Tolbert Odell, Welborn Gibbs and Willie Miller made a call at Miss Ina Burnett's, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Lynch and family visited Mr. Lebrun Lynch, Sunday.

PEA RIDGE.

The friends and relatives of Mr. Jas. Thompson gave him a surprise birthday dinner, last Saturday. He was 66 years old and in very good health. He received many presents.

Miss Bessie Thompson and brother, Dexter, spent the week-end with relatives in Gaffney, S. C.

Mr. J. M. Richards and family from Gaffney, S. C., attended the birthday dinner at Mr. Jas Thompson's.

Mrs. W. R. Turner and Mrs. M. C. Gosnell visited relatives in Chesnee, S. C., last week.

Mr. E. S. Kibbe spent Saturday night with Mr. E. G. Thompson.

SALUDA.

Miss Clara Childs has returned to her home in Columbia, S. C., after a week's visit to her aunt, Miss Rosa Box.

Mrs. H. B. Lane was the guest of Mrs. J. Lamorte in Hendersonville on Monday.

Mr. George Justice, of Hendersonville, was here Tuesday.

Miss Mary Pomyea, of Washington, D. C., is a guest at the Esseola.

Mrs. H. H. McKee visited relatives in Spartanburg last week-end.

Mrs. Henry Ward has returned from Asheville very much improved.

Misses Mary A. Peck and Margaret Robertson were hostesses to the Senior Class of Saluda Seminary, last week. They were assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Stevens. The class was entertained in the beautiful pine grove at the Pace House, by the light of a large bon fire. The moon was a late comer and her movements had been eagerly watched during the rainydays, but the large bon fire did its work to supply the light. The senior class was supplemented by other young people of the town. Delightful string music was rendered by Miss Alice Blaser and Mr. John T. Coates. All during the evening marshmallows were toasted by the fire. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Mason, of Goldsboro, N. C., are guests at the Carolina Home.

Mrs. J. M. Reed and family have returned to Saluda after spending the winter in South Carolina and other points.

An all day singing was held at Mt. Page on Sunday, May 5th. This was well attended by a large number of Saluda people and the surrounding country.

Saluda Seminary Commencement. The Commencement exercises of the Seminary begin on Saturday evening, May 11th, at eight o'clock, at the Library Hall.

Graduation entertainment, May 11th, 8 o'clock.

Baccalaureate sermon, Sunday at 11 o'clock, Rev. F. B. Makepeace of the Congregational church at Tryon.

Musical recital Monday evening, 8 o'clock, Ryder Hall, by the pupils of Miss Helen Chase.

Play, "Somewhere in France," by the Seniors, Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Reception at Ryder Hall Wednesday evening, eight to ten o'clock, alumni and friends.

Presentation of Diplomas, Thursday morning at ten-thirty at Library Hall.

Saluda Honor Flag. Saluda was visited by a large and enthusiastic crowd on last Saturday morning to witness the raising of Saluda's Honor Flag. The meeting was opened by singing "My Country 'tis of Thee." The first speaker, Dr. Taft, of Tryon, was introduced by Mr. Preston H. Bailey. He gave an interesting talk on the Third Liberty Loan. Mr. B. F. Copeland, of Tryon, spoke of what the people would have to undergo and sacrifice to help win this war. Lieut. J. B. Copeland was next introduced. He told his experiences with the German submarines, also how the Navy takes care of the soldiers in conveying the transports across. He advised all to buy a Liberty Bond, explaining the necessity of carrying on the war.

Walker, of Greens Creek gave an interesting little talk. Mr. Walker came several miles to invest his last cent in Liberty Bonds for the country. Little Howard Bailey, dressed as a soldier raised the honor flag preceded by the Stars and Stripes.

Mr. W. F. Little deserved great credit in raising the remaining \$1400.00 in a very few minutes so that Saluda went "Over the Top" again. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Taft. Dr. R. G. Little served ice cream and cake, the profits which he kindly donated to the Red Cross.

—W. S. S.—
LYNN.

Mr. S. F. Fowler, with several friends, motored to Camp Sevier, Greenville, last Sunday.

Rev. Pratt will preach at the chapel next Sunday at 3 p. m., it being his regular appointment.

The early potatoes, peas and strawberries will help us reach the blackberries; then the snap beans and early cabbage will help us reach fruits and melons; they will bring us over till the Fair, then we will all Fair alike.

Mr. Herman L. Swan, wife and babies, of Union, S. C., are visiting relatives in Lynn.

Next Sunday is Mother's Day, the second Sunday in May.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Ballard visited their son, W. Jay at Camp Sevier, Greenville, one day last week.

SALUDA WINS STAR FOR HONOR FLAG

Doubled Her Quota at Patriotic
Rally Held There on Last
Saturday Morning.

SALUDA'S HONOR FLAG.

All honor to Saluda in her great fight and determination to win the Honor Flag. Deprived of over \$1000 subscribed to the Liberty Loan Bonds by the railroad boys of that town, and for which the Southern Railway Company demanded the credit, she found herself on last Saturday, the last day, \$1400.00 short of doubling her quota and winning a star for her honor flag.

Saturday morning County Chairman W. F. Little, accompanied by Rev. Dr. Taft, J. B. Copeland and B. F. Copeland went to Saluda in order to attend the raising of her honor flag. The exercises opened by a prayer by Rev. Mr. J. M. Folger, song, America, by choir, led by Mr. Albert Salley; addresses by Rev. Dr. Taft; short talk by Mr. B. F. Copeland; then speech by Lieut. J. B. Copeland, U. S. Navy. At the close of this program, County Chairman Little told the crowd that the Tryon delegation had come to aid them in every way possible, to put the star in the flag. He called for volunteer donations, and in about three minutes subscriptions to the amount of about \$1600 were obtained, and thus Saluda, the game little city that she is, had qualified for the star in her honor flag, making two townships in Polk county to do that.

After this came the flag raising. Township Chairman, P. H. Bailey and Mr. Albert Salley had this part in charge, and it was carried out without a hitch or flaw. Mr. P. H. Bailey, Jr., the little son of Mr. P. H. Bailey, clad in his full U. S. regulation suit of khaki, pulled the cord that hoisted the flags, and while the job was a wee mite heavy for such little hands, he stuck manfully by his task until the flags had reached the top, then by a pull of the cord, Old Glory above, and the Honor Flag below, unfurled, and there was just enough breeze to make them stand out straight, and the very appearance of the flags was enough to breathe defiance to Kaiser Bill and his murderous gang, and sent a thrill of patriotism and determination through those who witnessed the event.

Mr. Walker, of Greens Creek had come to Tryon to purchase Liberty Bonds, and when he arrived here and found that Mr. Little was in Saluda, and what his mission was there, followed, and made a short but patriotic address.

—W. S. S.—
COOPER GAP QUALIFIED.

In summing up the situation last Friday, County Chairman W. F. Little discovered that every township in Polk county had raised the quota assigned to them except Cooper Gap. He immediately pressed into service ex-sheriff A. L. Hill, J. B. Copeland, U. S. Navy, and B. F. Copeland, of the NEWS. This crowd of determined men took an automobile and made a house-to-house canvass of that township, and when they returned to Tryon that night they brought back the cheerful message that Cooper Gap had qualified, and that Polk county was a 100 per cent county.

It was not owing to any lack of loyalty or patriotism that Cooper Gap had failed to qualify, for we found among the people of that township the same determination to win this war as we had found in the remainder of the county. Some idea of their fealty may be gleaned when we tell you that only three people approached in all the day but what bought bonds.

This is the township that suffered such heavy calamities in July 1916, by the terrible floods that swept over part of the township. Many fine farms were completely destroyed, and the people left without either food or clothing. But you would not know the country now, and were it not for the scars upon the mountain sides showing so plainly nothing would remain to tell of the devastation.

Much praise is due the people of that township for the part they played in this campaign.

A suggestion of last week was materialized. Sam Black will move his family back to Lynn before another moon.

Mr. John L. Jackson has purchased a new Buick touring car. See him ride.

Mrs. Major Hutchinson, of Columbus, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Williams this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowen Constant are the happy recipients of another addition to their family. They now have five young Red Cross nurses.

Mr. Lewis F. Grant and family, of Asheville, are now located in Lynn. Mr. Grant is a local life insurance agent, but at present is run down in health, and not very active from a business point of view.

—W. S. S.—
Typewriter second sheets for sale at the NEWS office at 25c per hundred.