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## POLK COUNTY DOUBLES QUOTA.

### Red Cross War Fund Drive is Productive of Gratifying Results.

#### LETTER FROM COUNTY CHAIR- MAN.

Polk county has got into the habit of not doing things by halves, but by doubles. The second Red Cross War Fund campaign shows that the county has more than doubled its quota.

Chairman Holmes was on the job all the time, and speaks very highly of the various township chairmen, and says that the country districts have become thoroughly aroused, and with the result that the country districts are coming up with their full quota in each drive. Good for Polk. Editor of the NEWS.

Dear Sir:

I wish to announce through your columns that the second Red Cross War Fund raised in Polk county is more than double our quota. We were asked to raise \$1,000.00. We have raised over \$2,100.00. As reports are still coming in it is impossible to make a complete statement yet, but this will be given in time for your next issue.

Let me take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation of the fine work done by the various members of committees cooperating with me in all parts of the county.

Respectfully,  
G. H. HOLMES,  
Chm. Second Red Cross War Fund Drive.

—W. S. S.—  
SALUDA.

#### Saluda Seminary Commencement

Commencement week at Saluda Seminary was one of unusual interest. An improvised stage in the dining room at Ryder Hall where some two hundred and fifty people were comfortably seated and entertained, was a pleasing innovation.

The annual entertainment given by the Primary and Intermediate departments was very successful. The hall was crowded to its capacity, and the exercises of a spirited patriotic nature were spoken of by many as the best ever given by the grades. The baccalaureate sermon at the Methodist church by Rev. F. R. Makepeace, of Tryon Congregational church, was a scholarly and instructive address, and was very much appreciated by a sympathetic and attentive audience.

Monday afternoon was rainy, but cleared off in time for the Piano recital. A large audience showed its appreciation of music and of Miss Chase the music director. The work of her pupils and her own number was enthusiastically applauded.

Tuesday night brought the Senior Class play, and again the hall filled to the doors. "Somewhere in France" was presented by the class. So intense is the heart interest of the play and so realistic were the life pictures presented, that few, if any, of the spectators sat unmoved. Between acts the dramatic reading, "The U. S. in Flanders" by Bessie Sonner was warmly received, and added much to our understanding and appreciation of the play.

The Dramatic tableaux at the close in which Lila Mae Guice appeared as Joan of Arc, obedient to her dream visions, and Marvin Patterson as the Prelate were very realistic; the final scene, in which the Kaiser, with uplifted sword above the head of France beaten to her knees, is met by AMERICA, is denounced and slain, furnished the audience with an ending that both thrilled and satisfied.

Marvin Patterson with the "flag draped about her while the "Star Spangled Banner" was sung by Miss Helen Chase, was especially pleasing.

Wednesday night at eight p. m., Ryder Hall was the scene of a pleasant social gathering. The alumni, graduates, and friends of the school met and renewed old associations and friendships. The evening passed pleasantly with music and song. Light refreshments were served.

Commencement program, Thursday, May 16th, was as follows:  
Chorus, Spring Song.  
Prayer.

Salutatory, Richard Thompson.  
Hymn, Battle Hymn of the Republic.

Commencement Address, Hon. J. F. Justice, Hendersonville, N. C. Marsellaise.

Presentation of Scholarship, by Miss Mary A. Peck.  
Valedictory, Myrtle Pack.  
Class Song.

Saluda Song.  
America.

The church was beautifully decorated in masses of flaming azaleas intermingled with the class colors of purple and gold. The commencement address by Hon. J. F. Justice of Hendersonville, was magnetic and inspiring. He spoke wholly without notes and with sympathetic understanding of the life needs of the graduate. The patriotic address was timely, and was highly spoken of by his hearers.

The following members of the class received diplomas:

#### Class Roll.

Myrtle Pack, Amanda Head, Marvin Patterson, Sara McKenzie, Bessie Sonner, Lila Mae Guice, Walter Thompson, Richard Thompson.

The out of town guests for Commencement were Mr. and Mrs. L. M. McKenzie and daughter, Miss Mabel, of Germantown, N. C., Mrs. Strong, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Makepeace, of Tryon, N. C., Mrs. Orr, Miss Converse all of Tryon, Miss Julia Abrams, of Rutherfordton, Miss Lucy Burge, Hendersonville, and Mr. John P. Lockhart, of Tryon, N. C.

After Commencement exercises the graduates, and out of town guests assembled at Ryder Hall with the faculty and dinner was served. The New Year is bringing to Saluda a new and modern brick building, with full and complete equipment, physical and chemical laboratories, domestic science and art departments; steam heated rooms, a splendid auditorium, music room and instruments, a new athletic field, green house, and fruit and garden space.

The principal and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Stevens, will be at home throughout the year and are devoting their best energies to the development of a school with a twelve year course of study that shall take rank among the best schools of its class and type. "We sing to thee Saluda." May the words of our song become more and more a reality in the hearts of our people.

Miss Lillie Pace, who has been in training at the University Hospital, Baltimore, Md., is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. James Pace.

Mr. Pack, of Flat Rock, spent last Sunday with his brother, Mr. H. L. Capps.

Miss Margaret Robertson has returned to her home in Boston after spending the winter here.

Miss Read, domestic science and Art instructor at Saluda Seminary, has returned to her home in Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Ellen M. Click and her niece, Miss Addie Ramsey have returned to their home in Tenn., after spending the winter here.

Miss Amanda Head, who has been attending school here, has gone to Asheville and Waynesville, before returning to her home in Caroleen, N. C.

Miss Anderson, of Jacksonville, Fla., has arrived for the season.

Mr. Frank Bishop, of the Signal Corps, stationed at Camp Jackson, spent last week-end with his parents here.

Miss Julia Abrams, of Rutherfordton, N. C., attended the commencement here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. St. Julien Ravenell, of Charleston, S. C., have arrived for the summer.

Mrs. L. Jones arrived here last week from South Carolina.

Miss Mary A. Peck spent last Sunday in Tryon with Dr. and Mrs. Daniels.

Miss Annie Waring, of Charleston, arrived here last Tuesday. Miss Marion Huston is her guest for a few weeks.

Mrs. I. M. Scott has gone to Carson City, Mich., for a visit to relatives.

Miss Lucy Burge visited here last week.

Misses Hattie Seaton and Lucile Hazard spent Friday in Tryon.

Mr. G. W. Lenz spent Thursday in the city.

Mrs. A. DeVere Turner spent Friday in Spartanburg.

Mrs. J. B. Cullipher and Mrs. Will Forest visited in Hendersonville on Thursday.

Miss Jane Thompson is spending a few weeks in Hendersonville.

Dr. P. L. Smith, of Spartanburg, was in town on Friday.

Miss Bessie Fairchild Sonner was the winner of the scholarship offered by Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga.

—W. S. S.—

#### BURNETT SCHOOL.

There was not very many people at Sunday school, as they went to Big Level, last Sunday.

Misses Vada Haynes and Eva Spicer passed through this section Sunday.

Messrs. Tolbert and Wheeler Odell were the guests of Mr. M. H. Burnett, Sunday.

Misses Grace and Oma Gibbs visited Maggie and Kansas Jackson, Sunday afternoon.

Messrs. Noah Lynch and Wilburn Gibbs were the guests of Messrs. Frank and Willie Miller, Sunday.

Mr. Willie Mills happened to the good luck of finding a bee tree, one day last week.

Mrs. U. S. Gibbs visited Mrs. C. B. Gibbs, last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Virgil McGuinn has rented and from Mr. C. B. Gibbs this year.

Lola and Teddy Gibbs visited Oct and Jeff Gibbs, Sunday afternoon.

#### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Frank Thompson and wife to Otis Constant, 25 acres; consideration, \$150.00.

H. F. Thompson and Odessa Sellers to manufacturers Power Co., lease; consideration, \$1.00.

W. B. Gibbs and wife to J. R. Blanton, 6 acres; consideration, \$364.00.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

### TRYON ROUTE 1.

The death Angel again visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hobert, and carried away their second little girl, to join her sister who preceded her only one week. They are now happy little angels playing around the throne of God, where wreaths of glory will forevermore deck their little brows. The only one left, little Ethel has been very ill for the past week, but is reported better this morning. A source of sympathy is extended them from their numerous friends.

We also convey the sad news of the death of the babe of Mr. and Mrs. Josiah Holbert. May the Almighty in his goodness console the bereaved parents in their dark hour of their tribulation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Thompson also have a very sick child.

Mr. W. B. Edwards has been very ill for the past week.

Mr. Joe Carpenter returned to his home in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Edwards visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Hart Sunday.

Glad to note that Mr. M. N. Hall is able to be out hoeing cotton.

Miss Elsie Edwards was a pleasant visitor of Misses Pearl and Essie Edwards, Saturday night.

Mr. Frank Jackson and mother were motoring on the route, Sunday evening.

### FISHTOP.

Warm and fair weather, such as we have needed for some time. Let all plant and continue to plant as long as it is possible for truck to ripen.

Harrison Arledge, who has been holed on furlough, returned to camp Sunday. He is sure looking fine, weighs 195.

Mr. Thompson and son stayed over night with David Patz, Saturday night.

Clement Arledge went to Saluda, Sunday.

With peaches ripening, apples almost ready, peas, potatoes, beans, cabbage, etc., we can do very well without flour, except for pies.

We sure had one more fine singing at Mountain View church, Sunday.

Some in this section are in favor of a citizens' ticket, choosing the best and retaining those that are proved, without any regard to politics, as this is no time to dispute over politics. Subscribe for the NEWS and get your county news.

To Lynn correspondent: We will say that we have just had word from the rattlesnake section, near the county line, and it is reported that the season opened up last week with 5 killed to date.

## STRANGE.

Strange, in the clutch of Hate,  
Strange, with a world at War,  
That we should love so many  
We never loved before.

Home-reft boys in the camps—  
Not only your son and mine,  
But all who are mates with Courage,  
All who wear her Sign;

And the soldiers "Over There,"  
From lands we have not known,  
Fighting for us in the trenches—  
They are one with our own.

Men who are moaning in pain,  
Ill, and broken and blind;  
Little children who hunger,  
Sorrowing womankind—  
Ours is the need to succor  
And ours are the wounds to bind.

And oh, the call to the heart  
Of the foreign, cross-marked field,  
With each unnamed soldier resting  
On Honor, as a shield.

Strange, in the clutch of Hate,  
Strange, with a world at War,  
That we are loving so many  
We never loved before.

—Mary Stewart (Doubleday) Cutting.

### SALUDA ROUTE 1.

P. H. Bailey and Mrs. Turner, of Saluda, were at Mt. Page, Sunday in behalf of the Red Cross, and that they received the sum of \$50.

Misses Annie Slaughter, Pearl Metcalf and Ola Thompson, of Saluda, visited Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Pace Sunday.

There will be an all-day singing at Mt. Page on Sunday, June 2nd. Mr. E. L. Faircloth, of Greenville, S. C., will be with us on this day. Everybody invited to come and bring well-filled baskets.

Mr. Grady Rhodes was seen out driving, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. E. W. Barber and Mrs. Mary Jones spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. Pace.

Hello, Mill Spring Route 1, we have been busy keeping the birds out of the cherry trees.

Mr. R. P. Ward and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Pace.

There was a singing, Saturday night, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Russell.

The crops are looking fine in this section.

### MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Mr. Sams, our county farm demonstrator, made a splendid talk to the farmers at Sunny View, Saturday and organized a club.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale have gone to Virginia to visit their daughter, Mrs. Bill Steppé.

Mr. Clyde Wilson, from Spartanburg, spent Saturday night with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Wilson.

Misses Grace and Ima Gibbs and Maggie and Arkansas Jackson were guests of Miss Annie Wilson, Sunday.

Mrs. J. L. Jackson visited Mrs. T. N. Wilson, Sunday.

Messrs. Hobert Whiteside, Bill Jackson and Dell Helton had business toward Sugar Loaf mountain, Sunday evening.

We are sorry to hear of some of our friends being wounded in France. Hope all will safely recover.

Mr. Bowen Wilson visited his sister, Miss Annie Wilson, Sunday.

Messdames A. H. Lynch and G. L. Taylor visited Mrs. W. D. Helton, Sunday.

The girls in this section are doing their bit by wearing their old hats, and some have been plowing. Wake up girls, and help Uncle Sam.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett visited Mrs. N. E. Williams, Friday last.

The fishermen and hunters have decided on another occupation. Some have gone to farming.

Messrs. J. M. Bradley, Randolph Ruppe, Belton Jackson and Miss Minnie Ruppe motored to Gaffney, Sunday, to see relatives.

Mr. George Bradley was in this section, Sunday.

Messrs. Noah Lynch, Willie Bee McGuinn, made a flying trip toward Red Mountain, Sunday evening.

Mr. Noah Ruff left Saturday, for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C. His many friends were sorry to see him leave.

Wake up, Coopers Gap writer. Let's hear from you.

Hello to the soldiers.

—W. S. S.—  
MILL SPRING.

Farmers are certainly taking advantage of this fine weather.

We have heard people grumbling about so much rain, and we suppose before long we will hear them say, "Oh, how I wish it would rain."

Messrs. Robert Ruff, Boney Wilson and Ernest Gibbs motored to Inman, S. C., Sunday.

Mr. Clarence Gibbs, of Hopewell, Va., is visiting his mother, Mrs. L. C. Gibbs.

Glad to note that Mr. J. H. Gibbs, Misses Esther and Sue Gibbs are recovering from chicken pox.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lynn Walker is very ill, and was hurried to the Rutherfordton hospital, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Arledge, Sunday.

Mr. Harrison Arledge, of Camp Sevier, spent Saturday and Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Arledge.

Mr. W. M. Walker and family spent Sunday with his father-in-law, G. E. Arledge.

Mr. George Barber is on the sick list.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Arledge spent Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn, on Route 1.

Messrs. Claude Lewis, Edward and George Barber and Walter Edwards attended services at Big Level, Sunday.

Mr. Lionel Brisco motored back to Hopewell, Va., last Wednesday, after spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Brisco.

Christian Endeavor next Sunday at White Oak, Miss Pearl Edwards, leader.

—W. S. S.—  
MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Many from this section went to Big Level, Sunday.

Samuel Ownby left, Saturday, for Columbia, S. C. He is now a soldier.

A. A. Edwards and son, Bert, made a business trip to Tryon, Saturday.

Miss Alice McBain is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert.

Miss Eliza White was the guest of Miss Mossie Edwards, Sunday.

Mr. George Griffin, of Grover, N. C. made a short visit to his parents, Sunday, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Griffin.

A little singing at A. A. Edwards' Sunday evening was enjoyed very much. Mr. Jim Egerton was leader.

—W. S. S.—  
HILLCREST.

The commencement exercises of Hillcrest Institute on Friday, May 24 set a new standard for such entertainments in this part of the county, and would have been creditable anywhere.

The recitations were excellent, the music, both vocal and instrumental was of the highest order, and the drills—one by the little girls, carrying stars and rose-wreaths, and one by the older pupils with flags and arches, draped in national colors—were the poetry of motion. Those who think that the days of fairies have passed, should have seen the Fete of the Flowers to be convinced that our little girls can well represent these legendary folk. First came the Fairy Queen, to whom four little tots called themselves snow-drops did homage in appropriate verse; then came "Violets, Sweet Violets," and never were our best-loved flowers more beautifully called to mind. For-get-me-nots followed, in dainty blue frocks, and Daisies, with flower caps of white and gold. Then came real roses, from the "rosebud garden of girls," and we wish all flower lovers could have seen our Rose-girls in their American Beauty dresses; yellow Buttercups were followed by gorgeous Poppies and daintily Sweet Peas, and the "boquet" was complete. But the climax of the evening was reached in the production of a original patriotic play. This was so good that Miss Love has been requested to repeat it, and may do so for the benefit of the patriotic development of our people, old and young.

Misses Mary Moore and Margaret Brian visited relatives at Hillgirt, last week, and made a flying trip to Asheville to consult a specialist about Miss Moore's eyes. Her friends will be glad to know that her trouble is not so serious as was feared.

Mr. Howard Brian is at home after spending several months in Ohio.

Miss Julia Abrams came home from Tryon to attend the Hillcrest commencement.

Miss Minnie Arledge is visiting Mrs. J. T. Camp.

Mrs. W. Y. Love, who has spent several weeks at Hillcrest Institute, is visiting at Sharon, S. C.

Mr. Marshall Abrams spent Saturday at home, returning to Camp Jackson Monday morning.

Messrs. Oscar Bridges, W. Cochran and "Cap" Owensby have gone to the colors.

## SYSTEMATIC PLAN FOR WAR CHARITY.

### Novel Plan to Meet Situation and Eliminate so Much Passing of the Hat.

#### A SPLENDID IDEA.

Mr. W. F. Little has worked out an idea that should be put into practical working at once. That is to organize a club of Polk county patriots, 500 strong, who would enlist for the remainder of the war, paying at the first of each month \$1.00 membership dues, making a total of \$500.00 monthly, or \$6,000 annually. Out of this fund could be paid all legitimate expenses of each and every Liberty Loan campaign, Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. campaigns, together with the amount assessed against Polk county. In other words, whenever notice was sent us as to what our quota would be, the amount would that very day be paid over to the proper parties, and our quota reported paid. In addition to these matters it would provide Polk county Red Cross with ample working funds.

All members would wear a button, which emblem would be notice that such member was to be exempted from any further solicitations from any source.

Volunteers are wanted who will agree to pay into the treasury of this club \$1.00 monthly for the remainder of the war. Who will be the first to enlist? Send your name to the NEWS, and when a sufficient number have responded the members will meet and perfect the organization get down to business.

At three in the afternoon.

—W. S. S.—  
POLK COUNTY RED CROSS.

The April allotment of a case of gauze rolls has been shipped, also forty sets of pajamas.

The workers throughout the county are busy making garments.

Everybody in Tryon should be busy making gauze pads. Fifteen hundred of these pads must be finished before the end of June. The supply of cotton has arrived and the rooms are pen mornings and afternoons. Miss Violet Bray can give full particulars, and she, with her assistants, will welcome new workers.

The colored women of Tryon have done a large amount of Red Cross underwear the past week. They give promise of being most helpful workers.

The regular monthly meeting of the executive committee will be held at the Peoples Bank, Thursday, June 6th.

—W. S. S.—  
COLUMBUS.

Columbus contributed \$82.50 to the Red Cross fund, last week.

Prof. E. W. S. Cobb and family, and attorney E. B. Cloud and wife spent Sunday at Greens Creek.

Miss Minnie Arledge visited Mrs. J. T. Camp, at Hillcrest, Tuesday.

Mr. L. H. Cloud spent Saturday in Asheville.

Mr. Lindsey Smith was in Hendersonville, Saturday.

Misses Vada McMurray and Marie Burgess are expected home from Elon college, this week.

Mr. John Burgess returned home from Davidson college last week.

Mr. Arthur Ormond, of Kings Mountain, is visiting his brother, Mr. Jas. Ormond.

Junior Red Cross will meet with the Betterment Club, Saturday, June 1st, at 3 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. McMurray spent Sunday with Mr. W. B. Jackson and family.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Feagan spent Sunday at Greens Creek.

—W. S. S.—  
SUNNY VIEW.

Preaching at Big Level, Sunday, was well attended. House full.

Mr. J. R. Sams, our county farm demonstrator, made a good talk after services, Sunday.

T. M. Ross, W. G. Egerton and others from Mill Spring, attended services at Big Level, Sunday.

J. R. Blanton and Thos. F. Mills spent Sunday at home.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Coggin spent Sunday with Thos. F. Mills.

Mr. John Skipper visited Mr. S. P. Gilbert, Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Sams speaks highly of Cooper Gap. Clover and other crops better than expected.

—W. S. S.—  
PEA RIDGE.

Mrs. Lee Crocman has returned from Hopewell, Va., to spend the summer with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gosnell.

Mrs. Geo. Brisco and Mrs. Lee Brisco, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. P. G. Brisco's.

Mr. Grayson Wilson spent Saturday night at Mr. W. J. Wilson's. Also Miss Burnice Wilson.

Harley Foy and Willie Turner made a trip to Hillcrest, Friday night.

Calvin Phillips and Birch Davis visited E. G. Thompson, Sunday.

Messrs. Will and Louis Denton were callers at W. J. Wilson's Sunday.

Miss Bessie Thompson visited Miss Iva Gosnell, Sunday.

Mrs. John Foy spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. E. G. Thompson.

Rev. Ruppe spent Sunday night at W. R. Turner