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"TELL MOTHERS OVER THERE WE ARE TAKING CARE OF THEIR BOYS."

Such is the Message Sent from France by a Plucky Little
Red Cross Nurse to Her Mother, in America.
Capt. Lubeck Tells of Preparations for
Present Big Drive. Henry Reich Jr.
Writes from Training Camp.

READ THESE, THEN GO BUY ANOTHER LIBERTY BOND.

"Tell those mothers over there we are taking care of their boys." This is the wonderful message sent all American mothers with anxious hearts who may be counted among our readers. The message is a real one from the front. It comes from a brave soul who went forth to dare and do. She tells the story in a frank and unassuming way to her mother, but the letter of Polly Ellis, who left New Orleans with Base Hospital Unit No. 24 is not the kind girls write home every day. Miss Ellis is a daughter of Mrs. Elles, who is visiting Mrs. Copeland, just now: It follows:

"August 5, 1918.

"Mother o' Mine—Have been trying to write you but have been kept frightfully busy—nursing in boots and slicker. Of course, you know that we are at the front and living in tents. It is not so bad even at that. We are bombed nearly every night. Several nights ago Fritz said us a visit seven times. Imagine! Just as we would start to make the boys a little comfortable, you'd hear the cry, 'Lights out,' and then every one would be as still as a mouse until we were able to light up again. Well, all night these poor chaps suffered anguish, for just as we'd go to get a 'hypo' ready, along would come that awful cry, 'lights out.' However, for the past few nights everything has been sublime, for Fritz never comes round in rainy weather. The next time you see the beautiful moon, do not go into ecstasies over it, but think of the souls who are trembling in fear over here, whose very lives are in danger.

war! We may all be home by Christmas, so prepare the fattest goose. "Believe me, Mother o' Mine, your heart aches when you see those poor chaps. One poor lad was shot through and through the chest. How I cried over him, and begged the captain to do something for him, when I felt in my heart there was nothing to be done. You can just make them comfortable and leave the rest to God, for certainly many of them are beyond human skill. This lad was a little more than a child with his life before him. He had a loving mother and father and a blue-eyed sweetheart, of whom he talked in his delirium. I felt that he simply could not die, that God in His infinite mercy and goodness would not let him go. I prayed as I never prayed before for that boy's life, and toward morning he really was better. Captain Crosby of Mississippi, who by the way, is a prince, said to me: Well nurse that shows what a woman's tears will do. "Captain Crosby is perfectly adorable to these boys. He goes through the wards making them comfortable, and has spoiled them so that they will inquire, 'Nurse, when is the captain coming round. I want him to fix my leg' and so on. Of course, there are other good men, but I see more of Captain Crosby because he is the night director and I am on night duty.

"I love these fighting men, yet the ambulance and Medical Corps men are great. They are as gentle as women with the wounded, and the women I have met are glorious. These nurses stand up under fire as well as any man in khaki. I met a Miss Watkins of New York, an ambulance driver. (Wonder if she is any kin of yours? I hope so, as I know no girl I admire more.) This woman is as plucky as they make men or women. She goes right up to the front and brings in the wounded. She was the first woman in Chateau Thierry after the Germans evacuated it. "Have met nearly all the war correspondents while here which was a treat to me. Incidentally, met Floyd Gibbons of the Chicago Tribune, who lost an eye at Chateau Thierry. He is a glorious fellow, possessed of one of the sweetest personalities I ever encountered. I dressed his eye each day while we were at a certain dressing station. He was left for the States, and will make a lecture tour. I think New Orleans is on his list, and if he does speak there by all means hear him, as he is one of the best informed men of the day on the war situation. "Have not had any mail in a long time. Write, I suppose we move so much the mail could not keep pace with us.

"Tell the mothers over there we are taking care of their boys! "With a heart full of love for you, I am, always the same, POLLY." —W. S. S.—

PREPARING FOR BATTLE.

The following are extracts from a letter of Capt. Lubeck, written to his wife, in Tryon, under date of Sept. 11, 1918. "I too hate to think of the months to come, long, long months, and now, when the cold weather is coming on, rain and raw days, mud and slop, I certainly do wish I was back with my three girls. I got some hard candy at the Y. M. C. A. the other night and went home to read. Goodness how I wished we were all back in the house in Geneva with a wood fire going, playing cards in front of the fire, crunching on hard candy, the way we used to, and the old Pathephone going. I haven't heard a phonograph over here that sounds as good as the Pathe. The Y. M. and K. C. and Salvation Army have phonographs for the men, and of course the records are all shot to pieces. The boys go in and sit there for hours, listening to old stale records and apparently enjoy themselves. The officers don't get those things. The best we get is a band concert on Sundays in the square, where everybody, 'frogs' and all. We all call the French frogs now. They don't seem to mind the name. But now that the gang is all going forward for the big push, I guess we won't get a band concert next Sunday, and I really hate to think of the slaughter for the next month. Men mean nothing now, and here in the office, only a short ways from the front, we are expecting daily that we shall be blown off the map. By the time this letter reaches you history will be made of the hardest fight of the war. The preparations are tremendous. No one knows how much there is to be done for the successful carrying out of certain

EVERYBODY SHOULD ATTEND. Beginning next Wednesday, Oct. 9, and lasting three days, is the Polk County Fair. Everything has been done that could be done in this time of hurry, worry and trouble, to make the Fair a success. Premiums have been offered on a long list of articles, and the premiums are liberal. In some cases articles deserving of premiums have been overlooked, but just remember that this is only the second Fair, and make due allowances for that. Then, if you have an article worthy of exhibition bring it along anyway, and it will be judged and a premium awarded it anyway. Lack of space forbids us saying much that we would like to, say regarding the Fair, but everybody is so busily engrossed in the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive, and so many demands are made upon us for space for that cause that we are compelled to shut everything else off short. But no extra urging should be necessary. Everybody knows that next week is Fair week, and as many should attend as possible. Mr. E. W. Dedmond, superintendent of the mineral and wood department makes a special appeal to the people of Polk county for specimens for exhibition in his department. This department is a new department, but should be one of the best. There are many minerals in Polk county, and who knows but that some very useful as well as valuable mineral may be unearthed on account of the Fair having this department. Bring along anything that looks like it was a mineral. Also bring specimens of timbers and show what we have left in that line. —W. S. S.—

JUNIOR DEPARTMENT.

Mr. L. H. Cloud, postmaster at Columbus, plans to have a model "colony" house or runners, where boys who are fattening cockerels for the Fair, and those who are making trap nests, coops and feed hoppers, may exhibit. Those exhibiting early or late potatoes for the \$2.00 State prize should bring a half bushel smooth tubers of medium size, with a short report. There is just time enough to earn a setting of 15 eggs by fattening five or ten cockerels. Be sure and weigh feeds each week. The Juniors who have been working a war garden should not overlook the \$2.00 prize, No. 405 B, for the best exhibit. Mr. Corbin has received a supply of entry tags from Secretary Copeland. Each Junior is urged to read the list carefully and see if a half dozen entries can not be made as easily as one. Send in your exhibits Oct. 9 with tag attached, and the committee will enter and place them. —W. S. S.—

THE GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO POLK COUNTY.

Mr. Ballenger's introduction of his friend, the Governor, was a model of what an introduction should be, but seldom is. The dinner provided was another model, and the band of thirty soldiers while not equal to an orchestra, still did well, but in one particular the affair was a failure, and that was the singing. "Silence" said a visitor, "discordant silence," added her neighbor. After the thirty years war which ended in 1648 Germany had no music, no art, hardly any civilization. They became the best trained people in music in the world. Haven't we as good voices, haven't we as good understandings as the Germans? Why do we fail, flatly, when we try to sing our national songs? An attempt was made to improve in Community Singing by meeting at the Lanier Library at five o'clock on Sunday afternoon to sing, but so far very few have attended. Do you prefer discordant silence to The Star Spangled Banner sung by proud American voices, or will you do what you can to improve the National music? —W. S. S.—

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Misses Letha Barber and Clara Edwards attended services at Lebanon Sunday morning, and were guests of Miss Eliza White. Mr. Ernest Gibbs was a caller in this section, Sunday. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Powell a baby boy. Mr. Tolbert made a trip to Spartanburg, last week. Mr. Bert Edwards visited in South Carolina, Saturday and Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Edwards made a business trip to Rutherfordton, one day last week. Mr. Garner Skipper was in this section, Friday. Misses Alice and Mamie Wilson were guests of Miss Bernice Wilson, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Shehan, of Campbell, visited at A. A. Edwards', Tuesday. Mr. Bert Edwards has purchased a mule and buggy. Look out girls. —W. S. S.—

PEA RIDGE.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Thompson spent last week at Gaffney, S. C. Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gosnell spent last week-end in Spartanburg. Mr. J. B. Dalton and son, Otis, went to Rutherfordton, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Walker spent Sunday with W. G. Splawn.

Little Mattie Green spent last week with her grandmother, Mrs. J. T. Waldrop. Mr. G. R. Phillips spent Sunday with E. G. Thompson.

Messrs. Luther and Elijah Phillips went to Columbia, Sunday, to see their brother, Oscar, Sorry he is in the asylum. Miss Sue Gibbs and Mr. Reece Arledge were on Pearidge, Sunday. —W. S. S.—

COLUMBUS.

Polk County is prouder of her Governor since having heard him. Surely there was but one kind of people before him when he had finished his excellent address, and that was Americans, and more determined to be loyal Americans. We challenge any state to produce a more patriotic governor than our own. No doubt many of our people are planning for their exhibits at the Fair, beginning Wednesday, Oct. 9th. We hope the ladies will make a special effort to help with exhibits in the Women's Department, that we may not only have quality, but quantity. Those having put up in half gallon jars bring them in, and we will ask the judges to consider them. Mrs. Elizabeth Feagans, Mr. Walter Feagans, Mr. Belton Feagans, of Greens Creek, spent Sunday with Mr. J. A. and O. L. Feagans. The many friends of Mrs. E. B. Cloud will be glad to know that she was successfully operated upon at the Rutherfordton hospital, and that she is doing nicely. The revival held in Columbus by the Rev. J. B. Arledge is being very well attended. Christian workers from several sections of Polk county are assisting, and we feel that not only Columbus will be a better place to live in, but other sections as well, as a result of this meeting. Misses Margaret and Bertha Cantrell spent Saturday and Sunday with Miss Oma Reynolds. Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Smith and twin babies were at church here, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Elliott received a letter from their son, Frank, saying he has been in the front line trenches, and says that things are not quiet there. Also that he has been receiving the POLK COUNTY NEWS. We wish our people would send in more news to their correspondents that our boys might read more about all of the people back home. Mr. Robert Hill, of Rutherfordton, visited his family last week. Many of our people went to Tryon, Monday afternoon to hear the talk by a returned soldier, at the school auditorium. A committee has been appointed by the Betterment Club to furnish a rest room at the Fair for the ladies and their children. Betterment Club meets Saturday at 4 p. m. All members are earnestly requested to attend, to perfect plans for the Fair. Mr. John Burgess was home from Davidson College, for Governor's day. —W. S. S.—

SUNNY VIEW.

Rev. Wright filled his regular appointment at Cane Creek Sunday. He delivered a good sermon. Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Taylor visited Mrs. U. S. Gibbs, Sunday. Most of the Sunny View school attended memorial services at Whiteside Valley, Sunday. Among the interesting features of the program was an address made by Judge Justice, of Rutherfordton. Miss Bertha Dalton went to her home church, Saturday to assist in decoration and musical program for memorial services which were held in honor of the eleven boys who are "over there." Misses Lizzie Williams and Annie Wilson, Messrs. Ralph Edwards and Frank Mills enjoyed a trip to Chimney Rock last week. Quite a number of men here have received their questionnaires. We hope peace will come before they are needed in actual services. Miss Kansas Jackson and little Clio Feagan called to see little Martha Jackson, Sunday. Miss Lizzie Wilson spent Monday night with Miss Anna Wilson. Several from here went to Columbus, Saturday to hear the Governor. All report a nice time. Mr. Hobart Whiteside is now in Camp Stuart, Va. Mr. Reuben R. Wilson has landed in England. He reports a nice trip across the sea. Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson attended services at Cane Creek, Sunday. Miss Maggie Jackson spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Belton Jackson. Messrs. Terrell Taylor and Willie Mills, of Noodlesville passed through this section Sunday. Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale visited her daughter Mrs. F. R. Coggins, Sunday last. Mrs. N. E. Williams and family visited Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bennett, Sunday evening. Miss Clara Feagan was a pleasant caller at Mr. N. D. Helton's, Friday afternoon. Oh, yes, Mountain View, we are ahead of you for we have organized a spelling match for the old folks. Come around some Friday and see them coming with their blue back spelling book and hear them spell in-trans-mag-ni-fi-can-du-ban-dan-shi-ally. The young people of Sunny View enjoyed a number of social events last week.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

LYNN.

Please excuse us for not reporting for two or three weeks. We have had a little touch of Spanish hen-flew-end-ways, or grippe. Our boys keep going to camp. Jethro Thompson and Wilkie Capps have gone from Lynn since our last report, and both have been home on short leaves of absence. The Tryon Hosiery Co., shut down mill last Saturday to give all an opportunity to go to Columbus and hear Gov. Bickett speak. All who went claim to be well paid for their going. Several of our men have gone to Spartanburg and elsewhere to work at the camps, and some have gone to Virginia to work in the munition plants. Mrs. John Rhodes has purchased a Ford touring car. Some of the Spindale people were in our burg Saturday, Mr. Parsley being one of the visitors. Mr. Harrison Cannon, Jr., who holds a position with Swift & Co., of Greenville, S. C., visited home folks last Sunday. W. T. Hammett ran down to see home folks last Sunday. Mr. Grey Thompson reports that he has killed about 48 snakes in his corn field on the mountain this season. They were of all sizes and kinds. Two big rattlers made good their escape. Come again, Mr. Fish-top. Get ready. All roads will be going to the Fair next week. It is to be hoped that the weather and roads will be as good as they are at this writing. Mrs. John Rhodes is preparing to have her house painted. Paint is a good investment; hides lots of defects and preserves the property. A tent meeting is in progress in our little village. Just now Mr. Rollins, of Campobello is conducting it, and it is to be hoped that much good may result therefrom. Don't forget the Fair next week. The Fair will be just as good as the people make it. Edgar Covil, a son of Mr. M. H. Covil, while doing some dray work a few days ago dropped a match, caught fire in a wagon where some oil had been spilled, and then in spite of his efforts to extinguish it, caught his overall, and before he could realize he was badly burned on the leg, and at this writing is not able or duty. No damage to wagon. Why not have a POLK COUNTY NEWS correspondents' convention at the Fair next week, and have a few minutes talk on boosting the county paper? We suggest that if this suggestion meets with the approval that ye editor will give notice of the time and place of same. All manufacturing enterprises of the county should have a display of their products at the Fair next week. At this writing, if all signs and reports are true, a wedding is close at hand in this village. —W. S. S.—

MILL SPRING.

Most of the people from here went to Columbus Saturday, to hear "Our Governor." Every one reports a nice time. Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lewis and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Gibbs attended a "Fifth Stnday" meeting near Rutherfordton, Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dicus and family are visiting Mrs. L. C. Gibbs at this writing. Mr. and Mrs. Drew Helton were made happy last Sunday night by the arrival of a little girl, Ethel. Miss Esther Gibbs visited Stearns High School, Monday, also attended the speaking at Tryon by an American soldier from Connecticut, who had been "gassed" in battle. Mr. Claude Lewis has returned home, after spending a few days in the A. & M. college, at West Raleigh. Miss Esther Gibbs has closed her school for a few days and is visiting at home. Mr. Andy Gibbs visited Mr. J. H. Cocherum, Sunday. Mr. Clarence Gibbs who is working at Gaffney, spent the week-end with his mother, Mrs. L. C. Gibbs. Misses Mabelle Pack and Carrie Barber were guests of Miss Annie Edwards, Sunday. Messrs. Frank Edwards and Floyd Toney spent Saturday night with Mr. Reece Arledge. Leader for Christian Endeavor next Sunday, Miss Esther Gibbs. Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn spent Sunday with the latter's parents. Miss Grace Arledge who is attending Stearns High School, spent Sunday at home. Quite a number from here attended the revival service at Columbus, last Sunday night. Just think, the Fair is right here. We hope that Mill Spring will be well represented, both with people and with exhibits. We hope that each one will make a great contribution to the Fourth Liberty Loan. Remember we are only loaning this money to help the boys who are giving their lives for our own liberty. —W. S. S.—

FISHTOP.

T. W. Bradley sung for the Sunset View class Sunday night. We hear it rumored that revenue

officers captured some illicit distilleries in the rattlesnake section of Polk and Henderson counties, last week. Perhaps they thought no more medicine for rattlesnake bites would be needed this year. Mrs. Posey Henderson visited Miss Flora Bradley, Sunday eve. E. J. Bradley was summoned to attend court at Hendersonville, this week. Posey Henderson is going to Spartanburg with another load of apples this week. Jasper Bishop was in Saluda, Saturday. Corn is reported as not being as good as it seemed before the fodder was pulled. Several squirrel hunters kept the sanctity of the Sabbath broken all day Sunday, by the noise of their guns. There is large game in France, and those hunters should be sent there. We hear many people say that T. C. Laughter's cotton is not only the best they have seen this summer, but is the best they have seen anywhere. —W. S. S.—

MELVIN HILL.

Mr. Roy Smith, of Georgia, and Miss Bessie Toney, of Sandy Plains, were married a short distance from here, last Thursday evening. As Mr. Smith is expecting to go into training soon the wedding was a very quiet one, but their many friends wish them much happiness, nevertheless. Mr. Arthur Waldrop and Miss Lillie Tate, of Chesnee, were quietly married last Tuesday evening. Mr. Waldrop started for the training camp the following Friday. Mrs. Emma Shehan, of Clifton, visited her sister, Mrs. Waldrop, last week-end. She has lately received a letter from her son, Archie, to the effect that he had landed safely in France, and enjoyed the voyage across immensely. Mrs. Mary Morris is visiting relatives at Clifton, this week. Mr. Rowland Feagan is home on furlough from Camp Hancock, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. Smith spent a few days of their honeymoon with the latter's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Stacy. Eld. W. A. Reed was over in Rutherfordton preaching last Saturday and Sunday. Cotton fields are white and everybody has a job now. Mr. Joe Henderson, of Mill Creek, attended Sunday school here, Sunday afternoon. Mr. Heber Carson visited his aunt, Mrs. Etta Branscom, last week. —W. S. S.—

TRYON ROUTE 1.

Good bye, Summer, hello to Fall. Many on the route flocked to hear the great speech given by our Governor Saturday. All from "J. D. Rockefeller up" weighed well what he had to say, but some with tear-dimmed eyes weren't quite J. D.'s rival, only wished they could buy Liberty Bonds and help the boys on to Berlin. Mr. Ray Edwards left, Friday, for camp. Miss Leatha Barber was the pleasant guest of Miss Clara Edwards for a few days. Miss Nellie Champion was the guest to Miss Octa Pack, who will be off to school at Saluda, this week. As students of the poultry school at Columbus, if we will follow the rules and instructions given by Prof. Ivy, we will soon have pure bred poultry throughout the state, and hens will be digging with both feet and filling shells like high-g geared munition plants. Mrs. J. W. Jack entertained an old friend immensely by having her little ones write arithmetic stories at her school room just before the poultry school opened last Friday. Mr. Taylor Whitesides killed a mad dog, Sunday. We must not forget to give the military band, soldier boys, our united thanks and regards for the splendid music given by them at Columbus, last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Nance and family were guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Nance, Sunday. —W. S. S.—

SALUDA ROUTE 1.

Miss Inez Sentell, of Haywood, N. C., is down visiting Miss Laura Russell for a few days. Messrs. Willie and Lafayette Hart, from Greenville, S. C., spent the night with their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. G. Henry Pace, last week. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Amos Gosnell, a son, last Sunday morning. Look out, Germans. Miss Angie Stanton spent the evening with Miss Nellie Ward, last Sunday. Mr. Luther Stanton was in Saluda, last week, on business. Mr. Jethro Pace spent one night with Mr. Richard Pace, last week. Mr. Burrell Turner, of Tigerville, S. C., made a business visit to J. Henry Pace, last Tuesday. Mr. J. M. Pace and family spent the day with Mr. Louis Davis, last Sunday. Messrs. J. B. Gosnell and Spurgeon Ward spent the day with Mr. Richard Pace, Sunday. —W. S. S.—

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