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MET DEATH IN PECULIAR MANNER.

Logan Newman Killed in Green River Cove Section, on Wednesday.

HEAD CRUSHED IN SORGHUM MILL.

Our Fishtop correspondent gives the following account of a fatal accident happening in that neighborhood on Wednesday of last week: A fatal accident happened here last Wednesday when Logan Newman, in some way, had his head caught between the sweep and benches of an old-fashioned sorghum mill. His head was crushed to such an extent that death resulted in a very few hours. He was buried at Silver Creek church (the old family burying grounds) Thursday. He leaves a large family of children, an aged mother, two brothers, two sisters and a large circle of friends. He was 30 years old, an agreeable companion, a peaceful citizen and a deacon in the Baptist church. A man who kept his tongue "bridled" and ruled his temper, and Solomon says of such a man that "He is mightier than he that taketh a city."

THE APPRECIATIVENESS OF THE FRENCH.

Mr. John Kendrick Bangs gives us an interesting account of the appreciativeness of the French soldier in an article in McCall's magazine for November. He had come up on a lot of French soldiers "off duty" resting out side the fighting lines. He gave each soldier two cigarettes, as the supply was low, but when he came to the band, realizing what the musicians were doing to keep up the spirits of the fighters he gave them double the quantity. He turned to leave when the leader of the band asked him to wait a moment, and turned, tapped a tree trunk with his baton. The band came to immediate attention, and without any orders immediately began playing The Star Spangled Banner. Instantly every tired poilu was on his feet and at attention, and so stood until the last bar of the music was finished. This is but one of the many things transpiring daily to show with what esteem, yes, even devotion everything pertaining to the United States is regarded by the French.

Who knows what good will come out of this war. Will it not be worth all it costs?

WHAT THEY ARE FIGHTING FOR

Certain German newspapers have attempted to show that the American soldiers do not know for what they are fighting. In the November issue of McCall's is an article written by John Kendrick Bangs, who has two sons in the service, and touches upon this very point. He relates the incident of a young American boy of Portuguese parentage, who was wounded and in the hospital to which Mr. Bangs had been assigned for duty. This young lad was very attentive to Mr. Bangs' wants, and when the time came for Mr. Bangs to leave he offered the young soldier a twenty-franc note, saying:

"When you go to Paris for a little recreation I should like to feel that I had made you a little more comfortable, too."

The lad glanced at Mr. Bangs reverently, and in the words of a genuine, true American hero, said: "Please don't, Mr. Bangs. You know we didn't come over here to make money—we came over to do things for other people."

ABOUT THE CHRISTMAS BOXES.

Supplementing the announcement in last week's NEWS, mailing boxes can be procured after November 1st from any of the following, if you have the label which will be sent from your soldier overseas: Mrs. Julia K. Campbell, Saluda; Mr. Logan H. Cloud, Columbus; Mrs. J. M. Lewis, Mill Spring Mrs. J. T. Camp, Route 4, Landrum, S. C.; Mrs. M. F. Wilkins, Abolene; Miss Alice Cantrell, Route 1, Landrum, S. C.; and G. H. Holmes, Tryon.

Information as to what can be sent can be given by any of those mentioned above. Packages will be received and inspected in your presence at the directors' room of the Peoples Bank & Trust Co., Tryon, only, on the following dates between ten and one o'clock, November 8th, 9th, 11th, 12th and 13th, and at the Red Cross rooms in Saluda on the 9th, 11th and 12th, during these hours. Information as to Christmas packages for the men in the Navy can be had from the same sources.

HESTER-CONRAD.

On Wednesday, the 16th, Miss Hester was married, to her father's house, to Dr. Henry B. Conrad, medical officer in the U. S. Navy. A small group consisting of near relatives and close friends, witnessed the ceremony. The reception which was to have followed was called off owing to present conditions of public health.

Whether Tryon brides-to-be should choose a home wedding with its informal surroundings, or float up the aisle to a church to the music of the organ, is still an open question. Certainly those who saw the bride of Wednesday night as she came down the garlanded stairway with its sentinel posts of tall white flowers at either side would be quick to say that nothing could be more lovely than the sweet intimacy of a wedding in one's father's house.

The only bridesmaid, Miss Dixon of Charlotte, preceded the bride, carrying a large bouquet of pink rose buds. The groom stood with his best man, Mr. Broaddus Ballenger, at the foot of the stair.

The Rev. Dr. Bomar, an uncle of Mrs. Hester's, performed the ceremony, the Doubleday family giving the music.

The scene as the two young people stood, Dr. Conrad in his uniform, Miss Hester in an exquisite gown of richest white satin, Georgette crepe and lace with usual trimmings of pearl, was ideally beautiful, not only from the appearance of the young people, but from the background of years of faithful work and waiting which made this wedding noticeable.

The presents were carefully selected, each given bent on giving pleasure. There was beautiful silver in quantities, linen, pictures, lamps, books, bags and china.

The only drawbacks were the absence of Dr. Conrad's only sister, quarantined at Converse college, of the bride's brothers, one of them in quarantine at Chapel Hill, the other in the aviation service, and the cruciate which deprived her Tryon friends of the charming picture memories they would have had of this beautiful occasion.

Dr. Conrad's brother, who was to have been his best man was unavoidably detained in France. The visitors from abroad were Dr. and Mrs. Conrad, of Winston-Salem, Dr. and Mrs. Jomar, of Hendersonville, with their daughter, and Mrs. T. T. Ballenger, of Atlanta.

Dr. Conrad considered himself fortunate in having a ten days' leave after which time they will probably be in Washington during the war.

FAIR PRICE LIST FOR THE WEEK.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, such as flour, corn meal, and sugar.

OUR REWARD

Sometimes we are told, in a jocular manner by some of our friends, "Publish this and you'll be rewarded in Heaven."

Well that may be so, and we hope it is, but two things have come to our attention of late that makes us feel fully paid for what we may have done to aid in the good cause. One is told us by a good mother who said she wrote and asked her boy what they could do for him and he replied that there was but one thing he wanted, and that was send him the NEWS.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

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

PEA RIDGE.

Mr. John Thompson spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. E. G. Thompson's. Mrs. J. B. Dalton made a trip to Rutherfordton, Thursday. Mrs. J. T. Green is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. T. Waldrop. There's a long, long trail of winding into no man's land of France; Where the shot and shells are bursting. But we must advance. There'll be lots of drills and hikings. Until our dreams come true; But we are going to show the Kaiser What the Sammie boys can do.

RED MOUNTAIN.

Old Mr. "Flu" has not invaded our corner yet, and the school is still going on with a good attendance.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ruff, left Friday, to visit their daughter, who is seriously ill at Great Falls, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lynch, Mr. and Mrs. Furman Jackson, also Mr. Billy Dimsdale, motored to Asheville, Saturday.

Miss Mae Lynch spent Saturday at the Teachersage.

Mr. J. B. Wilson's mother spent last Sunday at his home. Miss Gladys carried her back to her home in the afternoon.

Mr. Curtis Wilson returned from Spartanburg, Saturday.

The Republican candidates of the county held a meeting at the Red Mountain school house last Friday night. A few more Liberty Bonds were sold.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

Mrs. R. F. Coggins is visiting relatives in Spartanburg this week.

Mr. Roland Ruppe is very ill.

Mr. Mack McGuinn had the bad luck to lose a mule one day last week.

Mr. N. E. Williams made a business trip to Spartanburg last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Dimsdale spent Wednesday night with their daughter, Mrs. F. R. Coggins.

Mr. Albert Lynch, who is at Camp Jackson, is very low with the influenza and measles.

Mr. Miller Justice was a caller at Mr. N. E. Williams', one day last week.

Mr. A. L. Hill and Mr. Ballenger, from Tryon, were visitors in this section last week, on Fourth Liberty Loan business.

Much success to the NEWS.

SILVER CREEK.

There is much rejoicing in this section over the recent war news. We sincerely hope our boys will keep the Hun on the run while the running is good. As our much admired Lieut. Copeland says, our boys will not be satisfied until they put Old Glory on the Kaiser's palace in Berlin. We wish Lieut. Copeland would write something for the NEWS every week.

Mr. Will Foster, of Landrum, S. C., spent Monday last at his father's farm, on Green River.

Mr. Logan Newman, of Green River Cove, was laid to rest at Silver Creek last Thursday, where many of his relatives are buried. Mrs. J. L. Jackson, of Tryon, a sister of Mr. Newman's attended the funeral. Also Mr. W. C. Newman, of Hendersonville.

Mr. H. P. Arledge is very ill at this writing.

Mr. C. E. Justice was here on business one day last week.

Mr. Walter Green, while on a business trip to Spartanburg, was attacked with Spanish influenza, and came home very ill.

The little son of Mr. Brisco David died Friday, and was buried at Friendship church.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Well, we haven't much news, as we are not allowed to get out any farther than our cotton fields.

L. H. Shehan and Grover Wilson were visitors at A. A. Edwards' Saturday.

Some of our boys in France write that they enjoy reading the POLK NEWS so much. Let's continue to send our copies.

Private Grover Thompson writes that he has had the pleasure of walking over some dead Germans, also went over the top with success. Good for him.

Mr. A. F. Corbin, with the Edwards choir, are practicing songs in the Methodist hymnal, to be used at Lebanon, on the first Sunday.

Sunny View, are we going to send a Christmas box "over there?" Miss Eliza White spent Sunday with Miss Mattie Abrams.

As I smell possum and "punkin" cooking, will have to go see what else we will have for dinner.

SUNNY VIEW.

Say, Mr. Editor, you was mistaken. It was Mr. Bill Jackson that has arrived safely overseas, instead of Mr. Flu.

enza and pneumonia and was very ill. Mr. Brown has gone to visit him.

Mrs. J. L. Jackson has been on the sick list for several days, with la-grippe.

Mr. A. L. Hill and several others from Tryon were in this section, last week, preaching Liberty Bonds. We hope old Polk went over the top.

Mrs. Will Haynes has received word of the death of her brother, Mr. Norman McAbee. He died in camp, of the influenza.

Mr. J. C. Whiteside made a splendid talk on school matters, near Cooper Gap, last Friday night.

Mr. A. H. Lynch visited his grand father, Mr. J. L. Jackson, Sunday.

Mr. Belton Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Haynes, attended the funeral of the latter's brother, Sunday, at Fairview, N. C.

Misses Maggie Jackson and Anna Wilson were guests of Mrs. G. S. Whiteside, Sunday afternoon.

On account of bad weather, Rev. McCall, of Hendersonville, failed to fill his appointment at Cooper Gap, Sunday.

Hello, route 2, we thank you so very much for your advice as how to escape Mr. Flu. We took a cup of boneset, and never sneezed any more.

MILL SPRING.

On account of so much Spanish "flu" there was not any preaching of Christian Endeavor at the Baptist church, Sunday.

Word has been received that Mr. Edward Barber has arrived safely overseas.

Mr. J. H. Gibbs' family is recovering from the Spanish "flu," all of them had it except Hubert and Gordon.

Mr. Sam Cocherum is home from Hopewell, Va.

Miss Mollie Dalton was the guest of Miss Sue Gibbs, Monday afternoon.

Messrs. John Price and Amos Arledge spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. Dave Thompson.

Miss Esther Gibbs returned to her school Monday, after being away for about three weeks.

Mrs. M. C. Gosnell spent Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. J. H. Cocherum.

Mr. Claude Lewis and Rev. J. M. Barber made a trip to Rutherfordton, last Friday.

We hope since the rain came that the flu will stop.

Miss Edith Gibbs is home from Atlanta, Ga.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. C. M. Dicus' little babe, Charles III, is very ill.

Miss Esther Gibbs and mother spent a few pleasant hours at the home of Mr. G. C. Brisco, last Saturday.

Mr. D. T. Helton spent Sunday at Mr. J. C. Lawter's.

Quite a crowd attended the speaking at the school house, last Tuesday night, on the Fourth Liberty Loan.

TRYON ROUTE 1.

Hurrah for Polk, one of the first to go over the top in the Fourth Loan Drive.

Glad to note Mrs. Bickett, wife of the Governor is soon to return from France, and will make a tour of North Carolina, speaking in the interest of the Y. W. C. A. preparatory to the United War Work campaign. Hope all will be well and that she will come to Columbus, so we Polkites can hear her.

Misses Pearl, Essie and Clara Edwards are home from Brevard. Pearl has the influenza.

Mr. S. B. Edwards has an Overland, to help him in his electioneering this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Holbert visited relatives out on the route, last weekend.

Miss Octa Pack has returned home from the Saluda Seminary, on account of the flu.

Oh, yes, Mill Spring, the old Spanish hen didn't fly at me "end ways," she flew forward and hovered over me for two weeks, and has just now flown thither.

Aren't we proud of our editor's sailor boy? Who could help from appreciating his letter in the POLK NEWS last week? Wish more of our soldiers and sailors would write to the NEWS.

Words fail to convey my feelings of sorrow on reading of the death of my dear schoolmate, Miss Bertie Jackson. But our loss is Heaven's gain. May God in his kindness console the bereaved family just now.

Three cheers for our soldiers who are marching on to Berlin.

October weaves rainbows of the forest leaves.

W. S. S.

Gen. B. H. Teague, who attended the Confederate Reunion at Tulsa, Okla., was taken seriously ill upon his return to Aiken last Thursday and was taken immediately to the Aiken Hospital, where it was found necessary to perform an operation. His many friends will be happy to learn that the splendid old soldier is fast recovering.—Aiken, S. C., Journal and Record.

TRYON

Mrs. G. Lecount was in Spartanburg, Tuesday.

So far the Spanish "Flu" has touched Tryon but lightly.

Mrs. Paul Smith left last week to join her husband at Peoria, Ill.

Miss Roberts, of Chicago, who spent the winter season here last year has returned to Tryon.

Mrs. Anson H. Merrick left last week to join her husband at Nashville where he is connected with the Du pont powder works.

Miss Clara Peugh, of Belair, Maryland, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. P. Williams. Master Pinckney Williams returned to Tryon with his aunt.

Mrs. Caldef Scodells, of Chihuahua, Mexico, and Miss Emma Allen, of Wilksboro, N. C. are guests of Mrs. J. Lecount.

Miss Louise Kenworthy writes to her mother from Washington, D. C. "I cannot think of anything I would rather do at this time than to be a nurse."

Mr. Roraime Stone, of Chicago arrived in Tryon Wednesday for a short stay with his parents before reporting for duty. He expects to be sent overseas, within a very few days.

Mr. F. M. Gosnell after occupying the position of overseer of the Gillette estate, has resigned his position and moved to a farm near Landrum, S. C. Mr. John Lankford has been chosen as his successor.

Capt Bernard Sharp's many Tryon friends are glad to know that he has been promoted to be Major in the regular army. Although on the retired list he has won praise and this honor for his active work in preparing recruits for service.

The remains of Mr. A. D. Brown who died at Petersburg Va., of influenza arrived in Tryon Wednesday and on Thursday were taken to Clinton, S. C., the old home for burial. He was a son-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dedmond, of Columbus.

Hon. Zebulon Weaver, congressman from the 10th district, was in Tryon, last Friday and returned to his home in Asheville on Saturday morning.

Mr. Weaver was looking after his political fences along with other matters.

Owing to the prevalence of the Spanish influenza in the outlying districts, the Red Cross has been put to considerable extra expense for nurses, food, etc. Any one desiring to help in this S. O. S. call may send their contributions to the Red Cross treasurer, Geo. H. Holmes.

Official scrupulousness would seem to be rare in Detroit. For the Free Press of that city gives half a column with his picture, to Major J. S. Holden, for returning to the city treasury \$1,700 of back pay due him as alderman. As he has been serving the country at Washington during that time, he said he had rendered no service to the city, and therefore entitled to no pay. The Free Press says Detroit can lay claim to something entirely new in the way of alderman.

"It is one of those unique contributions to the public funds."

Spanish influenza is raging over the entire country, and Polk county is having its share. There is no excuse for becoming panicky over the situation. We would not attempt to deny that the situation confronting us is serious, and we cannot dodge the issue. While several deaths have resulted in Polk county, our condition is not nearly so bad as some other sections. One thing above all our people should do, and that is to avoid crowds of all kinds. Keep away from any house, locality or family where there is any influenza. Keep away from funerals. Only by doing these things can we hope to get the scourge under control. Keep in the open air as much as possible, eat plenty but not too much of wholesome food, and dress in good warm clothes. Use common sense, and we will soon be rid of the pestulance.

In our last issue we spoke of the promotion of Wallace Lankford, and at that very moment the young man was a corpse, and none in this, his home town, knew it. Saturday his father received a telegram stating that Wallace had died at sea, that his body would be returned to the United States, and asking what disposition was wanted of the body. It is the wish of the parents that it be sent home for burial. So far as we know, this is the first Polk county boy to give up his life while in the service, in the present struggle. As we said last week, Wallace Lankford was an exceptionally fine young fellow, and if he had lived no doubt a brilliant career was ahead of him in the Navy. We join with the whole of Tryon in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Dr. and Mrs. Conrad were at the station, Sunday evening, about to take the train to go to Winston-Salem. A soldier alighted from it, whom they at first did not recognize. Suddenly Mrs. Conrad discovered that it was her brother, Julian Hester, just arrived from the aviation field at Akron, on a week's leave of absence. Instead of taking the train they returned home with him, taking their departure thence day. He is looking in fine condition. He recently ascended in a balloon for the first time without a pilot. At the height of 5,000 feet he decided to descend, but found that instead of going down he continued going up. He finally got

KNOWS WHY WE ARE FIGHTING.

Greens Creek 8-Year Old Boy Tells How He is Aiding Uncle Sam.

THE POLK COUNTY SPIRIT.

If you don't think the boys of this county understand what our soldiers are fighting for and that they intend to do their part, just read the following letter written by Worth Miller, aged 8 years, of Greens Creek township. Worth knows, and what more is determined to do not only his might but his best. His example might be followed by many of his elders who have failed to do either their bit or best:

"I have bought a War Savings Stamp to help my two brothers, John and Gus, in the army, fighting for me. This is how I got my money: picked up wasted corn in the field, got 50 cents; got me a fish basket and caught and sold 37 cents worth of fish went to the mail box three times for Uncle Solon, he gave me thirty cents; I stuck stakes for Mr. Profit, laying off fences, he gave me \$1.00; I picked 210 pounds of cotton for Mr. Rob Riddings, he gave me \$2.10 for it; I picked blackberries for Osborn Miller, he gave me 12 cents."

WORTH MILLER, Greens Creek Township.

When our eight year old boys grasp the situation as this youngster has, and does as he has to secure the money which he loans to Uncle Sam to aid his two brothers as he puts it, how an our grown-ups hesitate? As long as our children continue to grow up with such ideas in their heads have no fear for the future of democracy. It is too deeply rooted to ever blast or die. All honor to Worth Miller and his ilk.

SALUDA.

Mrs. H. Locke has returned from Demorest, Ga., bringing home her son Russell, who has been sick at the Piedmont school, there, but who is now convalescing.

Miss Bessie Sonner has also returned to spend the time intervening ill the school, Piedmont college reopens.

Miss Wilcox, who has been visiting her sick brother, is now at home, caring him on the mend.

Mrs. B. I. Hazard is still in Birmingham, Ala., with her son, who has been quite ill, but is now improving.

Miss Octavia Moody, of this place, died on Oct. 19th, and her remains were interred in Mt. Page church yard. Miss Moody was in charge of the telephone exchange here and will be much missed. She leaves many relatives and friends to mourn her loss.

Mr. Steele is much better, and with his family have gone to Hendersonville for a change.

Mr. and Mrs. Aiken and son, Morgan, who is at home for a ten days' visit from Washington, D. C., will join the Steeles in Hendersonville in a few days, and from there go on to Washington later.

Mrs. Campbell's sister, Mrs. Spratt, and her son, have returned to their home in South Carolina, but her niece, Mrs. Spratt, Jr., and children, will remain here for a week or more longer.

Dr. Salley's cousin, Miss Irene Salley, is quite sick with pneumonia at his residence in Saluda.

Mrs. Kinloch, of Charleston, S. C., has been quite sick at Mrs. Leonard's boarding house, but is now better.

Miss Marvin Patterson has returned home from Demorest, Ga., to remain until school reopens.

Mr. and Mrs. Pugh are now residents of Saluda, and are living in Mrs. Reed's pleasant cottage on Henderson street. Mrs. Pugh was ill for awhile with a cold caught on the train but is now much better. Mr. Pugh is in charge of some engineering work at the Green River power plant, near here.

W. S. S.

HATS OFF TO POLK COUNTY.

W. S. S.

As usual Polk county gave a good account of herself in the Fourth Liberty Loan Drive.

Our quota was \$140,000, and with figures incomplete we have sold \$184,000.00 worth. With sales yet to be reported will more than likely bring the total up to \$190,000.

In the percentage of oversubscription Polk county stands first in Western North Carolina. Our percentage is about 35, being far in excess of Buncombe, which county went over the top first of any county in this district.

Buncombe kindly proffered us four workers, or a "Flying Squad" as they called it, to put us over the top. This offer was kindly turned down, as we had plenty of fine material in Polk county to put over any loan the Government may ask of us.

It was a glorious victory, and glory for all who had anything to do with it.