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**ONE MINUTE INTERVIEWS**

MRS. J. P. CALDWELL

Office Phone Number 234.

Hospitality in South Today Not What It Was in Days of Our Ancestors—Change Due to Conditions.

I wish to add a bit to what has already been said, pro and con, about 'Southern hospitality.' As a southerner for five generations, I know that southern hospitality, as it existed a century ago has collapsed almost entirely. The lavish hospitality of the old days of plenty and luxury when spare rooms were considered a necessity and slaves were plentiful to fetch and carry, is not possible now in these days of high prices, few servants, and war time purses. If honest confession is good for the soul it will do Charlotte good for us to admit what we cannot fail to see, that southern hospitality is a much overrated thing.

"I can readily understand how people from afar expect to find more hospitality in the south than elsewhere as we are noted for our hospitality, but it is a fame bequeathed to us by our ancestors and which modern conditions prevent us from carrying on. There is a decided tendency among us to rest on our laurels and cling tenaciously to distinctions won by our forefathers. We are hospitable, but not as they were and we do not deserve the credit of being distinguished for our hospitality. We have been shining in the reflected glory of other days and other ways and the sooner we realize this and come to see ourselves as others see us the better it will be for us.

"I have entertained enough since the camp came here to speak from a wide experience when I say that for every case of inhospitality in Charlotte, I believe there has been a case of hospitality abused. I do not think soldiers acting so represent the best at the camp, but I know that their ingratitude and delinquencies have served to dampen our enthusiasm and stifle our natural inclinations to entertain the soldiers.

"As for Sergeant Lindquist, I think he deserves pity and kindness instead of scorn. His disappointment over not being sent overseas is pathetic. It seems to be universal among the soldiers who were kept on this side and I think they should be commended for hiding their grouches this long. Now that the war is over and they no longer feel the patriotic urge and incentive they felt during the war I think it natural that those who were simply spoiling for a fight should vent their real feelings and start a little war all their own. I feel sure that if Sergeant Lindquist had been sent overseas and displayed the aggressiveness he has shown here, he would have won a medal.

"A CHARLOTTEAN."

Conditions Under Turkish Rule Horrible.

It isn't every day that letters from the Holy Land come this way. Mr. L. Joseph has two letters from his nephew in the Holy Land, which will be read with interest, especially at this time:

The American University, Beirut, Oct. 12, 1918.

"My dear Uncle:

"I never dreamed that I would be able to write to you. Thanks to the English General Allenby, we are finally free, in touch with the rest of the world. We are well physically, but poor economically. We will be very thankful indeed if we could be helped in any way. I can not describe our condition when the Turks left us last week. It was simply horrible. Over a third of our village died because of Turkish rule. Thank God we are free again. Hoping to hear from you soon.

"Yours sincerely

"ASAD J. RUSTUM."

The second letter, written on October 25, reads as follows: "Conditions are becoming better. Order and security are being re-established with the help of the British army of occupation. Many of the people are so heavily in debt that it would be impossible for them to get along without some financial help. We fall under the same category, and we therefore ask you to help us. My mother and father are in good condition. They wish you success. Hoping to hear from you soon."

The latter letter was written at the Syrian Protestant College at Beirut.

The World Owes You Nothing.

"Haven't you often heard people say, 'the world owes me a living?' asked a local philosopher last evening. "Well, here's something that Lyman Abbott has to say on the subject that is just my opinion, but expressed as I could not have done it: 'The world owes you nothing unless by your own achievements you have made it your debtor. The man who imagines that the world owes him a living has taken the first step toward knavery; the second step is taken when he tries to collect the debt which is not due him. The greater his success in this, the greater thief he is, if he takes out of the world more than he has put into it.'"

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**Insist on Wilsonian Peace Program.**

"I note with interest that the workmen of France will insist on a peace based on President Wilson's program," remarked a man who follows the war, or rather, European news closely. "The statement was made by Albert Thomas, Minister of Munitions, Paris, and quoted in a northern paper. He said, the workmen are determined to prevent future wars. He quotes them thus: 'We do not want our descendants to engage in another war; we do not want them even to know the meaning of war. The policy did every thing possible to win the war, but now they are equally determined on a Wilsonian peace.' I am glad to say that President Wilson's 14 points are restoring the unity of the French socialists. Divided on other points and questions they unanimously indorse his views, and are confident of his wisdom and right judgment. The league of nations is the dearest ideal of French labor. We are eagerly watching America's strong, open attitude, and its readiness to discuss any proposition."

**Heroes Unto and Beyond Death.**

"Nothing could be finer than the story of heroism of the American soldiers as told in identification tags, and which was a feature study in Sunday's Public Ledger," said a prominent Charlotte man last evening, one who has a soft spot there. "The story, which comes from Berne, is one calculated to give their fellow countrymen a new thrill. The tags taken from bodies of American officers and privates are in many instances mutilated so far as regimental data is concerned, the conclusion being that the wearers were determined that the enemy should obtain no information of value from them. It takes little imagination to visualize a tragedy in almost every one of the little aluminum discs. Each mutilated tag tells a story of a lad who had journeyed more than 8,000 to fight under the Stars and Stripes, whose last thought in going into battle was not for his own safety, but for that of his own comrades. One can picture the men scratching their regimental and company numbers from discs when death or capture seemed certain. Many of the tags that reached Red Cross headquarters bore the names of soldiers who were obviously of German descent. In many cases it was possible the war department to serve in home numbers as if the attempt to obliterate the information had been done hurriedly."

**Sailor on Shore.**

W. M. Linder, U. S. N., is spending a furlough at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Linder. Mr. Linder is first gunner's mate. He was in the navy for several years before the war and re-enlisted. He has now been in service six years. He was in the ship hospital when the ship was torpedoed, and the exposure to which he was subjected at that time gave him pneumonia, and he is now home to recuperate. Mr. Linder was in the naval brigade. He leaves Monday next on his return to duty.

**Mr. Wright, of Lincoln, Gives the Answer, and Additional Information.**

Last Saturday's One-Minute page carried a letter from Prof. Robert Lee Brooks, of Statesville, asking the author of some lines of poetry beginning with the following lines: "The moon descended in the western skies and left A halo of beauty rare."

Lo! the answer and with gratitude from the One-Minute editor: "Editor of the One-Minute Page: "I take great pleasure in giving Professor Robert Lee Brooks, of Statesville, the name of the author of the lines in doubt which were quoted in today's paper. In perusing my scrap books of local poetry and prose I discovered it was composed by Mr. Ewart W. G. Huffman, of Hickory, N. C., and published in one of our local papers under the title 'Lines on an Evening Walk in August,' however Professor Brooks' quotation was only the concluding excerpt and paragraph. "Mr. Huffman is a regular column contributor in 'One of our weeklies.' "Yours truly

"LUTHER GRAY WRIGHT,"

Lincolnton, N. C., Dec. 23.

**About Those Melon Seed.**

The One-Minute page Editor has a little clear to be "considered a good friend" of Red Buck for many reasons, but the latest for fulfilling the obligation imposed in a letter from him "published in yesterday's One-Minute" and that, "to succeed in getting him the name of some farmer in Mecklenburg who has the seed of the big watermelon that grow near Charlotte, those whose weight will run to 100 pounds."

By 8 o'clock yesterday morning the One-Minute page editor was called to the telephone. This was the message: "I have the very seed that Red Buck wants. This is Graham P. Caldwell, R. F. D. No. 1, Providence Road. Tell him I have the seed of the biggest and best melons in the county."

As Red Buck is a product of Providence himself he will be all the more delighted to get the seed from Mr. Caldwell.

Melons are not the only big things, or good things, that come from Providence.

**Lieut. Wearn Leaves Today.**

Lieut. (Dr.) Traylor Wearn, who has been home on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Wearn, leaves today. Lieut. Wearn was stationed at Base Hospital No. 9, New Jersey, but was transferred to Camp Melges, Washington. He is now to be returned to Base Hospital No. 8.

Lieut. Wearn is a medical graduate of Harvard, and was holding responsible positions in connection with his profession, in Boston, when the war came. He immediately enlisted for service. Lieut. Wearn's brother, Dr. Donald Wearn, who died in France from pneumonia and who sleeps in Flanders' Field.

**Sang Under Marion Green.**

Among the many victors in the city yesterday to the Brien day celebration, no one was more delighted to hear Marion Green sing than was Mrs. H. J. Knebel, of Salisbury. Mrs. Knebel sang under his direction in the Orchestra Hall chorus while living in Chicago, and was considered one of the leading sopranos.

**Mrs. Overman a Visitor.**

A distinguished and charming visitor of yesterday was Mrs. William Overman, formerly of Salisbury, but for several years of Anderson, S. C. Mrs. Overman was here just for the day. This was her first visit since the meeting of the U. D. C. state convention several years ago, the convention being held in the Masonic temple. Mrs. Overman was president of the State U. D. C. several years ago and was accorded a most flattering ovation when she came as an unofficial delegate to the convention here. Her married life was spent in Salisbury, she going to Anderson to live with her mother after Mr. Overman's death. Very recently her mother, Mrs. Keith, died. Mrs. Overman is one of the state's most brilliant and charming women. She has a host of admiring friends in Charlotte.

**Silver Chevron Causing Disappointment.**

"I heard several soldiers discussing the silver chevron today," said a citizen last evening. "One said that he understood that dissatisfaction has developed among many discharged officers and enlisted men with the order directing them to wear the silver chevron recently authorized as an honor emblem for those who have served six months or more in the home camps and stations. The feeling is that there should be no distinction between the men, who through no choice of their own, were elected to participate in the real fighting over-camps, and those who went to Europe, but never participated in active combat. Many of the officers and men feel that they never got a chance to participate in the real fighting over-camps for which they enlisted. They regard the silver chevron as drawing too strong a distinction. These men favor a common service chevron similar to that granted to soldiers in the English and French armies with a special war decoration to be granted to men who were actually in the war zone."

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\$12.95 for Satin Dresses sold at \$22.50 to \$27.50.

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