

### BURKE WILL HAVE POLITICS REGARDLESS OF WAR

Democrats Showed Willingness to Compromise But Republican Leaders Failed to Accept Offer.

A mass meeting of Democrats of Burke county was held at the court house last Saturday at 2 o'clock p. m. The meeting was called for the purpose of taking formal action on the proposition which had been submitted by the Democratic executive committee to the Republican executive committee, in which a division of the elective offices was offered with the view of eliminating a political campaign, such a course being deemed wise and patriotic since our nation is at war.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. I. T. Avery, recently chosen county chairman of the party. At Mr. Avery's request Mr. J. F. Spainhour was made chairman of the meeting, and Miss Beatrice Cobb was asked to act as secretary. Mr. Avery stated the object of the meeting, reading the resolutions which on April 20 were adopted by the executive committee and submitted for approval or rejection to the Republicans. The resolutions were to the effect that the committee thought it best at this critical time to avoid political dissensions, and, subject to the approval of the mass meeting called for May 4, would be willing to meet the Republicans in a political compromise, stating specifically the offices which would be conceded without contest. The offer was made with the condition attached that the Republicans should make answer on or before May 4, the date set for the mass meeting. Failing to receive answer by that date it would be taken for granted that the offer was rejected. After reading the resolutions, Mr. Avery stated to the meeting that no answer had been given by the Republicans, and thereupon offered the following:

"Resolved, That we deplore the lack of loyalty and the spirit of partisanship displayed by the leaders of the Republican party in Burke county in declining or failing to accept the liberal proposition we have made them, and do hereby assure them of a lively scrap in our efforts to have the people indorse the good government which has prevailed under Democratic rule and the spirit of loyalty to the administration at this crisis in our country's history which as been evidenced by Democrats everywhere and under all circumstances."

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mr. T. N. Hallyburton, Republican county chairman, was present and stated that the matter had been deferred to the time of the county convention, May 18, admitting that he personally was opposed to the proposition, but claiming to be willing to leave it to the will of the Republicans in convention assembled. Mr. Avery called his attention to the fact that May 18 would be the last day for filing notices of candidacy and that very fact would make it impossible for the Democrats to wait until after the Republican convention to know their answer. Others voicing the opinion that no course was left the Democrats but to have a campaign were Messrs. J. A. Wainwright, J. E. Coulter and J. F. Spainhour, after which the meeting adjourned.

### BROUGHT DOWN 106 GERMAN AIRPLANES

British Squadron Operating on Sector on the Amiens Front Brings Down This Number in Six Weeks.

A wounded British airman back in London from France, reports that the squadron operating in an important sector on the Amiens front, has probably established a record by bringing down 106 enemy machines in six weeks, including 21 in one day. He was the only member of the squadron known to have been wounded up to the time he left the front. Nearly all the machines brought down were two-seaters, he said.

The airman said the German infantry was bombed and machine-gunned by the aviators four times a day regularly and that when the enemy came forward in masses they were easy prey for their air forces.

A musicale will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Ingold Thursday evening by the Pianists' Club, the proceeds to be used by the club in war relief work.

### THE Y. M. C. A. MEANS MUCH TO THE SOLDIER.

Mr. J. T. Mangum Made Impressive Talks in Morganton Sunday.

Speaking at the First Baptist church last Sunday morning and at the Methodist church at night, Mr. J. T. Mangum, social Y. M. C. A. Secretary at Camp Greene, impressed upon his audience the great importance of the wholesoled support and the hearty cooperation which must be given our soldiers by the folks back home. America's one big job now is winning the war—all other things must take second place. Our energies, our resources, our time, our all must be thrown into the balance against Prussianism, if we are to win, which without doubt we will if we work together and if the world is made a decent place in which to live.

Mr. Mangum said he was not uneasy about the soldiers—he has been with them in his work for and with them in a number of the camps in the South, and he knows that they can be depended upon, but the people generally need to be awakened to a realization of the seriousness of the situation and of the absolute need of staking our all in order to have the assurance of early victory. The speaker was confident we would win, but while America is awakening many precious lives of our boys will be paid as a price for our slowness in getting aroused. We are too prone to go ahead with our former pleasures, our former luxurious manner of living. Just so long as it takes for us all to be thoroughly awakened, so much longer will the coming of peace be delayed.

There are actually some people, and the number is larger than might be imagined, said the speaker, who are taking the war as a means of enriching themselves. Grifters and profiteers are abroad in the land. Especially marked is this spirit of profiteering in the towns where the camps are located. It is no wonder that it puts a bitterness in the heart of the soldier when it is so plainly evident that the tradesmen have marked him as their prey for high prices—his countrymen for whom soon he will be offering his life in "No Man's Land." Public sentiment should be brought heavily against such practices. Mr. Mangum commended the spirit shown by numbers of American manufacturers who by making close prices on manufactured articles which the government has been compelled to have saved the government millions of dollars since the war began.

Morganton people have a deeper conviction of the great work that is being accomplished by the Y. M. C. A. since hearing Mr. Mangum. This great organization fills the four-sided requirements of the soldier's life, the physical, the intellectual, the moral and the social. Workers are needed and the appeal was made for volunteers for service.

Mr. Mangum is a very forceful speaker and his addresses here were inspiring and helpful.

### BURKE MEN RECENTLY GONE TO CAMP JACKSON.

Further Contributions From the County to Uncle Sam's Boys in Training.

The following white men went to Camp Jackson on April 26th:

Frank Buff  
Grover McGimsey  
Lawrence S. Smith  
Wilfong W. Clarke

Charles Guigou  
Adolphus Cline  
Carl P. Carswell  
Alvin T. Absher  
Andrew Leonard

On April 30 the following colored men were sent to Camp Jackson:

Henry Gadsdon  
Gather Conley  
Thomas Walton  
Edwin Walton  
John M. Avery  
James Gaston  
Lattamore Collett  
Danus Perkins  
Will Gist  
William Kincaid  
Lawson Michaux  
Vance Harbison  
Henry Perkins  
Theo. Moore  
Charlie McCray  
Henry Long  
Homer Jones

The local board has orders to send 4 men to Camp Schriren, Ga., on May 10 and 63 to Camp Jackson one day between the 25th and 30th of May, all to be white men.

### FOUR HONOR FLAGS COME TO BURKE COUNTY TOWNS

Morganton, Valdese, Bridgewater and Construction Go "Over the Top"—Over 500 Subscriptions in County.

Burke county's allotment for the Third Liberty loan was \$120,000. The amount subscribed in the county was \$132,500. Four towns, Morganton, Bridgewater, Construction and Valdese will receive honor flags for having subscribed their allotments. Morganton subscribed \$65,000, Bridgewater \$9,100, Construction (Camp No. 2) \$1,800 and Valdese \$18,000. There were over 500 subscriptions in the county, nearly twice as many as to the second loan. The committee, of which Mr. E. D. Alexander was chairman and Mr. J. A. Claywell a valuable assistant, deserve much praise for their faithful work.

### NEWS FROM CHESTERFIELD

Correspondence of The News-Herald. Miss Florence Puett is spending a few weeks with her brother, Mr. Chas. Puett, in Morganton.

Mr. F. L. Garrison and family and Mrs. J. N. Parks motored out in Mr. Garrison's new car Sunday and visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hood.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Rhodes attended the funeral and burial of Mrs. Rhode's father, Mr. John Cowan, at Dysartsville, last week.

Mr. William Smith, of Asheville, who was enroute to Lenoir, stopped here Monday to visit his cousin, Mr. B. M. Smith.

Miss Magdalena Corpening, of Caldwell, was a visitor Wednesday on Lower creek.

Dr. T. V. Goode, of Morganton, was called to the Johns river section on account of the serious illness of Master Howard Rhodes.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Setzer, of Hartland, spent Wednesday as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kincaid.

Mr. Lonnie Wall, who has been in school at Hendersonville, came last week to spend his vacation with home-folks.

Mr. C. C. Hensley and family were the guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Nelson, at Morganton.

The Misses Smith attended the box supper at Salem and visited at the homes of Mr. A. N. Dale and Mr. E. A. Stroup.

Little Miss Lucile Rhodes spent several days during the week with her aunt, Mrs. T. B. McGimsey, at Morganton.

Mrs. Annie Clontz and daughters, little Misses Juanita and Dorothy Clontz, who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hallyburton and other relatives, have returned to Morganton.

Mr. Andrew Hildebrand and Mr. Haynes, of the Southern Power Company, were visitors at the home of Mr. Robert Smith Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Rader spent the week-end in Asheville.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott and family have been visiting Mrs. Scott's mother, Mrs. F. M. Hensley.

Mr. Pink Lowman, of Morganton, was in this community on business Friday.

Mr. Robert Kincaid spent Thursday night with friends at Hickory.

Mr. and Mrs. Billie Wall, of Quaker Meadows, visited Mr. B. W. Wall Sunday.

Mr. R. W. Sudderth and Miss Louise Hood visited in Morganton Saturday night.

Miss Winnie Smith closed her school at Salem Friday with a picnic and box supper. Supt. T. L. Sigmon and Mr. E. L. Perkins were the speakers on the occasion.

An aged minister, Rev. John Crisp, of Caldwell, conducted services at Antioch Sunday. Several from here were in attendance.

Mrs. T. B. McGimsey and Mrs. J. A. Rhodes, of Morganton, spent the week-end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Rhodes.

### Schedule Changes For Three Trains.

Effective Sunday changes were made in the schedule of three trains. No. 15, westbound, which formerly arrived at Morganton at 8:20 a. m., is now due to arrive at 8:40 a. m. No. 12, east bound, formerly due at 4:33, is now due at 3:45 p. m. No. 16, also eastbound, comes earlier, changing from 5:50 p. m. to 5:30 p. m.

Mr and Mrs. Erwin Curtis spent Sunday in Marion.

### ONE-DELIVERY-A-DAY PLAN TALKED TO MERCHANTS.

Mr. Leonard Explained How It Could Be Worked, Its Advantages and Why Necessary Now

At a meeting of the Morganton Merchants' Association last Friday night Mr. J. Paul Leonard of Statesville, Secretary of the State Association, talked on association work to the merchants and featured his address by a presentation of the plan for one-delivery-a-day, which the government is requesting be adopted all over the country as a conservation measure. The merchants are requested to reduce their deliveries to one a day over each route so that men and vehicles now being used in making frequent and needless deliveries may be used in other work more essential to the successful prosecution of the war. "And you should understand," declared Mr. Leonard, "that a request of the government in time of war is nothing short of a diplomatic demand, and all patriotic citizens are expected to comply with the request without a quibble. I believe merchants and their customers are willing to do this."

Mr. Leonard explained that the one delivery a day has already been adopted by the merchants of towns and cities with a total population of forty-odd million, and as a result thousands of men have been released for other work. The curtailed service has also worked to the advantage of the merchants and their customers because it has reduced the expenses of the merchants and has taught the housewives to exercise forethought and make the matter of ordering goods just one item in the daily routine instead of a half dozen. "It works no hardship on the housewife," declared the speaker, "but simply forces her to exercise the same forethought every day in the week that she now exercises on Saturday when provision is made for Sunday. She simply adopts the merchants slogan of 'order today for tomorrow' and all is well."

A committee of Morganton merchants is working on the matter and their plans will be announced later.

### Died Suddenly in South Carolina.

While on a business trip to Belton, S. C., Mr. Charles E. Johnson, of Wilmington, who is well known in Morganton, having married Miss Mary Gordon, was suddenly stricken on Friday night with paralysis and died shortly thereafter. The clerk of the hotel where he stopped said that he complained a little of not feeling very well before he retired to his room for the night, but otherwise seemed in good health. Going to his room in response to a call hotel attendants found him in a desperate condition and death resulted shortly after a physician had been summoned.

The body, accompanied by his son, Charles E. Gordon, Jr., who went to Belton in response to the message of his father's death, reached Morganton Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Johnson and the other son, Samuel W., reached here that night. Out-of-town relatives here for the funeral were Messrs. R. A. Gordon, Leith Gordon, Hugh Gordon, Miss Ethel Gordon, and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gordon. Mr. Johnson's brother and sister, of New York, were unable to attend the funeral on account of delayed telegrams.

The services at Grace church Monday morning at 11 o'clock were conducted by Rev. George Hilton, rector, and interment made in Grace churchyard.

Mr. Johnson was a comparatively young man, being only 47 years of age. On his visits to Morganton he had made many friends, who sincerely mourn his sudden passing.

Mrs. Johnson will return Saturday to her home in Wilmington.

### RED CROSS NOTES

**New Members.**  
Mrs. Henry Johnson, Perkinsville.  
Miss Edna Hildebran  
Mrs. C. L. Beach.  
Mrs. G. S. Ramsaur.  
Mrs. Bessie Coffey.

Mrs. S. J. Ervin has been elected chairman of the Burke county chapter of the Red Cross, succeeding Mrs. E. L. Edwards, who formerly held that position.

Hereafter two days each week will be given to Red Cross work. On Tuesdays the work room will be used for cutting and sewing; on Wednesdays gauze work will be done. The hours each day will be from 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., and from 2:30 p. m. to 6 o'clock.

### RED CROSS WEEK DESIGNATED BY PRESIDENT

People Asked to Contribute to Second \$100,000,000 Fund Beginning May 20.

President Wilson has issued a proclamation designating the week beginning May 20 as "Red Cross Week," and calling upon the American people to contribute generously to the second \$100,000,000 war fund of the American Red Cross for the alleviation of suffering among the American troops in France and their dependents at home and among the fighting forces and civilian populations of the allied countries.

The proclamation follows:

"Proclamation.  
"Inasmuch as the war fund of 1917, so generously contributed by American people to the American Red Cross for the administration of relief at home and abroad, has been practically exhausted by appropriations for the welfare of the men in our military and naval forces, and for those dependent upon them, and for the yet more urgent necessities of our allies, military and civilian, who have long borne the brunt of war;

"And, inasmuch as the American Red Cross has been recognized by law and international convention as the public instrumentality for war relief;

"And, inasmuch as the year of our own participation in the war has brought unprecedented demands upon the patriotism and liberality of our people and made evident the necessity of concentrating the work of relief in one main organization which can respond effectively and universally to the needs of humanity under stress of war;

"And, inasmuch as the duration of the war and the closer and closer cooperation of the American Red Cross with our own army and navy, with the government of our allies, and with foreign relief organizations, have resulted in the discovery of new opportunities of helpfulness under conditions which translate opportunities into duty;

"And, inasmuch as the American Red Cross war council and its commissioners in Europe have faithfully and economically administered the people's trust;

"Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as President of the United States and president of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week beginning May 20, 1918, as 'Red Cross Week,' during which the people of the United States will be called upon again to give generously to the continuation of the important work of relieving distress, restoring the waste of war, and assisting in maintaining the morale of our own troops and the troops of our allies by this manifestation of effort and sacrifice on the part of those, who, though not privileged to bear arms, are of one spirit, purpose and determination with our warriors.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia this 4th day of May, in the year of our Lord, 1918, and of the independence of the United States of America, the 142nd.

(Seal)  
"Signed WOODROW WILSON,  
By the President:  
"ROBERT LANSING,  
"Secretary of State."

### Real Estate Transfers.

Since our last report the following real estate transfers have been recorded:

W. T. Mull and wife, 8 acres, Morganton township, to Andrew Lefever.  
J. B. Powell and wife, 12 acres, in Lovelady township, to S. M. Stillwell.  
W. T. Cook and wife, 45 acres, Icard township, to Pink Cook.  
J. M. Milligan and wife, 33 acres, Silver Creek township, to E. A. Seif.  
H. A. Feimster, 5 acres, Lovelady township, to John H. Green.  
Hogan heirs, one lot, town of Morganton, to J. M. Harris.

### Found Dead.

Yesterday morning Mr. Frank Robinson, a man about 50 years of age, was found dead on the porch of the home of Mr. Phifer McNeely, at Drexel. An investigation was made and the decision reached by officers was that he came to his death from natural causes.

License were issued yesterday for the marriage of Mr. Olin G. Benfield and Miss Mattie Saulman.

### WAR VICTORY COMMISSION FOR PATRIOTIC WORK.

Will Undertake to Raise \$250,000 For War Relief Abroad—Will Establish Recreational Canteens Behind Lines.

The clubwomen of the country are undertaking a special line of war relief work, working under direction of the War Victory Commission. The following extracts from a communication received by the United Charities explains briefly the plans for the work:

A committee called the War Victory Commission has been appointed to raise \$250,000,000 for War Relief Abroad, to be used in establishing Recreational Canteens and Dispensaries behind the fighting lines, thus meeting the needs of the men fighting for us "over there."

It is a big undertaking, but this is a "big" war, and everything connected with it must be planned on a "big" scale. Money has ceased to count except as a means for winning this war. As Woodrow Wilson said "to this we dedicate all we are, and all we have."

Individually and through other organizations the Clubwomen are all engaged in war work. This movement gives them an opportunity to manifest their patriotism through their own organization, and in a way commensurate with the size and dignity of the General Federation of Clubs.

The General Federation Board of Directors has contributed 500.00 to the fund.

Mr. Fosdick, U. S. Commissioner of Training Activities has assured Mrs. Cowles, President General Federation that he considers the maintaining of home life in the camps as of vital importance and absolutely necessary to the morale of the army. Mr. Fosdick has quite recently been sent to France by the government to study plans, ways and means by which such recreation centers can be quickly established. He believes this the greatest work the women of America can undertake, for fighting men must have recreation to keep them sane and normal. This need is being met by Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A. and K. of C. Yet in spite of all the splendid work being done by those organizations, more is needed, and so long as the need exists we cannot cease from our efforts to meet it. Dangers worse than bullets lurk behind the firing line. Temptation and homesickness are best met by recreational opportunities. This is a work all women can do. Even from their own firesides they can help give the home touch to the camps.

Yours for service,  
**CALLIE SOUTHWALL COTTEN,**  
District Chmn. War Victory Com.  
The United Charities expects to take part in the work, their plans to be announced later.

News Items From Worry.  
Correspondence of The News-Herald.

Mr. Fred Whisenant spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Morganton.

Mr. John Harrison, of Morganton, was in our section on business Friday.

Miss Grace Powell is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. R. J. Arney.

Mrs. Paul Franklin and little daughter were the guests Wednesday of Mrs. W. M. Michaux.

Mr. T. A. Whisenant and family were the week-end guests of Mr. Jack Whisenant.

Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Harris and children, spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Whisenant.

Mrs. W. M. Michaux was called to Fonta Flora last week on account of the sickness of her little grandson.

Mr. Andrew Loven, of Cold Springs, has been in our section several days on business.

Messrs. M. M. Bost, Charles and Walter Bost and Forney Ramseur made a trip across the mountains last week to take some cattle.

### Mr. W. C. Shuping Died Yesterday.

Mr. W. C. Shuping, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Shuping, of Drexel, died yesterday about noon at his home at that place. He was a young man, not yet thirty years of age, and leaves a wife and two small children. Without having learned the particulars, we suppose the funeral and burial will take place at Drexel today.

The Pianists' Club held its regular business meeting Thursday afternoon, May 2nd, at the home of Mrs. A. M. Ingold. The meeting was very interesting.