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"If it Concerns Harnett, It's in THE NEWS"

HARNETT CO. CLUB LIVE WIRE AT CAROLINA

Chapel Hill, Dec. 8, 1919.
To the Editor:
The Harnett County Club at the University of North Carolina wishes to extend to all Harnett boys who are thinking of entering college at any future time an invitation to come to Carolina. There is not space in this short article to show forth the advantages of our University over all other colleges of the State. These advantages are already too well known. It is enough to say that there is no place in the South where real manhood counts for so much. It isn't the clothes a fellow wears, it's his mental ability plus character. For over a hundred years Carolina has been sending out a call for real men, and we are looking forward to the day when every boy in Harnett County will hear that call.

But this is not the main reason for our writing this. We want the Harnett boys to know what we are doing up here. Outside of our college work we are going to publish a bulletin telling the truth about Harnett county, economically and socially. With the aid of the Rural Economics Department we already have the bulletin well started. It will contain some fifty or seventy-five pages full of facts vitally interesting to every man, woman and child in the county. The contributors and contributions will be as follows:

1. "A Short History of Harnett County"—John Washburn (president), Lillington.
2. "Natural Resources, Soils, Minerals, Timber, and Water-Power"—E. B. Cooper, Dunn.
3. "Facts About Our Duties and Opportunities"—R. P. Holt, Duke.
4. "Facts About Wealth and Taxation"—J. Wade, Dunn.
5. "Seven-year Gains in Schools"—P. E. Green, Lillington.
6. "Facts About Folks"—P. E. Green, Lillington.
7. "Facts About Farm Conditions"—L. G. Wilson, Dunn.
8. "Facts About Farm Practice"—Elliott Johnson, Kipling.
9. "Food and Feed and Social Market Problems"—R. W. Young and C. V. Parrish, Angier.
10. "Things to be Proud of"—Ed. Holt and W. P. Holt, Duke.
11. "Problems to be Solved"—Leon Fuquay, Coats.
12. "Cooperative Solution of Problems"—I. J. Stephenson, Angier.

This bulletin also will contain other interesting things, among them being a short sketch of each town in Harnett, giving facts about population, business men, etc. Enough copies will be printed to put one in every home in the county.

Now the success of this project will depend on the financial aid we get from the business men of the county as a whole. We want to get enough advertisements to pay expense, so that free distribution can be obtained.

During the Christmas holidays every business man will have an opportunity to buy advertising space. And we must put this thing across. We sincerely believe we are doing something that will greatly benefit the people as a whole, and we need the help of the home-folks.

We are planning to do still greater things for Harnett next year, and every boy who comes up here will have a chance to aid her in solving her perplexing economic and social questions.

Respectfully,
P. E. GREEN.

BAPTIST CAMPAIGN TOTALS MORE THAN 80 MILLIONS

Over 80 million dollars is the report from the general headquarters of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign. Dr. Scarborough telegraphs that reports are rolling in and the over-subscription of the campaign fund is gloriously victorious.

North Carolina is still climbing. Reports reaching Dr. Walter N. Johnson at headquarters show that the total will be very close to seven millions and reports are still enroute.

From all appearances, the total tabulation for the State, when every church has been heard from, will be close to eight millions even if it does not pass that mark.

DEPUTIES ARE ON THE JOB AFTER STILLS

Deputies Will McArtan and Kyle Matthews have been very busy this week, this being the open season for that species of game known as stills. Three big stills, two men, one mule and buggy, two thousand gallons of beer, three gallons of whiskey, and one bag of malt goes to make up the proceeds of the hauls.

Collecting taxes and collecting the stills seem to work mighty well together, judging from the results of the operations of the deputies.

CAMPBELL SAYS GREAT VICTORY

Bules Creek, Dec. 9.

Dear News:
I had hoped to be able to give you complete returns from our Baptist 75 Million Campaign this week, but not all of the churches have sent in their reports. In fact, on account of the rain last Sunday the canvass was not completed in any churches yet heard from.

But we know enough to report the greatest victory in the history of our Association. On Tuesday night the subscriptions amounted to \$110,769.95, and we have hope that the amount will reach at least \$112,000. Five subscriptions are known to have been for \$2,500 each, and ten for \$1,000 each. Such liberality among our people was never witnessed before, nor did we ever before reach so many of our people in any Kingdom effort.

Thus far reports have been received from all of our churches except four and two of these have amounts to report. It is more than likely that every church in the Association will line up with the Campaign before it finally closes.

Yours truly,
J. A. CAMPBELL.

UNIVERSITY NEWS

(By Lenoir Chambers)

Chapel Hill, Dec. 10.—President Chase of the University of North Carolina announced today that the United States Bureau of Education has established a research station at the University, with Dr. L. A. Williams of the school of education as director, and that the University and the Bureau of Education would cooperate on research studies in educational problems, some of which will be published by the Bureau and used widely in its educational work. Besides Dr. Williams, Dean M. C. S. Noble and Dr. Edgar W. Knight of the school of education have been named as special collaborators, and all three of them, in addition to their work at the University, will become dollar-a-year men, working for the government.

The establishment of the research stations follows the adoption of a new policy by the Bureau which will work jointly with several universities in investigating educational problems. Other institutions beside the University of North Carolina at which research stations have been placed are the Universities of Pennsylvania, Iowa, Virginia, Texas and Minnesota.

With special assistance and cooperation from the national Bureau of education the University school of education will make investigations on such subjects as school organization and management, the control of truancy, school budget making, parent-teacher organizations, and special problems of rural schools. This sort of work is being done by the University now, but under the new plan it can be done much easier and more effectively, and the Bureau will render substantial aid through mailing privileges and in other ways. The research station will be a fractional part of the Bureau of Education, but it will also be a part of the University.

Chapel Hill High School won the high school football championship of North Carolina by defeating Greensboro High School, 78 to 0. The game was played on Emerson Field at the University of North Carolina and was the sixth state football championship conducted by the University. Greensboro had won the championship of the western part of the state and Chapel Hill of the eastern part. The final game was hard fought in spite of the large score, and was witnessed by a large crowd of University students in addition to special rooters from Greensboro. Chapel Hill was much heavier and in Captain Sparrow and Merritt she had two backfield stars that would make many college players hustle for their jobs.

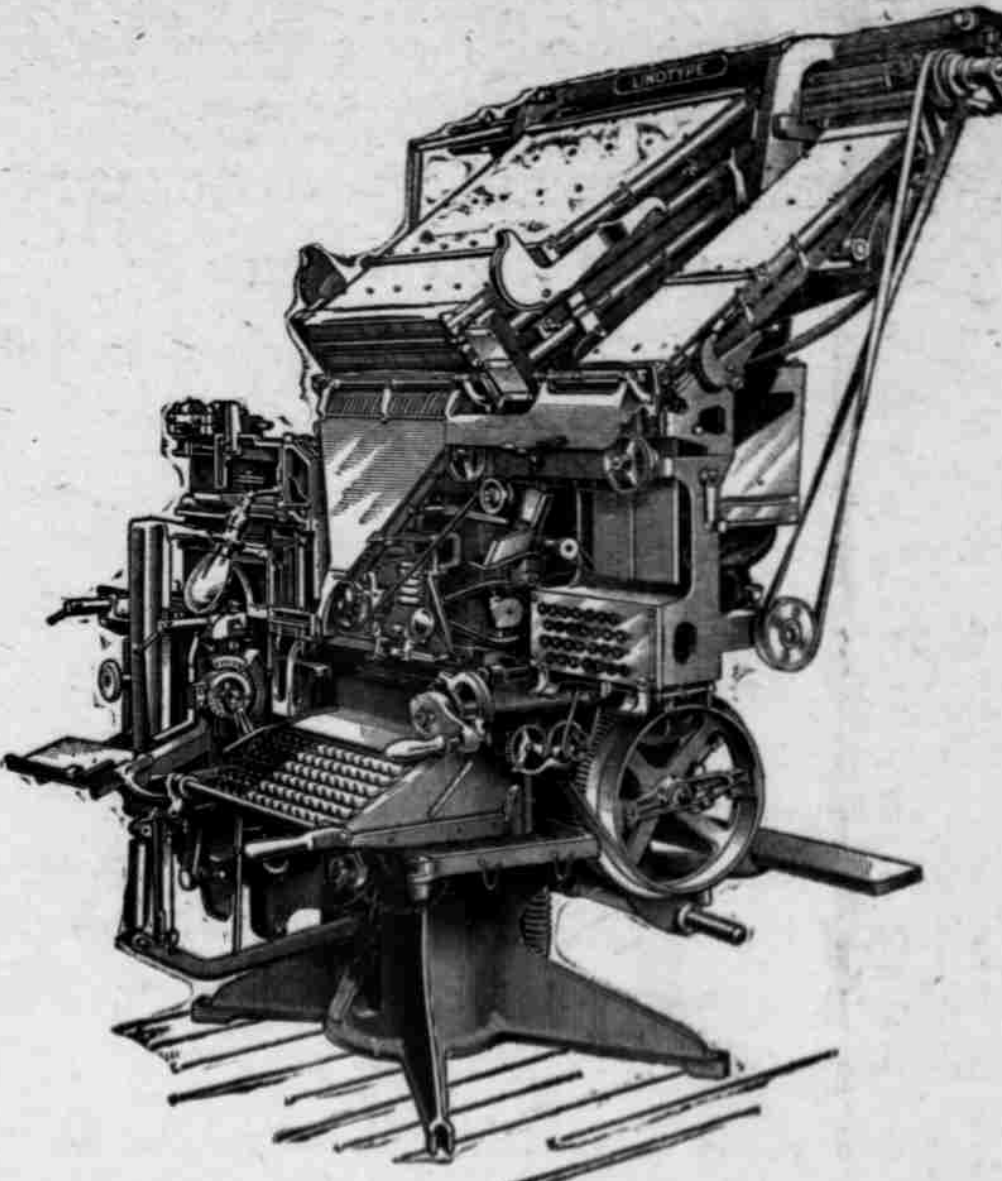
HEARING BEFORE CLERK TURNS AIRPLANE LOOSE

Clerk of Court A. A. McDonald went to Dunn Wednesday to hear the case of the aviator whose airplane was held as attached property for damages occurring when fire destroyed Kanoy's garage last week. The clerk decided that the birdman could resume his flying, and Sheriff W. H. Turlington, being on hand, let the aviator take the "high" way.

So pleased was the flying-man to be turned loose that he invited the sheriff to take a "lark" with him, but the sheriff, feeling fairly solid on terra firma, declined with thanks.

Washington, D. C.—For distinguished service as chief nurse of Base Hospital No. 17, American Expeditionary Forces, Miss Emily A. McLaughlin of Detroit, Mich., an American Red Cross nurse, was decorated with the British Order of the Royal Red Cross by the Prince of Wales.

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE MACHINE



This is the wonderful piece of mechanism that has been installed to print the Harnett County News. This machine is so mechanically perfect that it performs its work with almost human intelligence. A minister upon watching it for a while remarked that it should be allowed to vote. It has a voice that will be heard, no doubt.

With this issue of the paper we are printing in our own home. And when we mention this, and the main purpose we have in mentioning it, is to call attention to the courtesy extended us by the Dunn Dispatch. Busbee Pope, the most thorough-going and genial gentleman we have ever met in the newspaper business, has been so uniformly kind to this paper during all these months that we are taking advantage of this opportunity to call attention of our readers to the fact. If you have never met Mr. Pope, you are loser of one of the finest acquaintances in Harnett county. By all means get introduced to the Dunn Dispatch. When it comes our way to render Mr. Pope and his paper a service, we will be found ready.

PROMINENT CITIZEN DIES AT HOME NEAR SANFORD

Sanford, Dec. 6.—In the death of David B. Seymour at his home two miles west of this place last Thursday night, Lee county lost one of its most highly respected and esteemed citizens. Mr. Seymour was born in Chatham county 78 years ago. He had lived the greater part of his life near this place. He was a quiet, unassuming man, never aspiring to any public office. He served his country faithfully in the Confederate army.

Until a few weeks ago he had been active and apparently in good health. Six weeks ago he was stricken with paralysis. The funeral services were conducted at Buffalo Presbyterian church, of which he was a faithful member, this morning at 11 o'clock by his pastor, Rev. L. A. McLaughlin of Jonesboro.

The following children survive: D. L. Seymour, Sanford; A. Temple Seymour, Apex; Mrs. J. R. Bowers, Sanford; M. D. Seymour, Bushnell, Fla.; and J. P. and K. E. Seymour of Sanford.

WOODMEN ORGANIZATION FOR LILLINGTON

At a meeting held last night a temporary organization was formed of a local camp Woodmen of America. A petition was signed for a charter and January 1, 1920, was the date set for permanent organization.

"Fidelity" was the name chosen for the local camp and it was decided to show the pictures of the society Friday night at the Paris Theatre. No admission will be charged.

Mr. G. D. Monroe was chosen as chairman of the society until permanent organization.

A campaign was launched with Deputy Head Consul T. J. Revell as chairman for new members.

Fidelity Camp is to be made the banner camp of this district, according to some of the members.

PIE SUPPER AT HICKORY GROVE

On Friday night, December 19, at Hickory Grove school house there will be a pie supper. Preceding this a short program consisting of music and expression, will be given. The public is cordially invited to attend. Miss Fannie Johnson and Miss Mae Greene, teachers.

REV. N. M. McDONALD SUFFERING FROM APPENDICITIS

Rev. N. M. McDonald, Methodist minister of Lillington, was taken to Highsmith Hospital, Fayetteville, last Thursday night for an operation for appendicitis. Early diagnosis of his case showed that he was very ill, but later reports say that he is resting very well.

WHITE PLAGUE VICTIMS 150,000.

The following proclamation has been issued by Rupert Blue, Surgeon General, U. S. Public Health Service: "Over one hundred and fifty thousand Americans die annually from waste of life when we consider that tuberculosis is classed as a preventable disease. Moreover, because this loss of life occurs almost entirely in the ranks of the young adult population, health authorities the world over have come to consider the control of tuberculosis as still the most pressing health problem confronting them. Every year the National Tuberculosis Association by selling Red Cross Christmas Seals raises a considerable sum of money to be used in a nation-wide campaign to combat it by being made to interest school children in this work and December is the month designated in which the seals are to be sold in the public schools, synagogues and churches. Because of the seriousness of the situation, I trust that the campaign this year will be particularly successful."

In North Carolina the State Red Cross Seal Commission is seeking to raise \$90,000 by the sale of 9,000,000 of the Christmas seals for the work of combatting tuberculosis in this State. This disease, which is curable and preventable, is the greatest menace to the health and prosperity of every citizen of the State. Last year it cost in economic waste more than \$15,000,000, while there were over 27,000 needlessly ill with the disease and more than 4,000 laid down their lives, a useless sacrifice upon the altar of the "great white plague."

The Cumberland Power Company, with headquarters in Raleigh, is doing construction work in Fuquay preparatory to furnishing electric lights and power to that town.

GEN. PERSHING'S ADDRESS AT FAYETTEVILLE

(From the Fayetteville Observer.)
Speaking from the west veranda of the old market house, General Pershing said:

It gives me great pleasure to have a few moments diversion and to be able thereby to pass through your beautiful city, and to say a word to you of your representatives in the American Expeditionary Forces. This welcome that you have extended to me, and the complimentary remarks that have been made I accept on behalf of the men who carried the rifle at the front, and who deserve the credit for the success of our army. (Applause.)

Among those who assisted in winning for us the victory, and well up toward the top of the list may be mentioned your own representatives of the Thirtieth Division. (Applause.) It would be tiresome for me to recount in detail the splendid service that they rendered. They carried away with them the inspiration of the patriotic people of North Carolina and then conducted themselves in such a gallant manner that they fulfilled the obligations they were called upon to fulfill by their people.

In carrying forward the banners of the republic against the military caste of Central Europe, they were carrying forward the principles of democracy and in that service they became more than ever aware of the sacredness of these principles. They have returned to you better men and better citizens for that service. You will find among them your best, but not the very best of your leading citizens in the future. You will find in them a bulwark of our institutions. (Applause.)

And it is well that we may dwell upon this thought for a moment during the troublous times that exist throughout the world and in view of the tide of false notions that has already reached our shores, it is well that we may in such times look to the men who have returned victorious from Europe to sustain the principles upon which our government is founded. I bespeak encouragement to the organization they have formed known as the American Legion. (Applause.) This organization is non-partisan and its principles are the principles upon which any American could stand. I am sure that you can all join with me in encouraging that organization. I thank you again for this reception in behalf of the American Expeditionary Forces. (Applause and cheers.)

GRAHAM MEMORIAL REACHES \$104,000

Chapel Hill, Dec. 10.—The sum of \$104,000 has been raised thus far by the Graham Memorial Fund Committee of the University of North Carolina toward the students activities building at the University to be erected in memory of the late president, Edward Kidder Graham. This announcement was made by Albert M. Coates, secretary of the committee, following a meeting in Chapel Hill of the central committee and the State directors.

"This sum does not by any means represent the complete or final report," said Secretary Coates. "It is merely the amount raised thus far. The campaign will be pushed vigorously through December and from preliminary reports and from estimates based on the work thus far there appears no doubt of the ultimate success of the campaign. We expect to have \$150,000 by the first of the year."

MISSION STUDY CLASS.

There will be a joint meeting of all the circles of the mission study class at the Presbyterian church next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. At this meeting there will be a general discussion of the first six chapters of the book being studied, "Japan, the Key to the East."

Every lady in town is invited and urged to attend this meeting, regardless of whether they have attended a circle meeting. The study is proving very interesting and the class is anxious for more to join the circles and learn something of this vital subject under discussion.

This will be the last meeting before the holidays, so a full attendance is desired.

Washington, D. C.—In recognition and furtherance of its relief work in the newly formed republics that have been created out of what was formerly Austria-Hungary, the American Red Cross has received a donation of \$20,000 from the National Croatian Society. It was announced here today. The donation was accompanied by a letter from George J. Gjurovich, Financial Secretary of the Croatian Society, expressing his appreciation of the work of the Red Cross.

Renew your subscription while the price is only one dollar.

OFFICIAL STORY SETTLES CLAIMS

(Washington Dispatch to The New York Tribune.)

An official summary of operations by the 27th and 30th divisions against the Hindenburg line, between September 27 and October 1, 1918, was made public today. There have been many conflicting claims put forward with reference to these operations, and the summary, according to the War Department, was issued to correct erroneous reports. It follows:

"In September, 1918, the Second American Corps (27th and 30th divisions) was placed at the disposal of the Fourth British Army against the Hindenburg line, east of Peronne. On the night of September 23 and 24 the 30th division took over what was known as the Nauray sector, with a front of 2,750 yards, about 1,000 yards west of the main Hindenburg line and approximately on the old Hindenburg outpost line. On the next night the 27th division took over the Gouy sector, on the left of the 30th division and connecting with it; its front was 4,500 yards, approximately along the old British front line trenches, very close to the Hindenburg outpost line.

"On September 27 a preliminary operation was undertaken to straighten the line of the 30th division and to bring the 27th up to the start line for the main attack. The 30th division succeeded by the afternoon of September 28, the 27th division was back nearly in its original position.

"At 5:50 a. m., September 29, the corps attacked, supported by the Australian corps. The second British corps attacked simultaneously on its right, and the third British corps on its left. The attack was to be led by tanks, behind a rolling barrage. The start line was slightly to the east of the Hindenburg outpost line, and the objective east of Nauray and Gouy. The plan provided that after the Americans had reached their objectives, the Australians were to pass through them and continue to the advance.

"The 30th division was already on the start line, close behind the initial line of the barrage. The 27th, however, had not yet been able to take the three strong points, the Knoll, Guillemont Farm and Quennessont Farm, and was consequently about 1,000 yards behind the barrage line, which was east of them. The question of changing the barrage lines for this division was raised, but decided in the negative, the brigade designated to make the attack having reported at 6 p. m. on the 28th that it expected to be within 400 yards of the barrage lines, or possibly even on the intended starting line, before the hour of attack.

"The barrage well as planned at 5:50 a. m., September 29, stood for four minutes on the initial line, and then advanced at the rate of one hundred yards in four minutes. The 30th division advanced behind it, the 27th brigade in first line. The 117th infantry was to follow across the tunnel, then deploy, facing south, and cover the right of the Australians after the relief. Arrangements were made to seize the southern exit of the tunnel, which lay in the division sector.

"Support Suffers Heavily.
"The German barrage was not heavy, but nevertheless there were many casualties, especially in the support battalions. Smoke and fog rendered it difficult to keep direction and contact. The 120th infantry, on the right, crossed the Hindenburg line and occupied Nauray; the 117th reached its proper position, facing southeast and connecting the 120th with the 46th British division. The 119th, however, on the left, was enveloped by machine guns from its own left, and had to form a defensive flank in that direction, reaching back to the tunnel and then connecting with the 27th division. A battalion of the 117th and one of the 118th were sent to support this flank. In this position the Australians passed through the lines and relieved the 30th division on the afternoon of September 29.

"In the 27th division the 56th infantry brigade made the attack under the same difficulties on account of fog and smoke. It also received machine gun fire in enfilade from the direction of Vendhuille, outside its sector to the left. Part of the right regiment, the 108th, by a detour to the south, avoided Quennessont farm and reached the Hindenburg line south of Bony. Groups from all attacking battalions succeeded in penetrating between the strong points and reaching the Hindenburg line, but by dusk only the extreme right obtained its footing in that line. Here the division was relieved by the Australians and remained in support, numerous groups, however, aggregating over 1,900 men, remained with the Australians and assisted them in cleaning up the Hindenburg line on the right, taking it throughout the rest of the sector and occupying part

TAXABLES SHOW GREAT INCREASE IN THIS COUNTY

The following figures compiled by County Auditor Allan M. Shaw show an increase in taxables in Harnett county of approximately a million and a half dollars:

Land—No. acres 354,154; taxable value \$3,638,518.
Manufacturing property—\$18,300.
Timber—\$20,150.
Town lots 2,303, \$1,140,537.
Total value real estate \$4,818,005.
Horses 1,212—\$137,090.
Mules 4,301—\$455,307.
Jacks 4—\$125.
Cattle 4,910—\$191,177.
Hogs 20,700—\$173,410.
Sheep 169—\$351.
Goats 129—\$313.
Dogs 2,198—\$2,234.
Farming utensils \$140,588.
Buggies and other vehicles \$140,492.

Office furniture \$27,597.
Tools of mechanics \$13,612.
Household furniture \$700,236.
Libraries \$7,900.
Money on hand \$65,425.
Solvent credits \$872,699.
Automobiles \$333,567.
All not enumerated \$1,966,185.
Total personal property \$5,438,406.

Total real and personal property \$10,256,411.
Bank stock \$64,519.
Excess \$23,122.
Corporations, public service, \$1,626,319.
Grand total taxable property for 1919, \$11,882,730.

Number of taxable polls 4,050.
Tax rate for county—State school tax 47 2-3; county school tax 40; county general 19; county bond 6—total county tax rate 112 2-3.
Poll tax \$2.

In addition to this we have in Harnett county 31 special school districts with various rates of taxation and 11 road districts with various rates; all of the increase in tax rate over 1918 from 87 2-3 to 112 2-3 goes to the school tax, also the dog tax goes to same.

Increase in taxables of approximately \$1,500,000.

NEWS NOTES FROM MT. PINGAH SCHOOL

The box supper given at Mt. Pingah Saturday night proved quite a success. The sum of \$123.95 was realized. This will be used for the benefit of the school.

There will be a community Christmas tree at the school building here Friday night, December 19. Every one is given an invitation to be present and participate in the wiles of "Santa" and his helpers.

Mr. Oscar Cox, who recently underwent an operation at Sanford, is convalescent and we hope will soon be able to return to his home.

Despite the fact that Sunday was very disagreeable, the services at Mt. Pingah were well attended.

Miss Jean Withers, who is teaching at Manners, spent the week-end with home-folks.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS HAVE REACHED THEIR GOAL

North Carolina Baptists have reached the top—slightly over six million dollars in pledges for the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, fund being reported officially by Director Walter N. Johnson. The Baptist women have gone "over the top" with one million two hundred and fifty-five thousand, six hundred and eighty dollars reported from the women's organizations of 515 churches, according to Miss Bertha Carroll, the corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the State. The women of North Carolina were asked to raise one million one hundred thousand dollars. Miss Carroll says there are still many more of the churches to be heard from.

Washington, D. C.—Twenty-six students enrolled in an institute in medical social work adapted to the Red Cross program in public health service hospitals, conducted in Boston during September and October. This is one of the Red Cross emergency moves to provide trained workers for the care of disabled soldiers under hospital treatment. All have had several years of practical work and have unusually fine qualifications.

of the village of Bony.

The following is a quotation from the dispatch of Marshal Sir Douglas Haig, dated January 7, 1918: "North of Bellinghate, the 30th division, Major Gen. E. M. Lewis, having broken through the deep defenses of the Hindenburg line, stormed Bellecourt and seized Nauray. On their left the 27th American division, Major Gen. J. F. O'Ryan, met with very heavy enfilade machine gun fire, but passed on with great gallantry as far as Bony, where a bitter struggle took place for the possession of the village."