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MILITARY BOYS RETURN HOME

ARRIVE TUESDAY NIGHT ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK.

Met at Depot by Boy Scouts and Large Number of Citizens—Barbecue Dinner Served Them Wednesday.

It was in the midst of great enthusiasm and loud cheering that the train bearing Company D, Louisburg Rifles, N. C. N. G. rolled up to the station on Tuesday night about 9 o'clock.

On Wednesday morning the Company stored away the paraphernalia preparatory to returning to civil life, and at 1:30 o'clock were invited to partake of a barbecue feast prepared for them by the Ladies Club as a token of their welcome home.

The Company was formed in front of the Armory and were escorted to the large buggy room of the Hill Live Stock Co., building on Nash street where the cue was served, by the boy scouts. A large number of citizens had already gathered to add to the spirit of welcome and join in the occasion.

Mayor L. L. Joyner, Acting as Master of Ceremonies, after the blessings were asked by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, of the Methodist church, delivered the address of Welcome in behalf of the Town. His remarks were touching and sincere. He then read a telegram from Adjutant-General B. S. Royster paying a beautiful tribute to the personnel and the work of Co. D.

Mr. William H. Ruffin was the next speaker, and in his usual interesting and pleasing manner held undivided attention while he expressed the deep gratification and extreme pleasure of the entire public at having the members of Co. D back with us, and repeatedly referred to the many beautiful expressions of the higher officials in praise of the performance of the duties imposed upon our boys.

"You have done your duty manfully," the speaker said, "as we knew you would." Mayor Joyner stated that we had expected to have Governor Bickett with us on this occasion, but on account of the uncertainty with which the mustering out proceeded, the Governor had other engagements for the day and could not come.

Maj. J. A. Turner spoke beautifully of the boys, especially of their stay at Camp Glenn, and the spirit with which they left for the border, and extending them a most hearty welcome on their return. Lieut. Dickens responded in behalf of the Company saying that Company D had a good report to make "All present or accounted for. That they had only one fatality and that was when cupid shot his dart at Richard Lancaster and won him a wife on the border."

His remarks were full of tender feelings for the many kindnesses and kindly expressions from the Franklin County people, at their leaving, while away from home and on their returning saying that he knew and every member in the Company knew that there were no better or more loyal citizens in the United States than the ones in Franklin County.

Chickens of Raleigh—domestic of course—will not be permitted to interfere with gardens of citizens in this city who may wish to lower the high cost of living by raising onions, potatoes, cabbages, snap beans, turnips, tomatoes and other vegetables this spring.

The city commissioners yesterday adopted an ordinance making it unlawful for any person or firm to allow chickens to run at large upon the streets, sidewalks, public parks or property of other individuals.

Why couldn't Louisburg profit by such a law? It would certainly help the citizens in main taining their gardens.

MOSES JEANS, COL., SHOT.

At Cripple Creek on Saturday Night.

On Sunday morning Coroner A. F. Johnson, with a jury composed of Messrs. S. C. Holden, J. H. Southall, J. S. Place, J. E. Thomas, B. H. Meadows and W. L. House held an inquest over the dead body of Moses Jeans, colored, who was shot and killed in the back room of the second house on the right of the street running through Cripple Creek section.

After viewing the deceased the inquest was held in the courthouse. From the evidence it seemed that a crowd of negro boys were in the building, that had recently been vacated, gambling when a dispute arose between Moses Jeans and Manse Ruffin and the shooting settled both the dispute and the game. Moses was shot twice in the left leg just above the knee and once in the head, the latter taking effect in the centre of the forehead just inside the hair.

Officer Hudson was called that night just after the shooting took place and went immediately to the scene but could get no trace of Manse, however he made a complete investigation which resulted in securing the necessary witnesses from which the Coroner's jury got its evidence.

Up until Tuesday no trace had been found of Manse. As a result of the Coroner's investigation several negroes were held to answer to a charge of disorderly conduct before Esquire A. W. Alston on Monday morning when they were allowed to pay a fine and costs.

Ingleside Items.

If you want to be entertained in a good sort of way, by a general mixture of plays. Come to the Academy Saturday evening, March 31st.

Admission fifteen and twenty cents. Proceeds to go for benefit of school. Just a word in behalf of the Basketball team. We have played and won two games from the Louisburg team since the series began. The esteemed correspondent of Justice would have you believe ere this that they have won a game from the Ingleside Quint. The manager here wishes the manager as well as the correspondent to thoroughly understand that they have not won a legitimate game.

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Mr. J. T. Weldon lost a mule by lightning during the electric storm of Tuesday morning. The mule was standing in the stall when struck by the flash. Mr. J. E. Phelps, who loves child-

ren, is getting up a crate of eggs to send to the orphans at Raleigh.

A valuable horse belonging to Mr. Joe Phelps was killed by accident on last Sunday night. The horse was tied with a strong rope halter and its neck was broken in some manner while trying to break loose.

Mr. John Young Beasley went to Richmond last week and purchased two mules and a handsome driving horse. Mr. Beasley sustained a very painful injury to one of his shoulders by a mule while he was assisting in unloading the stock in Louisburg.

Prof. W. D. Loy and Mr. Macon Smithwick went to Raleigh to see the soldier boys. Each had a brother whom they were mighty glad to see and welcome home again.

The "Industrial and Agricultural" edition which will soon be issued by the FRANKLIN TIMES, advertising the natural resources and advantages of the county to the country at large—directing the attention of capitalists and home-seekers to one of the best counties in North Carolina—is an enterprise that will no doubt do a vast deal of good for the future prosperity of town and county.

Just now it is rather hard to decide on the part of both members of the household, which is the more difficult problem to solve, that of supplying the needs and necessities of the inner man or the outer woman.

A heavy rain at this hour (7 o'clock Monday night) causes disappointment to a number of our people who expected to attend the Recital of Misses White and House at the Louisburg College, an event to which they had looked forward with a great deal of pleasure, since its announcement in the TIMES of last week.

While they regret missing the entertainment, they know that the exercises tonight will be in keeping with those formerly held at the College, and that the excellent programme will be rendered with credit alike to the young ladies and the faculty of that well known and highly popular institution.

Everybody has a welcome home for the boys from the border. While some faces will be missing, says the State Board of Health, there is one big fact to be grateful for and that is that almost all of the boys are returning on account of the saving grace of modern sanitation.

The Roanoke News (Weldon) is publishing a column of event of 33 years ago. In its issue of last week I find the following marriage notice which may be of interest to some of your readers: "Married, at the residence of the bride's mother in Franklin county, on Wednesday, Feb. 20th, by Rev. Mr. Sutton, of Louisburg, Mr. A. C. Zollicoffer, of Henderson, to Miss Tempe B. Perry, of Franklin County."

A Distinguished Cast.

In booking "The Fall of a Nation" at the Star Theatre on April 13th and 14th Manager Allen has been careful to select an acting piece of great merit as well as a lavishly staged spectacle. There are four roles of capital importance, and they are entrusted to Arthur Shirley, Lorraine Huling, Percy Standing and Flora MacDonald.

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Her subsequent success on the screen in "The Fall of a Nation" has caused a lively scramble for her services on the part of leading motion picture companies.

Percy Standing is a scion of the well known theatrical family of Standings. His sinister style lends itself admirably to the dark plottings of Karl von Waldron, the enemy of American liberties.

As for Miss Flora MacDonald, she is undoubtedly the greatest emotional actress that the "silent drama" has disclosed in many a day. Her depiction of Angela Benda, the Italian girl-mother and cavalry messenger of the Daughters of Jael, was praised to the skies by the New York, Chicago and Los Angeles critics.

Two Louisburg Students Give Graduating Recitals.

Miss Lillian Earle Fields, teacher of Expression in Louisburg College, presented two of her most gifted pupils Monday night in a graduating recital.

Misses Mozelle Costen-White and Mary Rogers House. The college chapel was never more beautifully and artistically decorated with cut flowers and pot plants. A capacity audience, despite the very inclement weather, enjoyed thoroughly the recital.

Miss House rendered the following selections: "How a Woman Keeps a Secret—(A Comedy in one act), "The Red Fan" (with musical illustration), "Cigarette's Ride and Death" (a story). The following was Miss White's part of the program: "As You Like It" (act I, Scene III), (a story). The closing number, which elicited much applause, was a duologue—"Two Jolly Girl Bachelors."

Each selection was rendered with very pleasing and happy effect, evincing faultless preparation on the part of both pupils and teachers.

A most delightful feature of the occasion was a piano solo, "The Old Cloister Clock," most skillfully rendered by Miss Elizabeth Hicks Allen. The marshals were: Misses Olivia Hobgood, Helen Smithwick, Lucile Clark and Loo Sung Woo.

IN AND ABOUT TOWN.

Ex-Judge E. W. Timberlake was a visitor to Louisburg Tuesday.

Miss Jessica R. Smith, of Fayetteville, visited the Misses High the past week.

Mrs. C. C. Sims, of Rocky Mount, is visiting the home of her son, A. F. Johnson.

Mr. C. T. Sutherland and daughter, Miss Annie, of Sutherland, Va., are visiting at the home of Mr. R. C. Williams.

Mr. W. H. Sawyer, of Raleigh, was in Louisburg the past week in the interest of paving the streets.

Mrs. M. F. Houck and Mrs. R. W. Hudson went to Henderson the past week to attend the funeral of Mrs. Barnes.

Items From Ingleside.

Mr. J. J. Allen, and son T. K. Allen, greeted their Ingleside friends Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Allen, who is famous as a good speller, entertained a group of children with a short "spelling bee" after school. By the way Mr. Allen has already selected a number of words in every day use that he will "spring on us" at the county commencement spelling bee—words which he says, though simple, will astonish the natives. He gave out a word here that is spelled four different ways. Some of us ought to be able to get that right.

It is hardly necessary to keep harping on high prices but there is one way to reduce them. Vegetables for the table and for market purposes are going to be scarce as well as high in price this season unless there is a great increase in the number of home gardens planted this spring, say specialists of the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. White potatoes have already reached the highest price in the history of the crop, and there is a probability of other staple truck reaching a similar level.

Miss Laura Macon, who has been confined to her home the past week on account of cold and grippe, is improving.

Gray mules sometimes die like other mules but did you ever see a dead one? Mr. Charles Macon lost his old gray mule by death one day last week. It is said that "Old Lizzie's" history dates back to soon after the Civil War. The mule was sold by the late Mr. Zack Terrell to Mr. Nick Perry. She was never known to balk with a load. If the other horse, mule or steer would not keep his side up "Old Lizzie" would pull the whole thing ahead. The exact age of the mule is not known by Mr. Macon, but it is said that she was between 35 and 45 years old.

Man Alone is Lazy.

Rather incongruous it is that of all forms of creation, man alone is lethargous and wants to lapse into languidity just at that time of the year when all the rest of nature is pulsating with vigor and brightness for the coming of the spring. It is difficult to get up momentum along toward the dawn of the early months of the year. Man is lazy and lifeless and aching and complaining. His physical machinery creaks and calls for lubricants before it can get its wheels in action. He has a difficult time

catching the spirit of the new life that goes surging through field and forest. He wants to get a fishing line and seek some creek bank or dip his bait into river stream. He wants to lie down in the grass or sit supinely in the rocking chair, unmolested by work or undisturbed by thought.

He stretches and yawns and moans in laziness while the fine blush of spring is translating inanimate creation, sending the richness of the green creeping across the trees and clothing the unattractive dulness of winter's livery in luxuriance and brightness. Strange phenomenon, this, that forbids man from leaping forth with increasing energy into the verve and vigor of a new creation, from shaking himself loose from the shackles of winter and springing out into the arena of life's activities with something of the springliness and gladness with which every other form of God's creation is clothed in the spring—Charlotte News.

I would not attempt to defend or make excuses for the lazy man. Man is lazy all right—at least some men are, but it seems that the News has pretty truly and somewhat beautifully described the languid feelings of a man who simply wants to go fishing, and I don't think that term should be applied to him. That sounds very much like what the folks down this way call "spring fever." If it is ten days behind a mule and plow is an excellent remedy, and will generally wear it off. If that should fail to get him, then the man must be lazy.

Miss Nan Hines, secretary of the Franklin County Missionary Union, left Monday evening for Greensboro, to attend the 27th annual session of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union of North Carolina, which met with the First Baptist church in that city on Tuesday morning. More than 600 women are expected to attend the session.

Friends of Mrs. Stanley Crocker, of Cary, were glad to see her here this week while visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Johnson. Mrs. Crocker will spend some time in Louisburg and with her people here before returning home.

Local Views to be Shown. Besides the regular five reel Paramount pictures that will be shown at the Star Theatre next Monday and Tuesday nights, Mr. C. Stymus, of New York, will exhibit a number of views of interesting people and places in and around this town. You may be on the screen. Come and see yourself. Free slides will be made of the business houses. Call on Mr. Stymus or the manager of the Theatre. adv.

List of Letters. The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C. not called for March 30, 1917: Jordan Holman, Iantha Hockoday, J. Ellis Jaynes, Mr. Arch McCloud, Mrs. Carry Smith, Mrs. I. J. Strickland. Persons calling for any of the above letters will please state that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

Meeting U. D. C.

The Jos. J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Jas. L. Palmer Tuesday afternoon, April 3rd at 4 o'clock.

MRS. W. E. WHITE, Pres. MRS. J. L. PALMER, Sec'y.

The demands upon our Orphanages to admit the poor, needy children of North Carolina are very great, and every effort to help these child-caring agencies should be encouraged. The Oxford Orphanage has about 370 under its care, including 35 babies in their baby cottage. Owing to the increased cost of clothing and provisions, larger means of support must be provided. The proceeds from the concerts go to help in buying bread for these orphans. At Bunn, April 4th.

Later figures received from Harris township in the good roads election held there on Saturday show that only 14 votes for the measure was liking to carry it. There was a total registration of 237, out of which 105 voted for good roads with 81 voting against them. It took 119 votes to carry the issue.

Lean liberty is better than fat slavery.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5TH IS PLANTING DAY.

Gov. Bickett Issues Proclamation Calling Upon State for its Observance. In proclamation issued yesterday, Gov. T. W. Bickett set aside Thursday, April 5, as Planting Day, calling upon mayors of towns, organized farmers, landlords, merchants, and bankers to emphasize on this day the need of more garden products in the face of the high cost of living, and the approaching boll weevil.

His proclamation reads: "Our forefathers established the noble custom of setting apart a day in autumn on which to return thanks to the Lord of the harvest for having blessed them with the kindly fruits of the earth."

"A true interpretation of the Thanksgiving spirit comprehends all reasonable efforts on our part to insure celestial bounty. The conditions which now confront us appeal for activity on our part with peculiar and compelling power.

"The world war has drawn to the battle line millions of those who in times of peace went forth to sow. China and the United States are about to swell the legions who fight and must be fed.

"From the South the boll weevil is marching on North Carolina. Fall cribs and smokehouses are the sure and safe defense against the coming of this pest. In every State the destruction of cotton by the boll weevil has been followed by a paralysis of the farmers' credit. Being forewarned of the steady advance of this enemy and the certain consequence of its attack, it will be colossal stupidity to fail to meet it with the only weapons that have proved effective, to wit, broad acres of grains and grasses.

"The amended crop lien law was framed to give to that small farmer a decent chance to escape from a credit system that levies upon the right to live and labor the heaviest tribute imposed upon a helpless people since Augustus Caesar issued his decree that all the world should be taxed. But the farmer who fails to increase his food and feed crops will deny to himself and family the blessings of the law. The merchant will properly refuse to make unlimited advances under the new law. Long profits will no longer tempt him to take long chances. He will wisely and justly insist that the farmer must produce his own meat and meal and when he has done this he will find no difficulty in obtaining other necessary supplies.

"All these things made a substantial increase in our food and feed crops essential to our self-preservation. Now, therefore I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby designate and set apart Thursday the 5th day of April, 1917, as Planting Day, and on that day I earnestly urge

"All mayors of incorporated towns to call the people together and devise and put into execution practical ways and means of having every vacant lot in and adjacent to the towns planted to grain or grass, peas or potatoes.

"All farmers organizations of every kind to meet and counsel their members to heavily increase their food and feed crops this year.

"All landlords to insist that their tenants shall plant food and feed crops ample for the sustenance of their families and their live stock.

"All merchants and bankers to counsel their customers who are engaged in farming to increase the acreage planted to food and food crops to such an extent that it will be unnecessary for them to purchase any food supplies next year.

"The times are troublous. No man can say what an hour may bring forth but if we shall act with prudence and diligence the 'mea' will waste not, nor will the 'cil' fall."

Big Lemon.

Mr. W. F. Beasley had on display at the Aycock Drug Co., Tuesday one of the largest lemons, possibly ever seen here. It measured 16 inches in circumference and weighed one pound and fifteen ounces. The lemon was raised by his wife.

Farm Loan Association. The Louisburg Farm Loan Association met in the courthouse on Tuesday and perfected plans and arrangements for immediate organization. Regular applications were filed in and the Board of Appraisers began their work on Wednesday.

Ten Dollars' Fine. The Raleigh News-Observer says: