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AMERICAN SECTOR HEAVILY BOMBARDED BY GERMANS

With the American Army in France Feb. 24.—Last night and today the German bombardment on various points within the American lines northwest of Toul, was considerably more intense than usual.

Little damage has been done by the bombardment although three men were slightly wounded early this morning.

Last night enemy patrols made persistent efforts to penetrate the American wire defenses, but without success. One patrol was fired upon and driven off while wire-cutting, probably preparatory to a contemplated raid.

Large troop movements are going on back of the enemy's line during the night.

There was no aerial activity today owing to weather conditions.

Shut Up The Germans

With the American Army in France Saturday February 23.—In the American sector northwest of Toul today the Germans tried the tactics of concentrating artillery fire on one of the American positions, apparently with the purpose of blighting it. The American guns immediately replied to the German batteries with a doubly heavily retaliatory fire and their swept the enemy lines with a vicious barrage, undoubtedly inflicting considerable damage.

The German guns promptly ceased fire. Whether they were silenced or stopped firing for other reasons is unknown, but since that time hardly a shot has been fired from that point.

Last night a German patrol was found once more within the American wire. It was driven back by machine gun and rifle fire. American patrols worked freely without interference.

The Germans today dropped into the American trenches an entirely new type of bomb, resembling a baseball. No damage was done.

Along the front generally there was less firing owing to low visibility. The Germans continued to shell their targets in the town behind the lines adding one town which has not hitherto been shelled.

FROM KEARNEY SCHOOL

The W. S. S. Program was observed at our school Friday evening, February 22, 1918. The children rendered their parts well.

We were very glad to have Supt. Best with us. He made an excellent address in which he urged every one to help our country win this war by denying ourselves some of the unnecessary things of life and buy War Savings Stamps.

After the program it was decided to invest fifteen dollars, the amount allowed us for fuel, in War Savings Stamps.

MABEL L. ROBERTSON, Teacher.

THE YOUNG WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Young Woman's Missionary Society met on Friday evening February 26th 1918 in a "Study Circle" meeting at the home of Miss Kathleen Egerton.

The devotional exercises were led by Miss Lydia Inasco, who also taught the lesson for the evening which was the last chapter in our Mission Study book "The Lure of Africa."

After the lesson a delicious fruit salad course was served.

Those present at the meeting were: Mesdames Mortimer C. Pleasants, Edward L. Best, Osmond Y. Yarborough and Misses Allene Webb, Hodge Williams, Sue T. Alston, Hodge Alston, Lydia Inasco, Kathleen Egerton, Louise Thomas.

In behalf of the Society I want to express to Mrs. Jones a cordial welcome into the Society as a new member.

At an early hour the Society adjourned to meet at the home of Miss Hodge Williams, on North Main St. at 7:45 o'clock. Please everyone notice the change of the hour, and be there on time and leave on time.

Recording Secretary.

DR. R. T. VANN SPEAKS TO BAPTISTS AT LOUISBURG

Dr. R. T. Vann of Raleigh, corresponding secretary of the Baptist Board of Education in this State, launched the million dollar campaign for education in the Baptist church here Sunday morning. A large and enthusiastic audience heard him. The Baptist forces in this town and the other towns in the Tar River and Flat River Associations are being thoroughly organized for a big drive to get subscribed twice the amount usually given for benevolent objects by these churches for the next four years, one-half of it going to the Baptist educational institutions in the State. When this is done in all the associations the million dollars will be in sight. The campaign will be consummated in the two associations mentioned above on the second Sunday in May.

Bishop Joseph Blount Cheshire of Raleigh conducted services at St. Paul's church here Sunday night, a good congregation attending. Bishop Cheshire assured the congregation that within a few weeks a rector, who would be highly satisfactory to them, would be sent to Louisburg. This congregation has been without a regular rector for several months since the retirement of Rev. B. C. Walton, who is now in Aurora.

Mrs. T. W. Bickett greatly delighted the college girls in the college chapel Sunday afternoon with an address along the line of the Y. W. C. A. work. Mrs. Bickett is always a welcome guest in her home town where she is honored and loved by all. In recent months she has come to rival her distinguished husband.

PINE RIDGE ITEMS

The Franklin county Missionary Union will be postponed until the first Saturday in April at which time it will be held at Midway.

Since the weather's warmer our Sunday school attendance has greatly increased, and our B. Y. P. U. is progressing nicely.

Among the visitors at Pine Ridge Sunday were Mr. Sid Alford, of Bunn, and Mr. Henry Minga, of Hickory. They used to be playmates of this community and their meeting seemed to be a very happy one. We were glad to have them with us.

Our music teacher, Miss Lilly Griffin accompanied by her nephew and niece, Worth and Pattie Pearl Dodd, took a ten mile walk on last Sunday afternoon over to Spring Hope, returned Monday and reported a fine trip.

Mrs. Millard Hale who has been very ill with pneumonia at her father's home, Mr. Hilliard Richardson, returned to her home in Wendell Saturday.

Messrs. Eddie and Dumas Richardson have returned from Norfolk, Va., where they had been to see their nephew and cousin, Vaster Richardson who is in the aviation training corps.

Mrs. Allen Perry spent the week end in Zebulon with her son, Henry Perry.

Our principal, Miss Dawson, and Elma Beddingfield visited Louisburg Saturday.

Our Junior Order gave a very enjoyable supper on last Thursday evening in spite of the high cost of living.

The Fiddlers Convention on last Friday evening was quite a success and a neat little sum of \$35.00 was realized. The music was exceedingly good and both prizes, violin and banjo, were awarded to Mr. Greenberry Mullin. The last on the program but not the least was the buck and wing dance by Mr. John Driver.

FARMERS UNION MEETS

There will be a meeting of the Franklin County Farmers Union at the court house in Louisburg Thursday March 7, 1918 at 11 o'clock A. M.

Professors Dan. T. Gray and R. S. Curtis of the Agricultural Experiment Station are expected to be with us that day to make addresses.

Every member of the Union is heartily invited to be present.

J. A. BOONE, Pres. J. C. JONES, Secretary.

THIS MAN SAVED BY HIS KICKING MULES TAIL

Lawrence Parker, 16 year old son of C. N. Parker recently of Johnston county, but now in charge of one of F. B. McKinne's farms near this place, owes his life today to the end of a kicking mule's tail.

After taking out late Saturday afternoon, young Parker attempted to mount his mule with plough gear on and ride him to the house. Said mule for some unknown reason, objected strenuously to carrying any passengers on his back, and immediately there ensued a very lively performance in which the mule succeeded in dismounting his rider but not entirely freeing himself of him.

The young man's foot was caught in the traces from which he could not extricate himself. In his endeavor to lay hold of something tangible while the mule was whirling around at a fearful rate, he succeeded in catching the end of the mule's tail with one hand which he held with a death grip. With his limbs wrapped around each other and caught in the traces and holding on to the mule's tail, the young man was dragged over all sorts of rocks and corn stubble for about a mile, the mule never stopping till he reached his stable.

Strange to relate, the young man suffered no serious injuries, no broken bones, beyond some painful bruises and being badly shaken up. The terror stricken mother witnessed the scene, but was powerless to help.

LOUISBURG VICTORIOUS OVER FRANKLINTON

Friday, February 22, the Louisburg High School basketball team defeated the Franklinton High School team 23 to 4. The game was played at the Franklinton court. The Louisburg boys put all their vim in the game the first half 17-2 in favor of Louisburg. In the beginning of the second half the Franklinton boys played like they were going to catch up with Louisburg or, break a chain trying, but in about eight minutes one of their players lost his wind and had to drop out of the game, as soon as the substitute was put in and the playing started again another one of them had the cramp and the game was delayed until he recovered. The game ended with a score of 23-4. This was Louisburg's fifth game and she has won four out of the five. Any team in the county that wants to play with Louisburg is asked to write to Eugene Wilson, Manager of L. H. S. Team, Louisburg, N. C.

MARGARET ITEMS

We are all glad that our school house is almost ready for use.

Mr. N. M. Pearce and family went to Zebulon last Sunday.

Miss Mary Howard of Justice, spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. W. R. Bunn.

Miss Sallie Foster Taylor of Louisburg, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Shirley Downey.

Miss Mary Bunn spent last Sunday night with Miss Pearl Griffin, her school teacher.

Mrs. Walter Strange spent last Monday afternoon at Mrs. W. R. Bunn's.

Mrs. Gate Lyard made a short call at Mrs. Thad Hayes last Friday evening.

Mr. Lee Bunn, Miss Pearl Griffin and Mr. Jack Stallings and Miss Mary Bunn went to Justice last Friday night to the oyster supper and had a grand time.

BIG WAR

Mrs. Ellen Day of Raleigh, visited Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Gilmore the past week.

Messrs. B. E. Smith and J. C. Page visited Raleigh on Tuesday.

Governor and Mrs. Thomas Walter Bickett were visitors to Louisburg Sunday and Monday.

Miss Helen Lamb, of Henderson, visited Mrs. R. F. Yarborough this week.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to our neighbors and friends who so kindly rendered assistance and sympathy during the recent illness and death of our husband and father.

MRS. L. F. YATES, H. F. YATES.

FRANKLINTON. ODD FELLOWS TO CULTIVATE WAR GARDEN

Boy Scouts Will Raise Vegetables; Dr. Vann Makes Address

Franklinton, Feb. 25.—The local lodge of Odd Fellows has secured the vacant lot next to the Citizens Bank in the center of the town, and will cultivate it as a war garden. All the members of that organization here, have agreed to assist in the work. White potatoes and onions will be planted and Dr. S. C. Ford, who will have charge of the garden, says that they calculate that at least \$200 will be realized from the sale of the product of the garden. It has already been agreed upon that whatever amount is secured that it will be given to the Odd Fellows Home at Goldsboro.

The Boy Scouts, under the direction of Scout Master Duke, who is also chief of police, will cultivate a war garden. There are about 25 scouts here, and all have indicated their willingness to join in this matter, and will try to beat the Odd Fellows.

Rev. R. T. Vann, D. D., of the Educational Board of the Baptist church addressed a large audience at the local church here last night in the interest of the \$1,000,000 educational fund that the Baptists of the State are raising. Quite a nice amount, was pledged by the Baptists and their friends here.

TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY FOOD ADMINISTRATION

I am sending this week to each member of the School District Committee a circular letter explaining the 1918 Home Card Campaign and outlining the work that is expected of each member.

We have tried to appoint a committee of four in each school district but not being very well acquainted with the people in all the districts, we were able to appoint only one or two in some, but any committee that wishes to may ask others to help in the work.

This work will be much easier than that in the Pledge Card Campaign for we are not after any signatures, only to distribute the 1918 Home Cards.

If anyone who was not a member of a Committee in the Pledge Card Campaign gets a letter from me about the campaign it means that they have been appointed a member of the committee in their school district and are asked to cooperate with us in the Home Card Campaign.

In some of the letters I am endorsing Food Administration Emblem. The emblem is a badge of service and is to be worn on the left sleeve just above the elbow.

Wear it, it shows that you are a loyal worker for Uncle Sam and that you are trying to do your bit.

I am very sorry that I have not emblems enough for each member of the district committees as Mr. Page only sent one hundred to me but I am writing for more, if I can get them will send them later to those who fail to get them now.

I am hoping that we shall have such a hearty and active cooperation in this campaign that by the night of March the 9th there will not be a home in the county in which there is not a 1918 Home Card.

JOSEPH C. JONES, County Food Administrator.

LIST OF LETTERS

The following is a list of letters remaining in the post office at Louisburg not called for March 1.

Miss Sarah Davis, W. S. Funderbuck, Miss Mollie Harris, Mr. Howard House, Miss Addie King, Mr. Izex Lee, Mrs. Anie McGhee, Mr. Emmett Perry.

The following has been received from the dead letter office:

Luther Lockes, Louise Taylor (2). Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say that they saw them advertised.

R. H. DAVIS, P. M.

MR. POU AT YOUNGSVILLE

We are requested to state that Mr. James H. Pou will speak in the auditorium of the school building at Youngsville on Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the interest of the War Savings Stamps.

GOVERNOR BICKETT SPEAKS TO BIG CROWD

The Saving Work of Y. W. C. A.

The program of the War Work Young Women's Christian Association is distinctly international in Council of the National Board of the character, as befits any national movement in 1918. One of the standing committees is that on work in foreign countries, whose chairman is Mrs. John R. Mott. All the members of the Committee are familiar with the conditions of women's life and of Young Women's Christian Association policies at home and abroad. The program of this work in Europe as in the United States includes the interests of young women and their social, intellectual and spiritual life. In the unusual situation, of course, American methods must be greatly adjusted to meet such needs as have never before appeared.

The agricultural South is gradually becoming also the industrial South, and we are awakening to the fact that, not hundreds, but thousands of our girls have been drawn into the web of modern industry to make their living in factory, office and store. The war has greatly increased the need for women workers, often in that women would have to take the places of men drawn off for army service, camp construction and the manifold activities made necessary by the mobilization of large numbers of men; but it was not so clear that certain industries not connected with munition making would have their business tremendously increased by war.

For instance, our great tobacco factories, our textile plants, cake and candy factories, hosiery mills, shoe factories and many others are constantly advertising for girls and more girls. One tobacco factory is said to have agents out in the country looking for girls. "Almost every newspaper contains such an advertisement as this: "We can use one hundred more young laddies. Beginners paid \$125 a day."

War, the great destroyer, consumes so much faster than industry, the great builder, can produce, that in times of war every available worker and many more are needed for production. Also certain articles, such as tobacco, candy, woolen and cotton goods, blankets, mattresses, army trunks, shoes, leggings, canned goods and many other peaceful products in addition to vast stores of munitions, are needed in great quantities and at once.

The women power of the warring nations is responding until millions of women are doing what had been considered men's work in the countries across the water. It is interesting to learn that while the Dupont Company is employing more and more girls for office work, it has not put any women into munition making on the ground that such work is too heavy for women. It may be, however, that America will be forced to follow the example of England and France. In England women are handling steel bars, loading sacks of flour, harvesting the crops, as dock hands lifting great weights. In France Mr. H. G. Wells says that some munition plants he saw four women to every man employed, and in one great aeroplane repair building he found more women than men working as mechanics. Sometimes in France, women drag plows through the fields.

The War Y. W. C. A. knows of dangers, the snares and temptations that beset the girls near army camps; of the need of comfortable housing under careful supervision for the girls employed in large numbers in the vicinity of these centers; of the necessity of providing training for those who accepted the new job, and of the larger work of inspiring girls everywhere to uphold traditional social standards while embodying in them even finer higher ideals in their relationships. Many girls from the small towns or country unused to city life come for work in munition plants or uniform factories. Away from home, in a strange environment, friendless and lonely to such girls the "lure of the khaki," the love of adventure makes its strong appeal. Recreation and wholesome counter-

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IN LOUISBURG ON MONDAY

Opera House Crowded With Appreciative Audience—Governor Was Introduced by Chairman Yarborough.

Possibly the largest crowd that has gathered in Louisburg in some time to hear a public address was here Monday to hear Governor Bickett deliver his famous war speech. After the singing of America and an invocation by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, the Governor was introduced by Mr. W. H. Yarborough, Chairman of the War Savings Stamps Committee for the County. The Governor soon became enthused in his subject and had his hearers in a spell of quiet and interest.

The reasons he gave for our entrance into the war were indisputable and all sufficient. The Governor reached a grand climax, when after describing the part France played in our American revolution and our debt to her in consequence of that, he pictured General Pershing as he recently stood before the monument of General LaFayette in Paris he exclaimed, "We are here!"

"We had to enter the war to save our own bacon," the Governor declared. The imperial government of Germany already had her program made out. She was going to reach Paris in three weeks; London in three months; and Washington in three years.

"We had to go into this war, he further argued, "because it is the great crucible of the ages in which the future civilization of the world is to be moulded and colored. Our American ideals had to go into this mixture of elements."

In winning the war the speaker declared the first thing for everybody to understand is that we are going about this war in the right way; that we are selecting and training our men in the right way.

It was a great speech and our only regret is that we can't publish it for the benefit of all who did not hear it. This was the Governor's first appearance in his home town in a public way since his inauguration as the Chief Executive and the people of Franklin were especially glad to see and hear him.

HAVE YOU GOT A GOOD FAMILY COW

The published reports of the results of the exhibition of the Jersey cow in a Raleigh bank shows that people realize the true value of the cow and that it is poor business to feed high priced feed to sorry or lazy animals.

Boarder cows deserve the same treatment as man who boards with his wife. They should be put in the front lines of the beef brigade.

A good cow will make a profit of \$200.00 or more yearly. A sorry cow is a dead loss.

Mr. R. H. Mason, Dairy Specialist, from West Raleigh, came to the county in the near future to discuss the cow shortage. Mr. Mason goes to Ohio in March to purchase cows for people all over the State. If you are in need of a good cow, advise the county agent and he will arrange for Mr. Mason to see you.

If you haven't some soy bean seed, get some and try them this year. They are an easy crop and have a number of uses.

Mammoth yellow, Virginia, and Tar Heel, Black are good for seed or hay. The Virginia is the earliest. Also try some velvet beans they are wonderful soil improvers, and a long step towards permanent soil fertility.

Soil fertility brings up the fertilizer question. Are you buying or mixing for yourself? Ready mixed fertilizers are often deceptive. You know the composition of acid phosphate and cotton seed meal. A permanently fertile soil cannot be secured with commercial fertilizers alone. The judicious use of them with peas beans and other legumes to produce humus will work towards permanent fertility.