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PUBLIC BUILDING FOR LOUISBURG

GOVERNMENT PURPOSES \$175,000 POSTOFFICE.

Bill Introduced by Congressman POU And Will in All Probability Pass This Session.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Representative Edward W. POU today introduced a bill in the House of Representatives directing and authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to acquire a site and erect a post office building at Louisburg, Franklin county, at an expenditure not exceeding \$175,000. The final draft of the bill authorizing an erection of a post office building at Smithfield was revised upward, the maximum figures being \$175,000 instead of \$135,000. These public buildings will likely be constructed on the authorization of the omnibus bill soon to be presented to the House. The fourth district congressman is the first to have introduced a bill for a Federal aid for post office building at this session of Congress, but others are anticipating the introduction of bills making provisions for sites and structures.

Influenza.

The greatest plague and calamity that has visited the world. They say that this disease with its attendant suffering and death has been sent upon our people—the United States—as a rebuke, a check or punishment for our indifference and almost contempt of sacred things, and especially for our non-observance of the Sabbath. (The Holy day of rest.) Be that as it may, influenza is a disease of which we have heard much by word of mouth and in public literature along this line. The Scientific Medical world has taxed its wisdom and ingenuity in the effort to discover some preventive and cure. Thus far nothing certain or definite has been brought forth to accomplish these ends or objects. Now as your County Health officer, I want to offer a few suggestions about this disease which has levied such a death toll on the world and especially our country.

There have been several Anti-Influenza and pneumonia vaccine developed and introduced by prominent medical men and experienced Laboratory Institutions. Dr. S. P. Burt has had a very large experience in the administration of these vaccines and he informs me that out of nearly three hundred people to whom he has given these vaccines, he cannot recall a single one who developed pneumonia with influenza. My own experience corroborates that of Dr. Burt's. This experience, practice and results certainly, to my mind, offers us a very hopeful foundation or basis to continue to advise our people to take advantage of this procedure as to prevention of influenza a modified form and perhaps keep the patient from going into pneumonia.

The influenza vaccine (combined) claims to give this last and above results. Then we have a pneumonia vaccine which claims to prevent abort or cure pneumonia when threatened, following the attack of influenza. Now the results in the use of these two vaccines have been very profitable and successful, and we do not believe that we will be justified in taking any chances. I suppose any physician will give it to you. We are giving it at about cost and hope to be able to get it cheaper. As your Health officer I think it my duty to advise you.

Mr. Insoe Dead.

The angel of death has again visited the neighborhood of Piney Grove and has taken one among the best of our neighbors, Mr. Norfleet Insoe. He was 87 years old the 21st of last August. He had a painful fall and suffered excruciated pain. He was called up higher for which summons he was ready and for the ship that never returns. He has gone to be with his loving wife and little daughter who departed this life good many years ago. He has seven children living, two sons and five daughters.

Hedgepeth-Seymore.

We acknowledge receipt of the following announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. James A. Pippin announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Annie Lee Seymore to Mr. Lorenzo Hedgepeth on Wednesday, the twenty-ninth of January, at Bunn, N. C. At home after the fifth of February, Rowland, North Carolina."

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BEING 300,000 MEN HOME EACH MONTH

General March Says Demobilization Can Be Completed in Six Months.

Washington, Jan. 27.—General March, chief of staff, discussing army demobilization plans today with the Senate military committee, stated that by which 300,000 men may be transported home monthly and that all of the American expeditionary force can be returned home demobilized within six months.

How many Americans will be held abroad in the army of occupation is to be determined by President Wilson, General March stated. Ten divisions, he indicated, has been suggested, but more Americans have been designated for return home than originally proposed by Marshal Foch.

There are still about 785,000 men in camp in the United States and all will be demobilized within a month from today except those retained for "overhead" duty, General March added. Up to noon last Saturday, he said, 104,000 men had arrived from overseas.

In connection with demobilization plans, General March stated that, under present plans, retention of an American standing army of 500,000 is proposed.

"We don't ever expect to reduce below 500,000 men—if we can help it," he told the committee.

Draft for Creation of League of Nations at the Peace Conference.

The preliminary draft for the creation of a league was given out officially as follows: "The conference, having considered the proposals for the creation of a league of nations, resolved that: "It is essential to the maintenance of the world settlement which the associated nations are now meeting to establish that a league of nations be carried to promote international obligations and to provide safeguards against war. This league should be created as an integral part of the general treaty of peace and should be open to every civilized nation which can be relied on to promote its objects.

MEET PERIODICALLY. "The members of the league should periodically meet in international conference and should have a permanent organization and secretaries to carry on the business of the league in the intervals between the conferences.

"The conference therefore appoints a committee representative of the associated governments to work out the details of the constitution and the functions of the league. The draft of resolutions in regard to breaches of the laws of war for presentation to the peace conference reads:

WORK SET FOR COMMISSION. "That a commission composed of two representatives a piece from the five great powers and five representatives to be elected by the other powers be appointed to inquire and report upon the following:

FIRST—The responsibility of the authors of the war.

SECOND—The facts as to breaches of the laws and customs of war committed by the forces of the German Empire and their allies on land, on sea and in the air during the present war.

THIRD—The degree of responsibility for these offenses attaching to particular members of the enemy's forces, including members of the general staffs and other individuals, however highly placed.

FOURTH—The constitution and procedure of a tribunal appropriate to the trial of these offenses.

FIFTH—Any other matters cognate or ancillary to the above which may arise in the course of the inquiry and which the commission finds it useful and relevant to take into consideration."

Officers Elected.

The following is a list of the officers of the Grand Lodge of Masons elected and installed at Raleigh last week:

Grand Master—Henry A. Grady, of Clinton.

Deputy Grand Master—Dr. James C. Braswell, of Whitakers.

Senior Grand Warden—J. Bailey Owen, of Henderson.

Junior Grand Warden—James H. Webb, of Hillsboro.

Grand Treasurer—B. R. Lacy, of Raleigh.

Grand Secretary—Wm. W. Wilson, of Raleigh.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. Geo. M. Matthews, of Clinton.

Grand Lecturer—R. F. Edwards, of Crumpler.

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Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank my friends for the many kindnesses rendered me during the recent illness and death of my husband.

MRS. A. E. MITCHELL.

NO POTASH FROM FRANCE BEFORE JUNE

Farmers May Buy Fertilizer in America in Carload Lots, Says Department of Agriculture.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—Even under the most favorable circumstances no potash from Alsace could be available in the United States for agricultural uses before June 1, 1919, according to an announcement issued by the War Trade Board upon authentic and official information that effect, received from the French High Commission in the United States France will be unable, according to the announcement, at least until April, to ship potash from the potash mines of Alsace. The advice further indicates that for the next few months practically the entire potash output of the Alsatian mines will be urgently required for agricultural purposes in France.

It is the view of the War Trade Board that it will be necessary for the United States to rely entirely upon its domestic potash production for the coming spring season.

Farmers' organizations or farmers who are in a position to buy potash in carload lots can secure it from some concerns at a reduction on the retail price at present quoted. The Bureau of Soils, Department of Agriculture, will furnish a list of American potash producers upon application.

LAND 30TH DIVISION AT CHARLESTON

Announcements As To Return of Troops of Old Hickory Division.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The Thirtieth Division (North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard) which now is under orders to prepare for embarkation to return home, will be landed at Charleston, S. C., if the War Department can prepare facilities there to handle so large a body of men. The division will be sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., for demobilization.

While no definite plans for parading this unit have been fixed, officials thought it probable either the entire division or some large portion of it will be paraded at Charleston and Columbia.

Village Blacksmith.

Since ticket man for photo screens and live by other ways and means than promises and anvil rings I'll not forget these kind of things.

The crowds that gathered rainy days with their long reed roofs and clays Almost sending up in smoke My village shop beneath the oak.

On truthfulness they'd ruff the fur About some 'possum hound or cur That could run a last years track And set the pace for any pack.

I furnished Dobbin's winter shoes His owner said I should not lose But Dobbin has a sheepsn look With this account still on the book.

Balsam got his winter wear But he does not seem to care Whether or not I get my pay And he haws at me every day.

My anvil showed some signs of rust Which meant I must collect or bust To thwart the two I rented out And chase for bones another route.

The renter said when up he came He held a patent right or claim On each and every kind of job Except some off on how to rob.

He swore that he would pay the rent His tongue was smooth without a dent But worked by steel not golden rules And jumped the game with all the tools.

With all my rent upon his hip He packed up and gave the slip So thus it was he turned the joke On shop and I beneath the oak.

My friends say its convincing proof That I am empty in the roof I'll never more take such a chance But do collecting in advance.

I'll let the steel and iron rule Measure up some other fool Since all he left beneath the oak Was Village Blacksmith stony broke.

Village Blacksmith.

Mr. C. H. Mullen Dead.

WILD CATS EARNED THE NAME GIVEN

Why Both 30th and 51st are Sometimes Called "Wild Cats"; Confusion Explained.

Chattanooga, Jan. 25.—The Thirtieth Division, composed of Tennessee, North and South Carolina guardsmen, which left home known as the "Old Hickory" Division in honor of Andrew Jackson came to be called the "Wild Cat" Division because the British with whom the Thirtieth broke the Hindenburg line, termed the Americans "Wild Cats" and Hell Cats, according to Captain David L. Lillard of Etowah, Tenn.

The Eighty-first Division composed of National Army men from the same States as the Thirtieth, chose "Wild Cat" as its unofficial title after the famous "Wild Cat" road from Columbia to Camp Jackson, S. C., where the Eighty-first trained, and some confusion has arisen among admirers of the two divisions. The War-Department records, however, show the Thirtieth unofficially listed as both "Old Hickory" and "Wild Cat."

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig gave the Thirtieth much of the credit for smashing the supposedly invincible Hindenburg line, and the division was mentioned several times in the British official statements for its dash and bravery. The Tommies termed their American comrades "Hell Cats" and "Wild Cats," said Captain Lillard, who is at general hospital No. 14, Chickamauga Park, recovering from a shrapnel wound received on the St. Quentin front. He was commanding officer of the Thirtieth Division.

"And we were pretty wild 'over there,'" said Captain Lillard with a smile. He lay propped up in bed when he was asked about the change in nicknames.

The Thirtieth, which trained at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., wears a capron which gives recognition to the "Old Hickory" title. It is oval in shape formed by the letter "G" with the letter "H" inside, while within the "H" is "XXX," denoting the division's number. The letters are blue in a field of red.

Miss Laura Mitchner.

Franklin, Jan. 27.—Miss Laura Mitchner, daughter of the late A. D. Mitchner, died at her home near Banks Siding, about four miles east of here last night. She was popular in her community, and had many friends. She was a member of Perry's Baptist church and one of its best workers and supporters. She leaves three brothers, Rev. John Mitchner, a well known minister of the Baptist church, and Messrs. James and William Mitchner, and two sisters, Mrs. Felix Banks, of Banks, and Mrs. Dr. Banks, of Louisburg. The funeral services will be conducted tomorrow afternoon and the burial will be at the old Mitchner burying ground near the home.

Another Veteran Dead.

Another soldier has been called from this earth to be numbered among the silent dead. Mr. John Hendrix departed this life on the second of December, 1918. He died at the home of his son, Mr. Joe Hendrix, in Henderson. He was a faithful soldier in the civil war between the north and south and fought four years. He was also a faithful soldier in the army of the Lord. No one ever enjoyed talking about Jesus more than he did. He was 74 years old. He left 7 children and 23 grand children, whom he loved dearly and his children are trying to meet him in that beautiful land. His remains were tenderly laid to rest beside his loving companion in the cemetery at Corinth church.

List of Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Post Office at Louisburg, N. C., uncalled for Jan. 31st, 1919:

John M. Alston, Laura Bobbitt, Mrs. Ojama Chavis, Annie French, H. K. Insoe, (2), Annie Eula Newton, Mrs. Violet Joyner, Eleanora King, Charlie Malone, Miss Cle Monday, Mrs. Corena A. Mann, E. J. Price, Mrs. Augusta Strickland, E. B. Wallace, Nora Wheeler, Miss Roxie Wilks.

Persons calling for any of the above letters will please say they saw them advertised.

Leases Store Room.

Messrs. J. D. Hines and J. H. Best have leased the store room now occupied by Mr. J. S. Howell on Main Street and will put a nice line of automobiles on display this the next few weeks.

Opens Garage.

Mr. R. W. Hudson has leased the store room on corner of Spring and Nash Streets opposite H. C. Taylor's Shop, and will open an up-to-date automobile garage. He is now getting everything in shape to serve the public.

Moves Back to Franklin.

Mr. Randolph A. Harris, who for the past several years has been residing in Durham, has returned to Franklin County and will make his home with his brother-in-law, Mr. F. C. Glasgow, of near Mapleview.

Goals to Newcastle.

Wife—What is meant, John, by the phrase "carrying coals to Newcastle?" Husband—It is a metaphor, my dear showing the doing of something that is unnecessary.

Wife—I don't exactly understand. Give me an illustration—a familiar one.

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FOOD WORKERS DEMOBILIZING.

Arrangements Being Made for Closing of Raleigh Offices of the Food Administration—Mr. Page and County Administrators to Hold on Until Peace is Signed.

Raleigh, Jan. 29.—The Food Administration, which has been the largest administrative body in North Carolina during the war, is rapidly demobilizing. Several offices are a considerable part of Administrator Henry A. Page's office force was released a month ago and on Feb. 1, the balance of the staff at Raleigh with the exception of Executive Secretary John Paul Lucas and Mrs. F. P. W. Adickes, Chief Clerk, will be released. Mr. Lucas and Mrs. Adickes will remain until all records can be closed, files assorted and shipped to Washington, the office equipment disposed of and the office closed.

State Administrator Page and County Food Administrators will remain in the service until peace is formally signed. With return of approximately normal conditions the activities of the administration will be very limited. Mr. Page and his organization will continue to keep a watchful and helpful eye on the cottonseed industry on account of the necessity for maintaining the stabilized program in the interest of producer, dealer and crusher; and a weather eye will also be kept open for any flagrant cases of profiteering in food and feedstuffs.

Mr. E. L. Harris, who has been one of the most efficient inspectors in the service, will remain as a volunteer for a few weeks to handle such investigations as may be necessary.

Director of enforcement Joseph Blount Cheshire, Jr., will resume the practice of law. Messrs. C. G. Keable and P. H. Busbee, of the Sugar Division, have already returned to their law-practices and Special Representatives George H. Humber and Inspector M. W. Nash are also resuming their law practices at Carthage and Hamlet, respectively.

Executive Secretary John Paul Lucas, who abandoned newspaper work for the real estate business at Charlotte quite awhile before he entered war work two years ago, has made no decision as to the future—except that he is rather disinclined to return to the real estate game, preferring rather to work in which he would be able to utilize his experience and knowledge of journalism, publicity work and agriculture.

Farmers Union Meeting.

An important meeting of the Franklin County Farmers Union will be held in Louisburg, Thursday, Feb. 6th, at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Every member who can do so is urged to be present and all locals are urged to send delegates.

G. D. ALLEN, President.
J. C. JONES, Secretary.

Services at St. Paul's Sunday, Feb. 2nd

Rev. Norvin C. Duncan, recently appointed Archdeacon of the Convocation of Raleigh, will visit Louisburg and hold services at St. Paul's church at 11 A. M., when Holy Communion will be administered, and in the evening at 7:30, Feb. 2nd. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend both services.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to extend our sincere thanks to all our neighbors and friends who rendered aid and assistance to us during the recent sickness and death of our husband and father.

Mrs. H. T. Breedlove and Children.

The Angelus Bell.

The Angelus Bell is being sounded each evening at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and will continue until the present extreme influenza conditions last, as a source of prayer to the Supreme being to lend us Providential assistance in this our hour of need.

Mr. G. W. Ford returned the past week from Baltimore.

Messrs. J. D. Hines and Edward Griffin spent Tuesday in Raleigh.

Mr. M. McKinne has just returned from a trip to the Northern Markets.

Mr. J. P. Winston, of Wendell, was a visitor to Louisburg the past week.

Mr. Joe Ottenburg, of Bainbridge, Ga., has taken a position with L. Kline & Co.

Mrs. E. F. Thomas, who is taking a business course in Raleigh, came over and spent the week-end at home.

Mr. C. W. High, who has been in the army service and stationed at Vancouver, Washington, was discharged at camp near Atlanta the past week, and has arrived home.

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LETTERS FROM FRANCE

Pints, France, Jan. 2nd, 1919.

To Red Cross Chapter, Franklin County, N. C., U. S. A.

'Tis often and often since being called to the colors that I have felt like writing to some branch of the Red Cross to express my gratitude for their help and thoughtfulness as expressed to us boys at every turn of our road. The refreshments offered us when such were almost unobtainable from any other source and for which we felt we would give almost any of our possessions. The invaluable aid offered us when sick or wounded and last but by no means least the aid and consolation given our parents and those we hold dear at home. And now while my mother is sorely grieved by the loss of my brother, Frank, who fell in action, I learn of your tenderness and consolation given her. Realizing what this means to her at this time I am writing you to, in small way let you know that we boys in khaki, and I, especially, feel more grateful to you than it is possible for me to put into words.

You asked me the question if Frank and I were serving together at the time we went into action. Yes, since entering the service we have been allowed to serve almost side by side, I being in the 4th squad and he in the 3rd squad of the same platoon and at the time when he was called upon to pay the supreme I was at his side.

Sincerely yours,

BALLARD S. MITCHELL, Co. H, 321st Infantry, A. E. F., A. P. O. 791.

Nov. 24, 1918.

Co. 2, Air Service Mechanic Reg. A. P. O. 702, A. E. F., France.

Dear Father:

I will write you a victory letter today which most of the boys are going to write dad a letter today, so I am going to tell you the history of my life in France. Well I landed at Liverpool, England and then we got on one of these funny looking trains and we rode until about 4 in the afternoon and then we were at Southampton, there we spent a few days in one of these rest camps and then one afternoon we got aboard one of them old side wheel steam boats and then we crossed the English channel, and believe me that was some trip. Next morning we got off the boat at Leharue, France, and then we went to another one of these rest camps, there we spent a few days and then we left there, that was the first time I ever rode in a box car there was a sign on the side of the car, 8 horses or 40 men so that is the way soldiers traveled so we rode about 2 days and one night and then we hiked about 13 miles to a small village and then we camped for a couple of weeks, and there we drilled while we were there. One morning we got orders to move so we hiked out for about 12 miles and then we got on another one of these trains and took another long ride up toward the front. Easter Sunday night we were in a big railroad yard and that town had been blown up pretty bad by the Germans. The next morning we went out not far from there and pitched our pup tents and there is where we had the fun for the Huns came over the second night and dropped a few lumps of his scrap iron and when they hit it sounded like the 4th of July, and his planes were flying overhead like birds and take it from me it is no nice place to be. We spent a few days there and then we moved down the line a little farther and there we spent about three weeks and some nights I could not go to sleep for the noise up at the front and then there is where I got my tin hat and you may bet that when I sat on it there was no dent in it, ha! ha! Well along in May some time we left there and came over here to Bourron, where I have been ever since and here we built a big camp and then we began to work on the things that helped to win this war. The tank is no pretty thing at all but they are the safest things to fight with for you can get inside and it has armour plate about 1-2 inch thick and if a big shell don't hit it you are all right but I never got the chance to go over the top so I guess the war is about over now and I don't care a bit. All I want now is for them to settle this thing and say pack up for we are going, that will be the happiest time of all and I hope that won't be long. Well I don't know anything else to write so I guess I had better close. This leaves me very well and I hope it will find you well and I wish you the happiest and merriest Christmas you ever had so give my best regards to all my old friends and tell them I will be back some day and then I can tell them all about the sights that I have seen in France, ha! ha! So bye-bye, with lots of love from your son in France.

CORP. HENRY G. FISHER.

Dies at Hotel.

Mr. — McDonald, an employee of the Allen Brothers Co., who was suffering from the influenza, died at his rooms in the hotel here on Saturday night, and his remains were taken to his home in Aberdeen on Sunday afternoon for interment.

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