

THE COURIER

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

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Captain Charles Kephart, formerly of Asheboro, now of High Point, has received a commission promoting him to major.

Misses Adna and Arta Lamb, of Guilford College, are visiting their sister, Mrs. T. F. Bulla.

Mr. Claud Hussey, son of Alfred L. Hussey, formerly of Cedar Grove township, Randolph county, who moved with his father to High Point several years ago, has returned from the Panama Canal Zone where he has been for several years in the employ of the government. Mr. Hussey will locate at High Point and continue with his special line of work, the High Point News says, educating the people along the line of sanitation, recommending a disinfectant and anti-fly preparation which has worked wonders where it has been used.

Mr. T. V. Rochelle has purchased a house on Parkway in High Point owned by Mrs. Lena Freeman, and will probably move in July.

In publishing the fact that Mr. Virgil Presnell was the first purchaser of the Studebaker from the dealers Erwin and Walker, we should have stated that Mr. T. J. Hoover was the first purchaser of the Chevrolet. Messrs. Erwin and Walker state that the Chevrolet, like the Studebaker, has come to stay, and request that those who will call or write agents at Asheboro, for free demonstrations.

The new law requires every operator of a wheat thresher to secure a license from the register of deeds of the county in which the thresher lives, and also blanks on which must be kept an accurate record of amount of grain threshed. A report of grain threshed must be made to the register of deeds before November 1.

Dr. I. M. Mercer, pastor of Thomasville Baptist church, has been called to a church in Eastern North Carolina and has accepted.

Mr. John R. May of Thomasville is assisting the Asheboro Motor Co. in selling Fordson Tractors. They have sold three within the past week. Many farmers will use kerosene tractors to operate their binders this harvest.

Misses Edna Caviness and Carrie Erwin returned to Greensboro College for Women, Greensboro, Monday afternoon after a visit to the homefolks. They are members of the graduating class and will receive their diplomas Tuesday.

Mr. E. A. Hancock, of Woodland, N. J., has moved his family to Asheboro. Mr. Hancock will establish a vulcanizing plant in Asheboro. He has lived in Woodland, N. J., for the past seven years.

Miss Margaret Morris left yesterday for Linwood, where she will join Mr. and Mrs. Robert Spaug for a ten-days' trip to Asheville, Chimney Rock and other points in Western North Carolina.

Mr. Sidney Wood, a student of the State College, Raleigh, was in town for the past week-end.

Miss Luna Kearns, who holds a position as a stenographer in Greensboro, has been in Asheboro a few days recently attending Chautauqua and visiting the family of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Birkhead.

Prof. D. M. Weatherly, of Franklinville, has been among the Chautauqua visitors of the past few days.

Miss Ardene Lowe, who is spending the summer with relatives in the country, is in Asheboro this week visiting homefolks and attending Chautauqua.

Mrs. L. B. Lambert and children, of Troy, are visiting relatives in Asheboro this week.

Mr. W. A. Bunch is erecting a nice cottage on his lot adjoining Mrs. Annie Robins on old Main street.

Mr. Vernon Johnson, who is a student at Bailey Military Institute, Greenwood, South Carolina, writes his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Johnson, that in a recent contest at target practice, he made the highest mark of anyone in his company, making 39 out of a possible 50. Commencement at Bailey Military Institute will be June 12.

Miss Johnnie Aldridge, of Millboro, went to Charlotte May 20th to participate in a celebration with Unit O, hospital corps that returned from overseas recently. Miss Aldridge and Miss Edna Hill, both trained nurses before the war, went with Unit O and returned with it. Miss Lula Lambeth also from this county was a hospital nurse in France during the last year of the war.

Mr. G. H. Skeen, formerly of Asheboro has purchased the stock of goods at Biscoe belonging to W. L. Hurley and company, and will continue business from the partnership of M. L. Hurley and company, he being the partner.

Mr. W. L. Dorsett who recently died in High Point is a son of David Dorsett, of Randolph county, who survives him as does his wife, Mrs. Lula Dorsett, four sons, J. H. Dorsett, of Winston-Salem; Cicero and Odell Dorsett, also of Winston-Salem; and Roy Dorsett, of High Point; and two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Hayworth and Mrs. Ora Robbins. Three brothers and three sisters also survive.

Thomas N. Woody died at High Falls in Moore county last week. He was secretary and treasurer of the High Falls manufacturing company and was 56 years old. He is survived by one daughter. He was born and reared at Woody's Mills near Tabernacle church in Guilford county.

We have had pig clubs and now we are having calf clubs, and as soon as we get more the better.

Mr. K. W. Moore, a progressive merchant, of Ether, was in town on business last Tuesday.

Mr. S. S. Cox, of Asheboro Star Route, was in town last Tuesday. His daughter, Miss Lola G. Cox has recently accepted a position as a bookkeeper and stenographer in Madison. The Courier is in receipt of an invitation to the 71st annual commencement of Greensboro College for Women, May 31, to June 3, sent by Miss Edna Caviness, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Caviness, of Asheboro, who is a member of the 1919 graduating class. Miss Carrie Erwin, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Ira Erwin, is also a member of the Senior class.

Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Moffitt of Troy were visitors in Asheboro last week. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Moffitt, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Moffitt and Mr. and Mrs. Birner Rich were at Elon College for the Commencement last week.

Miss Edith Parish, of Hills store is the guest of Miss Maude Rush during Chautauqua.

Mrs. N. A. Moffitt visited Mrs. E. A. Routh in Franklinville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Rich and family and Mr. and Mrs. John D. Moffitt, of Ardmore, Oklahoma who are visiting in Asheboro were week-end guests of B. B. Moffitt at Troy.

Miss Clea Rich is at home from Elon College, to spend the vacation with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rich.

Messrs. Reid Hannah and Eugene Chisholm left last week on a business trip to points in Kansas.

Mr. Lester Moffitt sustained a fractured right arm Sunday while attempting to crank a Ford automobile.

The Union Sunday School at Worthville will observe Old Peoples day on next Sunday. The program will consist of exercises in the forenoon and afternoon. Rev. J. A. Giles will make an address in the morning and Rev. W. H. Hall and Dr. C. E. Wilkerson will speak in the afternoon.

Among business visitors in Asheboro yesterday were Messrs. O. T. Macon, Climax; and R. W. Kearns, Asheboro Route 2.

Messrs. Charles H. Craven and R. L. Albright, of Coles Store, were business visitors in Asheboro yesterday.

Mr. G. C. Wright has opened a nice new grocery store on South Fayetteville street in the building adjoining the Winslow meat market. Mr. Wright has been connected with Brown-Lyndon Shoe company, of Greensboro. We extend to Mr. Wright a cordial welcome to the town.

Mr. T. F. Bulla is in High Point this week at the bedside of his father, Mr. B. F. Bulla, who is seriously ill in the High Point hospital.

County Superintendent of Religious Education, R. W. Prevost, has gotten out a publication, "The Record" in the interest of the Randolph county Sunday school association, which is neat and creditable. "The Record" contains four pages of quite readable matter.

Mrs. M. H. Lassiter and son George, of Mechanic, were in town on business yesterday. Mrs. Lassiter's home was destroyed by fire nearly two years ago. She has recently completed a nice new home and moved into it about three weeks ago.

Mr. Thos. Lambeth, an aged and prominent citizen of the Hills Store section, is seriously ill at his home in that neighborhood.

Mr. Harris Birkhead has accepted a position in the freight department of the Southern Railway which he held before he entered the service of Uncle Sam.

Miss Jessie Cox, of Pisgah, has been attending Chautauqua in Asheboro.

Mr. Curry Loflin, who is traveling for a jewelry concern has made a splendid record with his company. He has been wonderfully successful in the sale of jewelry. For the past two weeks he has been working this county.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holton, of Winston-Salem, were in Asheboro last Friday. Mr. Holton was here on legal business.

Mr. Wade Cranford who has recently returned from France is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cranford. Mr. Cranford was in Kansas when he enlisted in the service, and has made a splendid record in army life.

Mr. Everette Newby, of Greensboro, was a visitor in Asheboro the first of the week.

Miss Hallie Ross, a student of Salem College has returned home for the summer vacation.

Miss Sallie May Russell, of Star, was in Asheboro the first of the week the guest of Mrs. Otis Rich.

Messrs. Walter, James and Edward Bunch went to McCall, South Carolina, Saturday to attend the funeral of their uncle, Mr. J. P. Bunch. They were accompanied by Mr. Otis Rich. Mr. Bunch is a brother of the late Rev. W. A. Bunch, who was at one time pastor of the Asheboro M. P. church.

Mr. W. J. Lowe, of Kemps Mills, who represents the St. Louis Lightning Rod company, the largest concern of its kind in the world, was in town yesterday. He is the largest dealer in lightning rods in the State.

Miss Linnie Dorsett, of Farmer, is the guest of Miss Lena Mae Johnson this week.

Mr. J. A. Russell, of Franklinville, was in town yesterday and paid The Courier office a call.

Mrs. J. B. Haywood and Miss Jessie Haywood, of Mt. Gilead, are guests of Mrs. Sam Walker for a few days during Chautauqua.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Sharpe, of Liberty, are in town visiting relatives and attending Chautauqua this week.

Mr. J. R. Lutterloh, of Franklinville, was in town on business yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Sluder has returned home from High Point, where she has been taking treatment from Dr. Foman.

Miss Beulah Sluder, of Asheboro Star Route, is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Hammer and attending Chautauqua.

Miss Nettie Newby visited her sister, Mrs. Ray Cranford, in Greensboro for a few days last week.

The Major-General of the "Lost Battalion" says that this organization were under heavy French artillery fire, despite his "determined protest." The French took it for granted that the men had surrendered.

Miss Maxwell Honor Guest

Mrs. W. W. Stancill and Mrs. W. S. Evans entertained at a tea yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Hazel Maxwell, whose engagement to Mr. E. D. Cranford, of Asheboro, has been announced. The cards were received at the door by little Miss Louise White. Mrs. H. B. Joslin received the guests in the hall. In the receiving line were Mrs. W. S. Evans, Mrs. W. W. Stancill, Miss Hazel Maxwell, Mesdames A. J. Maxwell, W. W. Peele and Fred Gilbert. Mesdames R. Blinn Owen and J. M. Cooper were in the dining room. Assisting in the dining room were Misses Lelia Dye and Katherine Hughes. Mrs. G. C. Poole and Miss Gowan presided at the punch bowl.—Raleigh News and Observer.

"Farewell Celebration" in Honor of Mr. W. L. Lynch, of Asheboro Route 1

A large number of the young people of the Parks' Cross Roads community gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Lynch at Asheboro Route 2, on Sunday afternoon to bid farewell to Mr. W. L. Lynch who left for Pittsburgh, Pa., Tuesday. A number of young people of the neighborhood also joined the young people. A delightful afternoon was spent. The young ladies and men brought cakes, fruits and candies, and these were supplemented by ice cream made at the Lynch home.

Mr. Lynch has recently returned from France where he was in service. He returned to Casino Technical College in Pittsburgh where he will complete his course in electrical engineering. Mr. Lynch was taking this course in college when he entered the service. He is a bright young man and is held in high esteem in his home county. The young people in his section of country regretted to have him go away and their manifestation of friendship is much appreciated by his family. Misses Lucy Lambert and Allie Craven and Mr. Pearl Craven, of Moffitt, and Miss Maxine Cox, of Winston, were also present for the "farewell party."

While Mr. Lynch regretted losing a year in his school work, he expressed great pleasure in leaving a home over which Old Glory proudly floats and parents who have been loyal and patriotic during the war.

HEAR THE Vitanola Natural as Life O. R. FOX Furniture Store

NOTICE—There are several plates and fruit jars left on tables at 10th of May celebration, now at The Courier office. Persons short of above named articles call and get same. The Courier.

MILLIONS are suffering with Rheumatism. Most important discovery of the age. A herb that actually drives the most stubborn case of Rheumatism entirely out of the system. People write us and say they are astounded at the results, especially on the kidneys. Just think of the money making possibilities. Representatives wanted. \$1.12 pound postpaid, 10 pounds \$5 express paid. Rheumatism Herb Co., Venice, California.

DRIVERS WANTED—We want two good steady drivers for team hauling in Chatham county. Asheboro Wheelbarrow Co., Asheboro, N. C.

WHY GROW POOR POTATOES?—Pure Nancy Hall potatoes grow twice as many per acre and finer for table use. 1,000 expressed \$2. R. O. Parks, Darien, Ga. ml-5t

AGENTS WANTED—To sell Barometers for Ford cars. W. M. Thacker, High Point, N. C., Distributor. 4t

LOST—Baby locket and chain. Reward if returned to J. T. Underwood, Standard Drug Store. 1t

FOR RENT—Ten-room dwelling next to Thomas Lambert's store on Main street. Apply to W. C. Hammer. 1t

LOST—A Cornelian society pin set in pearls. Initials A. P. on back. Finder please return to Alice Phillips. 1t

OVERLAND 5-PASSENGER, MOD. 75-B FOR SALE—Fine condition every way. Will sell for cash, pine lumber, or 2-inch butt-cut oak. E. L. Moffitt, Asheboro, N. C. 4t

Large print Bibles and Testaments for bad eyes. Books and Bibles of all kinds. Address C. B. Riddle, Publisher, Burlington, N. C. 4t

MILLIONS CABBAGE AND TOMATO plants 1,000 expressed \$1.25; 500 postpaid \$1.00. R. O. Parks, Darien, Ga. ml-5t

IF YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR farm see G. H. King, also money to lend.

FOR SALE—One good five passenger 1917 model Ford car. A. F. Parrish, Asheboro, N. C. 1t pd

FOR SALE—Six ewes, 1 ram and seven lambs. Apply R. W. Kearns, Asheboro, N. C., Route 2. 2t

Sins by the car load are committed in the name of efficiency.

A curious inquirer wanted to know "What are the sister States?" and the brilliant country editor answered: "We are not quite sure, but we should judge that they are Missouri, Idaho, Maryland, Callis, Florida, Allie Bama, Louise Anna, Della Ware, Minnie Soto, and Mrs. Sippi."

SCHOOLS AND ILLITERACY IN THE OLD NORTH STATE

(From the University News Letter) "The war has revealed a most alarming amount of illiteracy. In one state, North Carolina, 487 out of 961 drafted men were found to be illiterate," says Edgar P. Hill, in the New Era Magazine, March issue.

Miss Mary Scales Miller, one of our alumnae sends us this quotation from Washington City, saying, "These figures astound and distress me; let me know what is really the truth about illiteracy in my home state."

There are several things to say about the illiteracy figures quoted from the army records.

First, army and census illiteracy rates were reckoned in different ways. In the census taking, if a person could write his name, or even said he could write his name, he was not recorded as an illiterate. Yet on this exceedingly slender and unsatisfactory basis, nearly one out of every five people in North Carolina in 1910, ten years old and over, was illiterate, both races counted; while nearly one out of every eight native born whites was illiterate. The figures are appalling and they put North Carolina near the bottom of the illiteracy column.

Illiteracy, Sheer and Near In the army count a drafted man was counted as an illiterate unless he could read intelligently as well as write. Of course there are many people who can write their own names and nothing or little else; who can read a little but cannot read anything intelligently. These people were all recorded as illiterate in the draft examinations. The army figures, therefore, cover both sheer-illiteracy and near illiteracy, is a far bigger problem than sheer illiteracy—a fact that we are only recently discovering. The census figures on illiteracy do not tell the whole story; the army figures come nearer the real truth.

Roughly, the army illiteracy figures are usually two or three times the census illiteracy figures for any given state. The army rate of 50 per cent in the North Carolina group referred to above is nearly twice the census rate, if these drafted men were negroes alone; more than three times the census rate if they were both whites and negroes; and more than four times our census rate if they were whites alone.

It would be comforting to think that the fifty percent illiteracy rate of this particular group of North Carolina soldiers is a mistake, but we greatly fear that the figures are accurate. We found in Camp Wadsworth last summer a thirty-four percent illiteracy rate in one group of white soldiers from two adjoining counties in midland North Carolina; which was almost exactly three times the census rate of illiteracy in these counties. If the group referred to in the New Era Magazine came from any one of seven counties in North Carolina, the fifty percent illiteracy rate is not unbelievable. The census illiteracy rate for the whites alone in these seven counties ranges from 19 to 22.4 percent. Since the army rate covers both sheer- and near-illiteracy, fifty percent would be about correct.

The truth is, we are not yet fully aroused in North Carolina about common-school education and widespread intelligence, for all the patient heroism of Wiley, the blazing eloquence of Aycock, the deathless devotion of Melver, and the dauntless courage of Joyner. Under the superb leadership of Bickett and Brooks, the legislature of 1919 made a long step forward, but we still have a long way to go before we head the columns in the march of American states.

The second thing to say is (1) that 94 percent of our illiteracy is rural (2) that 85 percent of it is adult, and (3) that adult white illiteracy in North Carolina has steadily increased since 1850. So read the census figures. See the University News Letter, Vol. III Nos. 15 and 20. The census showing is bad enough; the army figures are worse, but as we said before census rates do not tell the whole story.

Elsewhere in this issue we are ranking the states of the Union according to the per capita expenditures for public school education in 1915-16. The figures cover (1) all public school expenditures except school bond moneys, and (2) the number of pupil in average daily attendance.

The figures for North Carolina were \$12.31 per pupil, and only Mississippi made a poorer showing. Under our new law our total will move up from \$5,493,000 in 1915-16 to nearly \$9,000,000 in 1919-20, (as estimated); and our public school term will rise from four to six months the state over.

We use the 1915-16 figures because they are the very latest available for all the states. The 1919-20 figures will show an immense sudden gain in North Carolina; but we must remember that almost every other state is also making a like heroic effort, and we must not be surprised therefore to find ourselves next year still near the bottom of the list.

"God give us patience and strength that we may work to build up schools that shall be as a light shining through the land—ten, fifty, a thousand and candle power. Behind this movement for the education of the children of our land there stands One who said 'Let there be light.'—C. B. Aycock.

PROGRAM OF "OLD PEOPLES" DAY AT WORTHVILLE

Held annually at Worthville, under the auspices of the Union Sunday school.

Sixth month 1st, nineteen nineteen Forenoon.

Sunday School, 9:45 o'clock. Song Service, 11 o'clock.

Devotional Exercises, Rev. F. W. Cooke.

An Address, J. A. Giles. Refresh for dinner.

Afternoon.

"Old People's Place in the Sunday School, Rev. W. H. Wall.

A Talk, Dr. C. E. Wilkerson. Volunteer Talks.

Music by the Greensboro church band.

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