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NINE MEN ENLIST IN REGULAR ARMY

Sergeant Ingram Says Men Are Taking New Interest in Regular Army Service.—Fort Thomas School.

Sergeant Ingram, of the local army recruiting station, gave passports to nine young men of Asheville and vicinity Saturday afternoon, and under the leadership of one of their number they boarded a west bound train yesterday morning for Fort Thomas, Ky., where they will enter the school for regular army recruits.

During the past two or three weeks the recruiting service for the regular army ranks has suffered a slight falling off, according to Sergeant Ingram, but he stated that during the latter days of last week renewed interest had been shown in army enlistment, and as a result the young men mentioned joined the service, while others have their names on file for examination this week.

The recruits going to Fort Thomas yesterday were: Carrol P. Ragan, Henry L. Weaver, James W. Arrowood, Whitney E. Davis, Paul S. Crowder, Samuel K. Daniels, Elmer Hill, James C. Smith and Oscar C. Orr.

SPECIAL SERVICE FOR TRINITY CHURCH MEN

It is announced that Rev. Dr. W. H. Milton will deliver an address to the men of Trinity Episcopal church this evening at 8:15 o'clock at the home of Dr. F. L. Hunt, 134 Hillside street. Dr. Milton will speak upon a subject of special interest to men, and the male members of the church are looking forward with high interest to the service that will be given exclusively for them.

Last night one of the members of Trinity stated that it was the desire of the committee in charge of the service that every male member of the church attend and co-operate in the movement that would be launched by Dr. Milton.

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'PATRIOTIC DAY' IS NAMED BY GOVERNOR

STATE TO DO HONOR TO DRAFT-ED SOLDIERS.

Governor Bickett Issues Proclamation Calling on People to Hold Celebrations.

Acting at the request of the North Carolina council of defense, Governor Thomas W. Bickett has issued a proclamation, setting Monday, September 3, as "Patriotic Day," at which time patriotic exercises are to be held with the soldiers of the new draft army as special guests of honor. This proclamation by the governor will be carried out in the various counties by the county councils of defense, and Labor Day this year promises to be turned into a great patriotic celebration in this state.

Just what form the exercises are to take has not been specified, but some form of patriotic celebration will be held in every county, according to the plan of the state council of defense. Governor Bickett's proclamation follows:

State of North Carolina
Governor's Office
Raleigh

A Proclamation by the Governor.
North Carolina is about to send twenty-five thousand men into battle. These men are making the supreme sacrifice that forever hereafter the wisdom of the nation shall determine the decrease of nations. They go to make war on war. They go to destroy with the sword the government that maintains that the sword is, and of right ought to be, the final arbiter of a nation's rights.

When the government that defies war shall perish in war then war will come no more upon the earth.

It is fit that these guarantors of the world's peace should be sustained by the love and prayers of all good men.

Nor, therefore, I, Thomas Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do request the people of the State: First, to assemble on Saturday, the first day of September, in township and school district meetings, and hold patriotic exercises in honor of the men we are sending to the front; Second, on Sunday, September 2, let special religious services be held in all the churches in the state, and let all good men pray for the safety and success of the men who are going into battle that lasting peace may come upon the land;

Third, this on Labor Day, September 3, appropriate patriotic exercises be held in every county seat in the state and let the men who have been drafted into the public service be the guests at these exercises.

Done at our city of Raleigh this the twenty-fifth day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and in the one hundred and forty-second year of our American independence.

T. W. BICKETT, Governor.
(GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA.)
By the Governor: Sanford Martin, Private Secretary.

KIFFIN ROCKWELL TOLD OF HIS FIRST FIGHT

WROTE LETTER TO BROTHER DESCRIBING AERIAL DUEL.

Appears in Article Written for French Magazine by Late Aviator's Brother, Paul.

A copy of a French magazine, devoted to aircraft, was recently received from France by The Citizen, and it contains an article of strong local interest written by Paul Ayres Rockwell, brother of Kiffin Rockwell, the intrepid Asheville aviator who lost his life in a fight with a German aeroplane last November. The article, which was published in the original French, contains among other things a letter written by Kiffin to his brother after his (Kiffin's) first aerial engagement. The following is a literal translation of the magazine article, which is entitled "The Lafayette Squadron."

"Although the term 'aeroplane' has become a household word since the world-war began, few realize its deadly significance in the present struggle. One must be a personal actor in an air fight before he can understand its horror. The letter which we subjoin was written by one who had such an opportunity and it throws some light on the subject for us who have not.

Kiffin Rockwell was pilot of one of the ships of the American Legion Squadron which was organized in April, 1916, in France and composed of Americans who had been voluntarily serving in the allied cause, dispersed here and there in French squadrons. Among these we may mention William Thaw, who was flying in America long before the war, and Norman Prince, who first conceived the idea of forming a distinctively American squadron. The following is an account of Rockwell's engagement with a German ship in the America-German air contest, May 18, 1916. He writes to his brother, "My Dear Paul:

"At last I have news for you. This morning I started to take a little turn about the lines. I was a little toward the opposite side and was making a detour so as to gain an aviation field near our trenches. Just as I was directing my ship thither I saw a German aeroplane about 700 yards beneath me and almost within our lines. Immediately I redirected my motor and headed for him. He saw me at the same moment and began to retreat toward his lines. It was a double 'avion' with two machine guns of quick discharge, one in front, the other at back, turning on a pivot so as to point in every direction. The gunner opened fire on me at once and my ship was struck, but I took no heed of it and continued to make straight for him until I found myself within twenty-five or thirty yards. Then just as I was in danger of colliding with him I fired four or five shots and wheeled to one side in order not to strike him. At the same instant I saw the gunner fall backward, killed, his machine abandoned to me. I then fired three or four minutes later I saw a blaze come from the earth near the German trenches. I had hoped it would fall in our lines, as it is difficult to authenticate the fall in the German lines. Our post of observation signalled the wreck and the smoke. The captain told me he would propose my name for the military medal, but I don't know whether I shall get it or not. Yesterday Thaw had a fine flight, at the end of which the German sank. He has been signalled as abandoning the fight, seriously wounded but capable of returning to his lines. I am very busy now, as our order has just been repaired to Verdun. Jim telegraphed you the result of my fight.

"Always yours,
"KIFFIN."

TWO INJURED IN EXPLOSION.

AN ATLANTIC PORT, Aug. 26.—Two men were seriously injured Saturday night as a result of a boiler explosion on one of the government patrol boats. The injured are Uluse Kight, fireman; third-class, and Martin Martensen, chief machinist's mate. Little hope is held out for his recovery. Martensen was seriously burned and scalded, but it is believed that he will recover. The accident occurred in the harbor on board one of the fish steamers recently purchased by the government and placed in patrol service. The injured are being cared for at a naval hospital. The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The boat was recently overhauled by this government service.

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"Breaking records for carrying crowds to the top of Mt. Mitchell has become such a common occurrence that I scarcely feel like mentioning it any more," said Col. Sanford H. Cohen, general passenger agent of the Mt. Mitchell railroad, last night. "But it is a fact that we broke all records for a week's business again last week. In fact the Mt. Mitchell railroad is beginning to be like McCarty's horse, whose natural gait was running away, he did it so often, only in the case of the railroad, it is running away with records for crowds every week.

"We have done more business during the past four weeks, the Colonel continues, "than any four weeks in the history of the road, and again this week we are going to operate trains Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in order to take care of the crowds that are already in sight for the trip. And at that, the size of the crowds is not nearly as great a source of satisfaction to the owners of the road as the strong expressions of admiration for the trip that have been evoked recently.

"We are especially pleased with Governor Bickett's praise of the trip. No one connected with the road knew that the governor was going to Mitchell, and our first intimation that he had made the trip was in the interview given out by him to The Citizen. William A. Cooper, councillor for the Juniors of Raleigh, made the trip the same day that Governor Bickett went, and he too, was charmed by the wonderful view. Rev. W. E. Rollins, of the Theological seminary at Alexandria, Va., made the trip Thursday and declared that while he and Mrs. Rollins had made many trips, they considered the Mitchell trip the greatest of their lives.

"The weather is fine at the present time and the mountain is at its best so that we expect to carry still larger crowds up the Mt. Mitchell railroad this week, operating trains every day except Sunday and Monday.

"I just want to show you an expression from R. Y. Lavell, in the Newberry Observer. He wrote a three column article about Mt. Mitchell." In the article referred to, Mr. Lavell says:

"The scenery is superlatively grand. I gainsay this scenery is grand beyond description and I wish I had the power to describe the varying and changing scenes. As we ascended the mountain the people would go into ecstasies and rise to their feet and point to the different views as they would see them. To see the clouds below you with the sun shining on them from above was sublime. You could see miles and miles of mountain peaks in the panoramic view, it was grand, it was sublime and beyond any power of description that I could produce from my mind and brain. I cannot begin to tell about it." Mr. Lavell in his article of three columns goes into graphic details of the switch-backs and the zigzagging over the lofty peaks.

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