

Lightless Nights As A War Measure

The National Fuel Administrator has issued an order that all electric signs including merchants, "directionals," theatres, hotels, advertising, display lighting on buildings and elsewhere shall be eliminated completely on Thursday and Sunday nights of each week. On these nights stores not open for business must not show even inside lights more than are necessary for safety, and municipalities with cluster lights or extra lighting for white way effect, must reduce to only such lights as are necessary for safety.

These nights will be called "LIGHTLESS NIGHTS"

With the present low stage of the water in Piedmont rivers this order applies to us in spirit as much as to those sections where steam power is used to generate current. With rainfall this order will no longer apply to us. But on Thursday night, December 27th, all windows and white way lighting in cities served by us will be eliminated.

And we call upon every consumer of electric lights and power to use as little as the necessities will permit.

In this we depart from our policy of urging the consumption of all current which may be used economically, in order that we may aid the work of our government in the conservation of National Resources and the winning of this war.

Southern Public Utilities Co.
Z. V. Taylor, President

FRENCH GIRLS WORK FOR BRITISH ARMY

By the Associated Press.

Behind the British Lines in France December 26.—Many thousands of French women and girls, ranging in age from fourteen to well past sixty are employed by the British army at various kinds of work behind the lines. One line at which they excel all other workers is the painting of camouflage on guns. They also make very good packers at the various army storehouses and ordnance dumps, their deft, active fingers making it possible for them to do this work with fifty per cent more efficiency and speed than any other class of worker.

In many of the clerical sections of the ordnance department they work side by side with the uniformed English girls belonging to the "Vauxes," as the members of Women's Auxiliary Army Corps, are called and in these departments a numerical system of marking has been adopted in order to facilitate sorting, as most of the French girls have no knowledge of English.

More than 1,000 French women are engaged in the "Receipts and Salvage Department, where their work includes the repairing of respirators and other equipment, the scrubbing and renewal of harness and leather materials in an oil bath and the sorting of recovered cartridges and water bottles.

In the boot and shoe repairing department at one base 1,500 French women are employed in bootmaking and repairing. In the armorers' shops French girls clean, oil and test bayonets. In the wheelwright's shops they clean and straighten bolts and paint wagons and traveling kitchens.

In work at peace rates, the output of the French girls has been found to exceed that of German prisoners by more than 50 per cent.

VISIONS OF FRITZ

Hickory people having heard much of the noble Hun, are interested in some trophies that have been sent back from France by Mr. Walter C. Taylor to his father, Mr. Walter S. Taylor of Rhodhiss. These souvenirs are now on display in the window of a downtown store.

The piece of resistance of the German exhibit is what is known in Blighty as a "tin cap" otherwise a German helmet. Other articles are a coat button, a cap and shoulder straps bearing the numerals "90", indicative of the division to which the Hun belonged. The ribbon decoration of the Iron Cross is also on exhibit. This cross, it is said, was conferred upon the captured soldier in 1914. Another interesting article is a small first aid package, which contains a bandage. It bears the words "Aden abstreifen kemfire."

Young Mr. Taylor, who is with the 11th Engineers of the U. S. Expeditionary Forces, picked up the helmet "somewhere in France" on Nov. 20, and sent it, together with the other relics, to his father in time for Christmas.

ARTISTS TO PAINT PICTURES OF FRANCE

By the Associated Press.

London, Dec. 26.—Fifty artists have been engaged to paint pictures of battlefields, roads of France, ruined towns and various other war scenes for the Canadian war memorial fund. The paintings are to be exhibited in London for a short time before being sent to Canada, where a building will be erected in which they will remain as a permanent tribute to Canadian war heroes.

The artists engaged include Major Augustus John, D. Y. Cameron, George Clausen, William Orpen, Julius Olsson, Charles Shannon, Frank Brangwyn, Wyndham Lewis, H. W. Nevinson, J. W. Morrice, the doyen of Canadian painters, and Ettore Tito, the famous Italian painter. The women chosen are Mrs. Swinerton, Laura Knight, Anna Airy, and Claire Atwood. They will do training camp scenes, munition workers and Red Cross depots.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school held their entertainment Monday evening before a large congregation: The singing was good and the pantomime by the class of Mrs. W. B. Menzies was notable. A silver electric star added much to the decorations. The collection for the Armenians amounted to \$70.

HICKORY RED CROSS

NOW HAS 250 MEMBERS
Membership in the Hickory Red Cross now numbers 250, according to a tabulation made at noon by Mr. H. S. D'Anna, manager of the local drive. Incidentally Conover had secured 116 members Monday afternoon and Statesville had secured 600 yesterday. It is hoped that there are at least 300 more persons in Hickory to join.

Stroup-Moose

Miss Mary Moose, daughter of Mrs. D. E. Moose, was united in marriage at Charlotte Monday afternoon to Mr. Grady V. Stroup, also of Hickory, and the young couple left immediately for Bowling Green, Ky., where the groom will enter a business college. Mr. Stroup was connected with the Consolidated Trust Company here until December 11 when he decided to take a business course, and his marriage will come as a surprise. The bride is a popular young lady and is well known in Hickory. They have three best wishes of many friends.

Ellington-Hendley

Mr. C. W. Ellington and Miss Hester Hendley, his popular clerk, were united in marriage Monday night at 8:30 o'clock at the First Baptist church parsonage by Rev. W. R. Bradshaw. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Hendley and the groom is one of the best known business men of Hickory.

The Record reporter was treated

well by old Santa Claus and his various Samaritans, all of whom are good. Mr. C. C. Best sent around some real sausage, Mr. Chas. W. Bagby provided a box of good cigars, Dr. R. Wood Brown had a fine pipe, case and cleaners left at the office for him, and Mr. J. A. Martin brought around a large bag of oranges. He enjoyed the day from 4:45, when the kids insisted that it was time to get up, until late at night—but he expects to enjoy thanking his friends as long as he lives.

Pink Killian, driver for J. W. Shuford,

undoubtedly is the happiest person in Hickory. His son, Arthur, is here on a visit after an absence of 21 years and placed in the father's hands a \$50 bill, gave his mother \$10 and set the old folks up to shoes and clothing. Arthur is fireman on a steamboat plying between Baltimore and Boston.

Sheriff Isenhower will be in the city manager's office all day Saturday and Monday for the purpose of collecting taxes. The penalty will be imposed January 1, and it is important that he be seen either Saturday or Monday at the city manager's office. 12 26 3t

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

AT METHODIST CHURCH
Christmas exercises will be held by the children at the Methodist church at 7:30 tonight and the program promises to be interesting. It will be rendered by the children and young people of the Sunday school. The public is invited.

MORNING SERVICE AT REFORMED CHURCH

The early 6 o'clock service at Corinth Reformed church, a custom of thirty years' standing, was held as usual Tuesday morning when a large congregation assembled. Perhaps at no other service, has the late lamented pastor, Dr. J. L. Murphy, been so keenly missed and "each in his heart was thinking of one who was not there." At 5 o'clock the C. E. Society sang Christmas carols, especially at the doors of those who were unable to attend the service. Rev. W. W. Rowe, who will become pastor of this church at the beginning of the year, conducted the service and gave a splendid talk on Christmas, which turned as all things do turn at this time, to the war and our boys who are at the front. In referring to them, he mentioned and explained the large service flag which is placed across the organ. In giving the names on this honor roll, (a number of whom were present, his words were especially tender when he mentioned the three, John Aiken, Joe Murphy and Orin Sigmund, "somewhere in France."

The anthems were full of the Christmas spirit and mention should be made of the fact that the music was under the direction of Mrs. J. L. Murphy, who unselfishly did more than her "bit" for its success. A reading by Miss Oneita Miller gave a pleasing variety to the exercises.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The service at the Presbyterian church tonight will be preparatory to the communion service Sunday and the subject will be "The Vision of a World-Wide-Peace," with Isaiah 1-10 as references.

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west graded school and Baptist church. Finder return to Geo. E. Bisanar and get reward. 12 26 3t

LOST—A 20 dollar bill in some

of the stores Saturday between 2 and 4 o'clock. Finder please call at Record office and get reward. 12 26 tf

STEFANSEN SAFE AT FORT YUKON

By the Associated Press.

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26.—Vilhjalmar Stefansen, the Arctic explorer last heard from in a letter received in March, 1916, has arrived at Fort Yukon with his party, according to word received by the navy department.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO REGISTRANTS
Under jurisdiction of this local board whose order numbers are between No. 881 and No. 996, inclusive there has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial. GORDON WILFONG, 12 20 tf Member of Local Board.

Mr. George Kirkpatrick of

Maryland, spent Christmas with home folks.
Mr. Chas. H. Cline, after spending Christmas here returned to Rock Hill today. 12 26 3t

