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**\$150,000 COTTON MILL FOR MONROE BY FIRST OF YEAR**

Piedmont Buggy Co. Building to House New Enterprise Fostered by E. C. Carpenter, J. C. Sikes, M. K. Lee, and Other Citizens of Monroe Which Will Employ Around 200 Men—Conditional Order Already Placed For Machinery—The Name and Officers to Be Decided Upon Tonight—Will Mean Another Big Enterprise for Monroe.

By January 1, 1919, or earlier, the hum and whir of spindles will be heard coming from the Piedmont Buggy Company building in North Monroe, as it will house the new \$150,000 cotton mill, now in process of organization, which will give employment to around 200 men. The name of the mill will be selected tonight, and the officers will be chosen at the same meeting, which will be held in the telephone office. The stock has been disposed of, and everything is in readiness to begin operating just as soon as the machinery is placed.

The stock in the mill has been sold by the promoters, Messrs. E. C. Carpenter, M. K. Lee, J. C. Sikes, and other interested citizens in the in-credibly short time of less than a week. The stock is distributed among many small holders, the largest issue to any one man being \$25,000. The holdings range anywhere from that sum down to \$100, the par value of one share.

A conditional order for the machinery has already been placed. Manufacturers have assured the promoters that they will begin placing the machinery here by August 1st. The building has been passed upon by Mr. J. E. Sirmine of Greenville, S. C., one of the best mill architects in the South. A few minor changes, however, will be made in the building before the mill begins operations.

Mr. E. C. Carpenter, one of the promoters, told *The Journal* yesterday that twenty-five modern homes for the employees will be built just as soon as possible. These houses will be equipped with modern conveniences, and a model village will be built around the mill.

With nearly two hundred operators on the pay roll, the benefits accruing from the new venture to Monroe is obvious.

Fine yarns will be manufactured. The new mill has arranged for excellent Northern connections and there will be ready sale for its products. By the time it begins operating the new cotton crop will be on the market, and the promoters believe it will be a paying concern from the very start. In fact, Mr. E. C. Carpenter, who made a trip North in the interest of the enterprise, found high encouragement from the big New York mill men.

The mill may be in operation by Nov. 15. The promoters, however, rather than be too optimistic have forecasted operation to begin not later than Jan. 1, 1919. The labor supply will of course determine whether or not it will be operated both day and night. That, it is believed, will be the only hindrance to continuous operation, for it is well known that most mills all over the South has been running day and night.

The announcement that the stock has been practically subscribed for has caused speculation and favorable comment among Monroe citizens. It is freely predicted that a wave of cotton mill building will start here as soon of the success of this new mill becomes evident. A group of business men, it is understood, stand ready to finance a fourth mill in a few years, their decision depending largely on the war situation, if the promoters of the new mill make good with this enterprise.

## SAW TEN MEN BURIED FROM GERMAN NEGLECT TO THEM

Sergeant Waters Tells About Hun Treatment of Prisoners—Condition of Russians a Disgrace to Human Nature.

A special cable from the London Times to the Greensboro News reads: Sergeant Waters, of the Royal Berks regiment, who has been a prisoner of war in Germany and is now interned in Holland, writing home says:

"I saw awful conditions of prisoners when in Germany, especially amongst the Russians, some of which were a disgrace to human nature, but the Germans did not care a cent if they all died.

"I actually saw nine or ten men carried to their last resting place in one week through neglect and starvation. We must thank God for delivering us from such bondage. No one could realize what is going on in Germany among the prisoners of war."

## Items From Stouts

Correspondence of *The Journal*.  
Stouts, May 22.—Everybody is very busy these days. If the fair weather lasts a few more days the farmers will finish planting.

Misses Margaret and Mattie Lee Boyd of this place visited relatives in Indian Trail Saturday night and Sunday.—The Scout returned home Sunday after spending a few days in Mt. Holly.—A good many of the young people went to Siler vicinity Sunday to attend the children's day exercises.—Mr. Earl Blanchard, one of Uncle Sam's boys, was a visitor in the home of his parents last week.—Quite a number of the young people gathered at the home of Mr. F. M. Yandle Sunday night and had an enjoyable time singing the old time songs.—Mr. Murphy Conder of Charlotte visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Conder Sunday.

We are glad to say that Mrs. E. H. Helms, who has been in ill health for some time, is improving. She can get about a little now.

## MR. ORR LOST HOUSE BY FIRE

Origin Is Unknown—\$1,500 Insurance—Mule Killed by Boys

Correspondence of *The Journal*.  
Indian Trail, May 23.—The small child of Mr. and Mrs. John Hartis, who live a few miles from the village, died Tuesday afternoon about 3 o'clock from the effects of pneumonia, which attacked it in both sides and proved fatal in a very short while. At present we do not know just how long the infant was ill, but we think not a great while. It was about two years old when its death came. The child of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kindley of the place also passed away sometime during last week, but the date and character of the ailment we will only say that it was three years old when its end visited it. Many are the friends of these families who are left to sympathize with them in the loss of their children.

Several of the young folks of this place attended the children's day exercises at Siler last Sunday and report a good time.

Mr. Samuel Lemmond left Monday for Charlotte, where he has a position in the post office.

Mr. J. I. Orr were unfortunate to lose his house on last Sunday morning just before day's dawn by fire. The cause of the fire is not known to the writer at this time. The dwelling was one of the most up-to-date in the place, and was near the center of the town, which will leave somewhat of an odd-looking spot unless it is replaced by a new one. He carried \$1500 fire insurance on the building which will go a good way in the erection of a new one. Nothing was saved, and the occupants of the house had a narrow escape from being seriously burned. In fact, Mr. Orr did receive some slight burns about the face, but nothing serious, it is reported. This little town owes its all to Mr. Orr, for it was he with possibly another that gave Indian Trail its foremost start to become what it is at this time. He ran a large mercantile business here for several years. We hope that Mr. Orr will see his way in rebuilding and remaining in the village, as it will leave Indian Trail deficient in one of its best citizens should he decide to leave us.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning a special service will be held here in the Methodist church in honor of the boys who have left their homes to march under the Red, White and Blue. The pastor will have a splendid sermon for the occasion, and to add to the interest, Mr. Kirby Farington, son of the pastor, who is to arrive soon from Weaverville College, will sing a solo if he be in proper health. Young Farington is taking a surgical course in the above college, and is somewhat of a genius, as he has already passed the high school course and attended college two years and is now about 18 years of age. The public is invited to attend this special service.

Mrs. S. H. Crowell was the unfortunate loser of a fine mule this week by the unmerciful treatment of two boys who inflicted some severe wounds on the animal which caused its death.

Everybody seems to be trying to show their patriotism in the fact that they are farming to their fullest capacity.—Ignatius.

## Death of Mr. Davis.

One of the oldest men in the county, Mr. Isham Davis, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Rushing in Lanes Creek township, Monday. He was born in Anson county March 24, 1827, and was therefore over 91 years of age. He moved to the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. F. Rushing, from the county of his birth place about 4 months ago. He suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago but was able to be up until about two weeks before his death. He is survived by three sons and four daughters. The sons are: Mr. J. F. Davis of Polk county, Ga.; Mr. J. W. Davis of Floyd county, Ga.; Mr. P. J. Davis of Lanes Creek township. The daughters are Mrs. E. F. Rushing and Mrs. W. S. Simmons of Lanes Creek township; Mrs. J. F. Worley of Charlotte, and Miss Suddie Davis of Chesterfield. Mrs. J. E. Austin of Monroe, is a granddaughter of the deceased. Funeral services were conducted at Mt. Moriah church Tuesday. The deceased was a man of strong character and disd mourned by many friends in this county and Anson.

Only one day remains for you to help in the Red Cross drive.

## GERMANS KILL HUNDREDS BY BOMBING HOSPITALS

High Explosives Wreck Buildings and Many Nurses, Doctors and Wounded Killed—Captain Said They Shouldn't Build 'Em so Close to Railroad Lines.

With British Army in France, May 23.—German airmen again have bombed heavily British hospitals in the area behind the lines and this time have killed and wounded some hundreds, among the personnel and patients of many different hospitals in the group.

Recorded in the casualty list are the names of several sisters, who with other women nurses stood bravely by their posts throughout a terrific deluge of explosives.

There is in the neighborhood one large American hospital and another in which there are American workers but neither of these appears to have suffered. Last summer a number of American doctors and nurses were killed and wounded when these same hospitals were raided by the Germans.

This latest horror was perpetrated Sunday night, apparently by four squadrons of enemy planes which appear to have comprised more than a score of machines. A great number of bombs were dropped, about thirty per cent of them huge affairs which dug vast craters in the hospital grounds, and the rest high explosive shrapnel which sent their death dealing bullets tearing in every direction through the crowded tents and buildings.

A three-seated airplane was brought down by gunfire while flying at a low altitude and the occupants were made prisoners. The enemy captain and the pilot sustained comparatively light shrapnel wounds while the observer was not hurt. When questioned why he had directed his men against hospitals, the captain explained in a matter of fact way that he did not see the Red Cross signs. He said he was seeking military objectives and had no desire to molest hospitals.

With a shrug of his shoulders the German captain added that if the British choose to build their hospitals near railways they must expect to get them bombed.

The captain spoke excellent English. Asked where he had learned it he replied he had been in diplomatic service before the war.

Sunday night's raid was divided into two phases, the first of which began shortly after 10 o'clock and lasted until 11 o'clock. Not satisfied with this the enemy returned and heavily bombarded hospitals filled with wounded men. One building which was damaged most seriously all the patients were suffering from compound fractures which made necessary their limbs being strapped in the air. Not a woman deserted her ward but throughout the terrible bombing each one kept going her rounds and quieting the unfortunate men who might easily have done themselves lasting harm by springing from their beds.

One sister was killed while administering to the soldiers' wants and another was so seriously hurt that she died shortly after. Still another was dying today.

## Marriage of Miss Benton and Mr. Freeman.

It was a quiet but beautiful and impressive ceremony at the home of Mr. W. A. Benton yesterday morning which made his daughter Miss Eunice Benton and Mr. F. P. Freeman of Rutherfordton man and wife. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John A. Wray. Just before the ceremony Miss Oza Cooke of Franklington rendered beautifully the vocal selection "Oh, Promise Me," accompanied on the piano by Mrs. M. D. Huncyett. The bridal party entered to the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding and during the ring ceremony, which was used Humoresque was played softly.

The bride was beautifully attired in a khaki suit with accessories to match. Mrs. Freeman is a graduate of Meredith College, and for the past four years has been teaching at Round Hill Academy, Union Mills, N. C., where she has won a host of friends.

Mr. Freeman is a son of Mr. Joe Freeman of Logan, N. C., and is cashier of the Citizens Bank of Rutherfordton in which position he has made many friends.

The many beautiful and useful gifts attest the popularity of the couple.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Benton, Jr., of Jacksonville, Fla.; Miss Oza Cooke of Franklington and Mr. Frank Mills of Rutherfordton.

## Marriage of Mr. Clontz and Miss Elizabeth Barbee

The many friends of Mr. Guy Hilton Clontz, son of Esq. I. C. Clontz of Goose Creek township, will be agreeably surprised to learn of his marriage on April 5 to Miss Elizabeth Barbee of Albemarle. Rev. J. W. Bennett performed the ceremony at Unionville. The contracting parties kept their marriage a profound secret until Tuesday, their nearest relatives not even knowing it. The groom is a prominent young man of the county of fine character. The bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. S. L. Barbee of Albemarle. She has been teaching at Brief for some time. They will make their home with the groom's parents, Esq. and Mrs. I. C. Clontz, for the present.

## Clyde Richardson Commended for Valorous Service

Mechanic Clyde Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Richardson, who is stationed at Camp Jackson, has been commended by the commanding general of the 81st division, U. S. N. A., Camp Jackson, for valorous service in the railway wreck near Columbia on May 10, in which several soldiers were killed. He was also commended by the captain of his battery. Mechanic Richardson was not in the wreck, but was sent to the scene immediately after it occurred on a relief expedition, and it was there that his services won for him a letter of commendation from his officers. It follows:

Battery "B" 317th F. A. Camp Jackson, S. C. May 20th, 1918.

Mechanic Clyde Richardson has this day been commended by the commanding General of the 81st Division U. S. N. A. Camp Jackson, S. C., for valorous service at the rail road wreck May 10th, 1918. He has thereby brought honor upon himself and the Battery but also upon the regiment, and I take great pleasure in assuring him of the pride the whole Battery takes that he is one of our members. With such men as Mechanic Richardson "B" is assured of being a powerful factor in the present war for freedom and civilization.

## THEODORE S. WATSON, Captain 317 F. A.

Mr. S. S. Richardson, father of the soldier recommended for his bravery, is one of Union county's most prominent citizens. He has two other sons in the United States army. They are: Mr. Frank Richardson of Camp Merritt, N. J., and Lt. Anon Richardson, at present at home on leave of absence.

## Waxhaw Boys Enlist for Overseas Train Duty.

Correspondence of *The Journal*.  
Waxhaw, May 23.—Mr. and Mrs. Carl Wolfe spent Wednesday afternoon in Charlotte.

Mr. J. Luke Gamble spent several days in Charlotte this week.

Miss Bessie Steele, who has been working as a milliner at West Mountain, W. Va., this spring, returned home Tuesday.

Miss Lola Redman, who has been visiting at King's Mountain for several days, returned home Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Rodman, who has been one of the faculty of Mitchell College at Statesville for the past term, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Olin Massey is spending several days in Bishopville, S. C.

Miss Magie Belk, who attended Queens College, Charlotte, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. Willie Austin of Bishopville spent several days here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Austin.

Miss Elise Davis returned from Flora McDonald College Wednesday.

Mr. S. H. Stephenson and family spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Dr. and Mrs. W. R. McCain, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Howie spent Wednesday in Charlotte.

Mr. D. C. McDonald and Miss Margaret McDonald spent Thursday in Monroe, visiting Mrs. Murray Clark.

Messrs. Charlie Billue and Herman Shannon have enlisted for overseas train service and have been accepted. They will report at Camp Meade, Md., on June 1 and after a short training will be sent to France. They are the last of the "Old Boys" to leave. One by one the boys have gone off to the call of their country. Both would not have had to go soon, Charlie having been put in Class 2 and Herman on the deferred list on account of agricultural industry, but as their former pals left and the "crowd" grew smaller they could not resist that call which stirs every patriotic American, and not being able to enlist in the regular army on account of being already classified, they picked the next branch nearest the firing line to do their bit in defeating the "Hun."

Waxhaw has always stood out at the front in everything and now she can hold up her head and stand up with any town, for indeed she has done her bit in buying bonds, in Red Cross work, and she has certainly gone "over the top" in filling out Uncle Sam's army Waxhaw is not the kind of town to produce slackers, but the kind of man that loves his home and is ever ready to protect and defend it's name and honor. And when it's over "over there" may all the boys come back with greatest of honors and victory.

Messrs. R. B. Redwine and J. J. Parker of Monroe spoke at the school auditorium Wednesday night in behalf of the Red Cross. The meeting not being well advertised, there was not a very large crowd out to hear them, but the ones that were out were certainly tendered a treat. Messrs. Parker and Redwine are two of the county's best lawyers, and Union county should be proud that she has produced such able men.

Mrs. E. D. Houston entertained the M. N. R. Club at her home here Wednesday afternoon. They did Red Cross work and afterwards rook was played. Delicious ice course were served. Mrs. Houston was indeed quite a charming hostess.

The Red Cross campaign is under swing. Waxhaw's quota is \$800.00 and the ladies are fast raising the amount. Again Waxhaw will have a chance to "go over the top."

Mr. R. Lee Weir in in Charlotte this week with his small son, Robert, who is undergoing an operation for adenoids.—Wm. K. McDonald, Jr.

Keep up the War Savings Stamp habit. It's a long way to Berlin, and your money is needed.

## ALL VAGRANTS MUST NOW WORK OR JOIN THE ARMY

Important Amendment Made to Draft Act Which Will Get Men in the Army or Force Them to Take Useful Employment.

Washington, May 23.—Every man of draft age must work or fight after July 1 under a drastic amendment to the selective service regulations announced today by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

Not only idlers, but all draft registrants engaged in what are held to be non-useful occupations are to be haled before local boards and given the choice of a new job or the army. Gamblers, race track and bucket shop attendants and fortune tellers head the list, but those who will be reached by the new regulations also include waiters and bar tenders, theater ushers and attendants, passenger elevator operators and other attendants of clubs, hotels, stores, etc., domestics and clerks in stores.

Deferred classification granted on account of dependents will be disregarded in applying the rule. A man may be at the bottom of class one or even in class four, but if he falls within the regulations and refuses to take useful employment he will be given a new number in class one that will send him into the military service forthwith. Local boards are authorized to use discretion only where they find that enforced change of employment would result in disproportionate hardship upon his dependents.

It has been known for some time that some form of "work or fight" plan had been submitted to President Wilson, but there had been no intimation that it was so far reaching in scope. Both military authorities and department of labor officials believe that it will go a long way toward solving the labor problem for farmers, shipbuilders and munition makers, and will end for the present at least talk of conscription of labor. The announcement today gives notice significantly that the list of non-useful occupations will be extended from time to time as necessity requires.

## COUNTRY UNITED ON THE WAR

On Trip to West Mr. R. F. Beasley Notes the War Spirit Everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Beasley returned this morning from attending the National Conference of Social Work in Kansas City. The Conference lasted a week and was attended by two thousand delegates from all the States in the Union, with several from Canada and other foreign countries. On the way out last week they traveled with a large number of ministers and others on their way to the Southern Baptist Convention at Hot Springs and the Presbyterian Assembly at Durant, Okla. From these, from the delegates at Kansas City, from all parts of the country, as well as from the cities they passed through in going and coming, they got the impression that the whole country is being rapidly aroused and united on the prosecution of the war. Not so many soldiers are seen in the middle west as in this immediate section, on account of the location of the training camps, but in other respects about the same war spirit seems to exist throughout the country. In Kansas City the Red Cross drive was opened with a monster pageant, and the huge equipment of the city fire department made the streets wild with hourly demonstrations. One section does not seem to have much on another. All along the way the farmers seem to be pushing every effort for increased crops a fall kinds. The big hotels and the dining cars serve no white bread at all now, but meats, fish and vegetables abound everywhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Beasley visited Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where the U. S. army disciplinary barracks are located for men sentenced for army offenses, and where is also located one of the Federal prisons. At the fort the most modern principles of prison reform have been put into practice for the past three years, and the prison has really become a training school for fitting men to return to the army. Here is one of the finest Holstein herds in the world. It comprises one hundred head of milkers, whose original cost was more than thirty thousand dollars, and whose monthly product is worth about five thousand. They also visited Ft. Oglethorpe near Chattanooga, located on the Chickamauga battlefield. The soldiers drill there now in the midst of monuments and markers of the battlefield denoting the valor of their forefathers on both sides.

At the National Conference every phase of social work, both local, State and National was discussed by leading thinkers and workers throughout the Nation. "The oddest thing I saw," said Mr. Beasley, "was a farmer in the valley of the Ohio river burning cornstalks in his field."

Mr. T. L. Riddle, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, is this evening circulating a petition among the merchants of the town asking them not to open their places of business on Thursday, May 30, in deference to the President's proclamation setting that day aside as a day of prayer and fasting. The names of the merchants who have already signed the paper proves that they are heartily in accord with the plan. So far not a single merchant has refused to sign it.

## BEACH'S "AUCTION BLOCK" TREMENDOUS 'PUNCH' PLAY

Film Produced Under Personal Supervision of Famous Author Has a Message for Every Girl in America

Rex Beach's greatest novel, "The Auction Block," has been brought to the screen. Picturized under the direct supervision of the famous author and released through Goldwyn, this stirring life drama of a million girls in America's big cities and small towns comes to the Strand Theatre Tuesday.

"The Auction Block" will grip and hold you from the first moment to the last. The life action which has made Rex Beach's novels loved wherever books are known fills every reel; there is a "punch" in every scene. Among the more stirring moments are a fight in a New York gambling house raided by the police; the overturning of a great pot of molten steel in a Pittsburgh mill and the engulfing of a score of workmen; the lavish banquet given by the steel millionaire at which the "souvenirs" for the young women guests are golden meshbags, and so on almost without number.

## Wilson Given Power to Increase the Army Without Limit

Washington, May 23.—Two important steps were taken today towards perfecting the task of putting the nation on a war basis.

Soon after Provost Marshal General Crowder had promulgated a drastic amendment to the selective service regulations requiring every man of draft age to work or fight, Secretary Baker appeared before the house military committee and asked that President Wilson be authorized to call to the colors all men of draft age who can be equipped and trained. The committee promptly and unanimously voted the authority into the army appropriation bill about to be reported to the house.

Under existing law power is given to draft one million fighting men in addition to special units. This limit soon will be reached with men constantly going into camp to replace those sailing for France as fast as ships can be provided to take them. With the law changed as the President desires, the man power of the country will be drawn upon for whatever force may be necessary to win the war.

## Colored People Helping Red Cross Drive.

The colored people of Union county are interested in the Red Cross drive which is now on, and are devoting much time towards securing contributions from members of their race. The following colored teams, with their captains, are scouring the country for Red Cross funds:

Mt. Calvary, Rev. G. W. Hunter; Elizabeth, Rev. J. T. Hicks; Langford church, Rev. J. W. Hawkins; Black's Memorial, Prof. S. F. Coakley; Clarksville, Rev. R. H. Walkup; Bell Mount, Rev. R. McClenathan; W. Macedonia, Rev. W. U. Walters; Rock Hill, Rev. S. H. Harris; Mount Zion, Rev. B. G. Gilmore; Morning Star, Rev. P. W. Dickerson; Redding Springs, Rev. J. B. Blake; Mineral Springs, Rev. W. T. Thomas; Waxhaw, Rev. M. V. Turn; Mt. Nebo, Rev. B. C. Crawford; Piney Grove, Rev. S. J. Craig; Chapel, Bill Bennett.

Rev. Richard Allen is chairman of the drive, while Prof. W. C. Killingsworth, Rev. D. Thomas, and Dr. Hubert Cretf are members of the committee.

## New Attack by Germans Likely in a Few Days

German preparations for a resumption of the great offensive along the western front are reported to have been completed, and the Teuton legions are awaiting the command once more to launch themselves at the lines from which they recoiled in the first two major operations of the drive. Allied leaders believe the German blow will be struck in a few days and are awaiting with supreme confidence the trial of strength which may prove decisive.

The Bickett Battery passed through Charlotte Monday afternoon about 5 o'clock on their way to an embarkation port. A number of people having relatives in this battery had been notified that it was expected to go through Charlotte and went up to bid them farewell. They report that the boys were in fine spirits and glad that at last they were on their way to Berlin. Some of the Monroe people who went to Charlotte to see the boys pass were: Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Shepherd, Miss Kate Shepherd, Mrs. Susan Shepherd, Mr. George McCormick, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Funderburk, Miss Christin Marsh, Mrs. Fred Huntley, Miss Lizzie Covington, Mrs. Herbert Hinson, Mr. David Hinson, Mrs. C. M. Shannon, Mrs. H. B. Billingsley, and others whose names could not be learned.

Messrs. Green Whitley and Steve Keziah have purchased Mr. Joel Collins' barber shop in the Bank of Jinton building, and have already taken charge.

Keep up the War Savings Stamp habit. We'll win the war with savings.

Spot out the prominent, wealthy folks who gave niggardly Red Cross donations, and you'll find a man who is wrong in some way.

Give to the Red Cross, and give until your heart says stop.

Lick stamps and lick the Kaiser.