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DR. JEROME AND ESG HELMS HAD A VERY "SLICK" ACCIDENT

The Brakes Wouldn't Work, and the Little John Henry Went Right On—No Harm, Just a Little Muc—Crops Are Fine.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, July 29.—Well, we have not had a letter in The Journal for a few days. We have had too much to do to try to report the news around Wingate. Really, we do not have the time anyway. It seems that someone who does not have so much to do ought to take enough interest in this section to report to the newspapers. Most people can sit around the store, churches, and any public place and tell you a great deal more than you know. We despise gossip so much that we cannot learn all that is going. We have many young people here. Nearly all of them can write well. They might please the people better than we can as we are going to say just what we think whether it pleases or not. We do not care.

The Meadow Branch congregation is going to meet Tuesday morning before the second Sunday in August to clean off the grounds and repair the roads leading to the church. Every one is expected to attend. Be sure to bring a tool so that you will be sure to do something. We want things cleaned up this time. Meadow Branch at itself can do anything it wants to. We desire to see one of the finest meetings here the church has ever experienced. We have one of the best preachers in all the land to aid us this year, and if we get things ready, we are going to have a meeting that will count. Let us make the material preparation, and think as we do this about the spiritual preparation, and we think the meeting will do what we desire it to reach.

Mark Austin, Dallas Morgan, Ed Best and his son George of Concord Road 7, visited Glenaspine a few minutes Saturday. We were delighted to see them as they are members of Howell's Baptist church where we preached twenty years ago. They are among our very best friends any way and we are always glad to see our friends. We are more than glad to see our former parishioners. Some preachers give the church down the country just as soon as they are done with it, but we cannot see that way. We have left many good friends at all the places we have served, and since this is true, we cannot afford to give the church a bad name. It certainly is a very bad mark of a preacher to always speak lightly of the last charge he had. There is something wrong somewhere. Usually it is the preacher. Sometimes it is not. More of the wrongs in our churches are due to the preachers poor management than you would think. We have never come up to our standard as a preacher, but one thing is true, we love every church we have ever served, and would be so glad to visit them once more before we pass over to the other side.

Dr. Jerome and Esq. Kemp Helms had a very slick accident the other day. They had been off to make a call and were coming down the hill just the other side of the branch below our house. The doctor's Ford began to slide, the doctor put on brakes but to no avail. The miserable little Ford went right on as if it had no brakes at all. It went over the embankment down into the bottom, turned turtle, and had it not been for the 'squire's long legs, we do not know what would have happened. He was on the top when the smash-up was over and to the doctor's advantage he just stuck his legs out through the top and braced the thing until the doctor crawled out. The Ford looked like it had gone through a cyclone, but it had not. 'Squire Helms had just gone through it. That was all there was to it. No harm was done to the occupants—just a little mud.

Miss Bess McIntyre returned from the summer school at the University last Wednesday night. She finished the normal course at Oxford college last spring and is going to teach at Morven this fall. We are glad for our girls to teach. It is a very fine profession indeed.

Crops are looking very fine in this section since the rains set in. We have never seen them grow any faster. Corn is as fine as we have ever seen to the age of it, and if it keeps on for a few more days, there is going to be one of the best crops we have made in this section for a time. Cotton is doing pretty well too.

Mrs. Fan Lingle, who has been very sick for the past few weeks, is improving slowly. We hope that she may be out again before very long.

The protracted meeting at Macedonia is in progress this week. There will be two services each day. One at ten o'clock (new time) and another at eleven thirty. We are not going to carry dinner, but wait until we go home to eat our corn bread and beans. Rev. Charlie Caldwell of Morganton is going to do the preaching. Come out to hear him even if he is from the place where we have our lunatics.

The meeting will begin at Austin's Grove next Sunday. There will be two services. Possibly dinner will be served on the grounds. We are not sure about that yet, but we are sure there will be two services unless the weather forbids. Rev. C. A. Caldwell will be with us here also.

The public school begins here this morning. Prof. Henry Baum of Union county is the principal. Misses Catherine Johnson, May Pressley Bostie, and Blanche Morgan. The school is going to be taught in the school building. The high school will begin

about the 10th of September. The announcement will be made a little later. If any are thinking of attending, just wait a little. Splendid arrangements are going to be made an announcement of which will be made within a very few days.

Mrs. Black has been sick for the past few days. She is a little better this morning. Things get wrong when the cook gets sick these days. Cooking is a hair splitting business these days, and it takes an experienced hand to do the job justice.

Mrs. B. G. Austin has been quite sick for the past few days. We have not heard from her this morning.

Mrs. J. D. Biggers has been sick for the past week. Dr. Nance is attending her. We are sorry to note the illness of these women. We do not have much sickness in Wingate. It is one of the most healthful places we know of, but we have a few cases now, nothing serious.

Mr. C. C. Lamb, our efficient operator at the S. A. L. depot, underwent a very serious operation in Charlotte the other day. He is reported doing splendidly. We hear that he is coming home this week.

Candidates are very plentiful around here this summer. You can look out and see one almost any time. Well, we are proud of all we know. We have some who are sure can make good. They have made good with their own business and when a man does that we think he can make good with the county's affairs.

Frank Griffin is home for a few days.

Tommie Perry of Pageland visited his mother last week.—Glenaspine.

GERMANS DRIVEN FROM THE FORESTS OF FERRE AND RIS BY AMERICANS

With the American Army on the Aisne-Marne Front, July 28.—(By the Associated Press.)—The "battle of the woods" has ended and the Germans have been swept from the forests of Ferre and Ris. Towards the last of this four-day struggle the Franco-American advance became so rapid that the retreat of the Germans was greatly disorganized.

The edge of the German salient to the south and southeast of Fere-En-Tardenois was ground down by the whirl of the Allied troops and dulled to an extent that German weakness was indicated at many points. The first indication of this was seen Saturday when the enemy retreated so rapidly that the Franco-American troops entirely lost contact with him.

In the battle of the woods, however, the stiffest resistance the Americans ever experienced in this kind of war fare was encountered. Here the Franco-American troops were compelled to content consistently with a rear guard action consisting principally of machine gunners, most of whom dressed in green clothing, had nests in trees. Day after day during the fighting the Allied troops bucked the German machine gun nests, using artillery and machine guns and some gas against them.

In the rear guard fighting which was carried on to permit the withdrawal of the heavier German guns the enemy resorted to numerous tricks, such as carrying machine guns in stretchers when endeavoring to reach some points under the Allied fire. When they realized that their stretcher trick had been discovered the Germans resorted to other means to deceive.

The Franco-American infantrymen and machine gunners were notified by their commanding officers to be on the alert for Germans wearing American or French uniforms, several instances having been reported where the Germans did this. On one occasion the soldiers were notified by field orders that Germans had appeared in the tunics of French and American soldiers. Rushing across an open place in the forest when the German nests had been discovered, one German, acting as a leader and speaking perfect English, yelled to the American machine gunners, "Don't shoot; there are Americans in that thicket."

The Americans were at the edge of the forest, peppering a wood opposite. They ceased when the detachment appeared. The detachment entered a forest to the right of the Americans and in a few minutes a hail of machine gun bullets came from that direction.

The Americans quickly realized that they had been duped and turned their machine guns upon the imposters wiping them out in short order.

Intelligence officers in the American army say numerous cases have been reported by soldiers of being encountered by individual Germans wearing American uniforms and of some cases of Germans wearing merely an American or French tunic presumably having obtained them on some other front. The Allies have lost few prisoners in the battle of the woods and the Germans were unable to obtain uniforms from the dead, owing to their retreat.

Red Cross Meeting.

There will be a mass meeting of the Monroe Chapter American Red Cross at the courthouse Thursday evening at eight-thirty. Everybody is urged to be present whether they are members or not.—Mrs. C. M. Redfern, Sec.

Burning Near Pageland.

(From the Pageland Journal.) A house on Gaston Bennett's place near Evans' mill, occupied by George Tate, colored, was destroyed by fire one night last week. Tate was drying some beef by the fireplace and went to bed and left a fire burning. A few hours later he waked up just in time to escape from the burning house. He snatched a few articles as he went out and nothing more could be saved. There was no insurance.

FOUR FATEFUL YEARS ENDED SUNDAY; MOST FATEFUL OF ALL

Sunday Four Years ago Austria-Hungary Began the World's War By Fighting Serbs—Review of the Tremendous Struggle.

Events big with fate of nations have marked the fourth year of the war which now comes to a close. It has been a twelve months of alternate hope and concern for the powers of the Entente alliance.

It was on July 28, 1914, that Austria declared war on Serbia, beginning the great struggle. During the past twelve months there have been occurrences that in some aspects have been of even greater import in their influence upon the world than those in the preceding period. Russia's collapse, the Italian defeat last autumn, the stupendous drives of the Germans against the Allied armies and the wonderful defensive operations that have again and again checked the enemy when success for him seemed near at hand have held the world breathless. But, transcending the significance any event in the actual theaters of the war, America's full participation in the conflict, involving the transportation overseas of more than a million men to engage in it must remain for all time the great outstanding feature of the fourth year of the struggle. It is upon America that the Entente is relying for the men and resources to turn the tide.

A year ago the number of American troops going to Europe had not begun to assume large proportions. A few regulars and some national guardsmen had been sent to France, but most of the big military training camps were still being built and the men selected as the first contingent to be called to the colors were still in citizen's clothes. Until the first day of August of 1917 the total number of American soldiers taken overseas was 26,967.

Soon after that date the movement of troops was accelerated. Thousands were dispatched across the Atlantic, during the winter months, but it was not until the great German offensive was started late in March of 1918 that the movement began to assume really noteworthy proportions. The figures for the months from August 1, 1917 to July 1, 1918, follow:

August, 18,323; September, 22,525; October, 38,259; November, 33,015; December, 48,840; January, 46,776; February, 48,027; March, 83,811; April, 117,212; May, 224,346; June 276,382.

On July 1, 1918, there were 14,644 American marines in France, bringing the total number of American troops in that country and Italy up to 1,019,315.

During the recent fighting in France the work of the American soldiers has compared favorably with that of other fighting men in the world. They have held sectors here and there along the front. They are in Alsace and northward in the Lorraine sector. The famous St. Mihiel sector is held by Americans, who are posted also on the line along the heights of the Meuse, East of Rheims they took a part in the fighting during the last phase of the German offensive, while in the Chateau-Thierry sector they held their line in a vital region against the utmost fury of the Teutonic onslaught. North of Chateau-Thierry, Americans helped to stop the drive of the Germans in the early days of June; and in the Somme sector, at Cantigny and Giesnes they have given proof of their soldierly qualities.

The Allies have been called upon to face two great offensives during the past year. The first of these came last October in Italy and the second, in France, began on March 21. The German drives in France, while separated by periods of from a few days to several weeks have been considered as different phases of the same offensive. The abortive Austrian attack against Italy in June also in looked upon as merely another attack against the western front and not as a distinct military operation.

But these offensives perhaps never would have been begun had it not been for the collapse of Russia during the past winter. German and Austrian troops, released from the Russian front, were taken to France and Italy to swell the masses of men hurled against the Allies in the western theater of operations. As long as Russia remained in one light she held great numbers of Teutonic troops in the last, and her withdrawal from the war exercised a fundamental influence on the course of its development.

SITUATION A YEAR AGO. The year opened with the fortunes of war apparently favoring the Entente. The British had forced the Germans to the famous Hindenburg line. The French had established themselves firmly along the Chemin des Dames, north of the Aisne. The echoes of Verdun were still ringing the knell of German hopes in that sector of the battle area. The Italians were holding their lines along the Isonzo. The rejuvenated Russian "regiment of July First" had carried the war far into the Austrian defenses in Bukovina and Galicia.

Through August and September, 1917, there came rumors that Russia was exhausted by the war, and quiet settled down along the lines from the gates of the Carpathians to the Baltic. Stories were heard of fraternization of German and Russian troops but assurances came from Fet-

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The Germans offered bitter resistance, but not to compare with that which began late today for the retention of the higher ground further north of the river. There they supplemented their defenses with artillery fire reaching over the American front lines to the supports, the volume of fire at times attaining enormous proportions. Unwavering the Americans held their ground and even advanced slightly, while the French on their sectors to the right and left resisted as steadily against the vicious efforts of the Germans.

From behind the advancing lines the allied heavy guns kept up a continuous bombardment throughout the day, shelling the German positions, wherever the airman reported troop concentrations.

Heavy artillery has been used by the Germans in their rear guard actions, but to no such extent as today, and this gives some basis for belief that Von Boehm, the German commander, is preparing to make a stand.

It is pointed out, however, that until the Andre river is reached all the advantages of ground are with the Allies. So it is generally believed that the dropping of his heavy guns is merely an indication that armies are being withdrawn with all speed from a position which is intolerable and which unless relieved might result in the disorganization of what so far has been an admirably conducted retreat.

The Austrians began their advance on Sergy early in the morning. They had been driven back a short distance Saturday night but when they moved this morning under cover of the artillery—a few pieces going forward with the advanced line—they proceeded almost unchecked to the river, crossed the bridge and occupied the town about midnoon.

The Germans used gas but the attacking party long ago had had its baptism of gas fumes and knew how to utilize the masks and to avoid the ravines through which the fumes filtered. When the town was occupied there was some street fighting but not much the Germans retreating to higher ground.

Until today the wounds received by the American soldiers have not been serious as a rule on account of the failure of the Germans to use artillery. A great majority of the wounds were clean flesh wounds, made by bullets from machine guns and rifles.

Considerable material has been captured, including a few locomotives which the Germans put out of commission. There were relatively few prisoners.

Many stories are told among the old lines of the deprivation in the German morale. Great significance is attached to a letter taken from an officer written by his brother in Germany, giving it as his opinion that a revolt was imminent unless the war was stopped.

Death of Mr. Boyd Eubanks.

Mr. Boyd Eubanks of Pageland, son of the late Mr. John C. Eubanks, died at the home of Mr. C. L. Goodson in Lincoln town where he was visiting, Sunday night. Death came almost instantly from acute indigestion. He was taken violently ill at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and died at 11 that night.

The deceased is well known and has many relatives in this county. He had been engaged in the jewelry business in Pageland for some time. He was 26 years old. He married Miss Mollie Mangum of Pageland, who survives him. At present she is undergoing treatment in a Charlotte hospital. Five sisters and three brothers also survive. The brothers are: Mr. J. R. Eubanks, Fred Eubanks, S. B. Eubanks, and the sisters are: Mrs. Lox Moore, Mrs. Henry Moore, Mrs. T. B. Laney, Mrs. Ben Laney, and Mrs. Della Helms.

Mr. Eubanks was a man of strong character. He was a member of the Baptist church. The body was carried to Pageland yesterday afternoon and funeral services were conducted there this morning.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to our friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness during the sickness and death of our son, Leonard. May the richest blessings of God rest on every one.—J. S. Broom and family.

Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

The members of the Union county Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Co. met in annual session at 2 o'clock p. m., Saturday, July 27th. After reading of the minutes and secretary's report the following officers were elected for one year: President, W. H. Phifer; vice-president, A. A. Secrest; secretary and treasurer, Jas. McNeely; general agent, J. W. Lathan; board of directors, J. W. Chaney, J. C. Laney, A. A. Secrest, G. W. Smith, J. V. Griffin, H. W. McCain and M. L. Baker; Supervisors: Lanes Creek, W. L. Thomas; Buford, T. C. Eubanks; Jackson, W. S. Walkup; Sandy Ridge, G. W. Sutton; Vance, J. F. Thompson; Goose Creek, D. A. Price; New Salem, G. W. Smith; Marshville, M. A. Griffin; Monroe, W. E. L. Williams.

The secretary's report showed that for the six months ending June 30th but one assessment had been levied. Number of members assessed, 684; paid up insurance in force June 30th, \$741,583.60 new insurance written to June 30th, \$63,920.

"ASK PERSHING," "CABLE WILSON"; IS REPLY OF PRISONERS

German Officers Furious With Americans When They Coolly Refuse to Divulge Any Facts About Allied Armies.

"Ask Pershing," "Cable Wilson." These are some of the answers given by American prisoners to German officers who question them on naval military matters.

The German officers are furious at the American prisoners for their refusal to divulge any information whatever, and the coldly sarcastic manner in which the men almost invariably reply to those seeking information.

Indian Trail Route One Items.

Correspondence of The Journal: Indian Trail, Rt. 1, July 29.—The meeting at Emanuel cemetery, for the purpose of cleaning off the grounds, has been postponed from the 23rd to the sixth day of August as it conflicted with the reunion at Mr. Elias Helms', August 3rd is also election day.

Mr. and Mrs. Reece Griffin and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Dixon and children of Charlotte spent Saturday and Sunday with friends and relatives here.

Rev. J. W. Bennett starts his singing class at Union Grove Methodist church today.

Mr. Frank Price of Unionville will conduct prayer services in the home of Mr. E. W. Benton next Saturday night. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Fowler of North Monroe spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hill.

Miss Oscar Sikes of Charlotte visited friends here Sunday.

Misses Lela, Flora, Lula and Mary Pressley of Unionville are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Messrs. L. C. and Fred Simpson have returned from a visit to Charlotte.

Miss Espie Braswell of Unionville spent Sunday with friends here.

A message was received here last week stating that Mr. Arthur Helms, at Camp Jackson, was quite sick.

A number of boys and girls with their parents assembled at the home of Mr. D. M. Simpson for a candy pull. Mr. D. M. Simpson for a candy pull last Thursday night. Four courses were served and a delightful time was enjoyed by the young people.

Tribute to Mr. L. R. Helms.

Whereas, the Farmers Mutual Fire Ins. Company of Union county has learned with sorrow of the death of its General Agent, L. R. Helms, and whereas during his life time he was faithful to the trust reposed in him and was one of this company's most loyal supporters and took considerable interest in its affairs and had for a number of years, now therefore, be it resolved:

1. That this company has lost a valuable asset in the death of its General Agent, L. R. Helms.

2. That this company through him gained the confidence and esteem of the citizenship of Union county.

3. That as a citizen, he was without guile.

4. That the sympathy of this company be extended to his children.

5. That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this meeting, a copy sent to the children of the deceased and a copy published in the local newspapers.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. LANEY, J. W. CHANEY, JAS. McNEELY, Committee.

Three Sent to the Roads.

Capt. Fletcher's road force was augmented by three as a result of proceedings in Judge Lemmond's court. Will Jones was given four months for the larceny of a suit of clothes. Jones gave as his excuse for taking the clothes that there was a certain woman in town who intended to do him bodily harm, and to disguise himself so that she would not know him he stole the clothes.

PROF. O. C. HAMILTON, NOTED EDUCATOR, DIED THIS MORNING

Lovable Old Schoolmaster, and One of the Foremost Citizens of the County, Passed Away After Lingering Illness—Was 78 Years Old, and Hundreds of Prominent Citizens Today Proudly Boast of the Fact That They Went to School to Prof. Hamilton—Funeral to Be Held at Unionville Tomorrow Afternoon at Five O'clock.

Prof. O. C. Hamilton, a pioneer in education and beloved by hundreds of the citizens of this and other counties as the man in the school room who pointed them to higher things, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. G. M. Garrison at Unionville at 9 o'clock this morning. Prof. Hamilton suffered a stroke of paralysis about six months ago and in his advanced age was not able to throw off its effects.

Oliver C. Hamilton was born in Randolph county in 1840, dying at the advanced age of 78 years.

Two years after Union Institute was founded at Unionville he was called to take charge of it. For twenty years he was the guiding spirit of this old institution that has produced so many prominent citizens. After resigning as head of this institution he taught at Mint Hill in Mecklenburg county for several years. Later he returned to Unionville where he again assumed the principalship of the Unionville High School. About four years ago he quit the school room as active teacher.

The deceased was twice married, the second time to Miss Kirk of Palmerville. He is survived by six sons and seven daughters. The sons are: Mr. W. B. Hamilton of Charlotte, Mr. J. J. Hamilton and Mr. C. E. Hamilton of Winston-Salem, Prof. O. A. Hamilton, principal of the Greensboro High School, Dr. E. S. Hamilton, with the American Army in France, and Sgt. O. S. Hamilton, also in France. The daughters are: Mrs. W. B. Love and Mrs. L. E. Sutton of Monroe, Mrs. J. P. Marsh and Mrs. L. E. Huggins of Marshville, Mrs. C. J. McCouns of Gastonia, Mrs. Walter Gordon of Lawrenceville, Va., and Mrs. G. M. Garrison of Unionville, with whom he made his home.

Funeral services will be conducted at the Methodist church at Unionville tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Dr. H. E. Gurney will conduct the services. Prof. Hamilton was a Mason and interment will be at the cemetery here at 6 o'clock with Masonic honors.

Prof. Hamilton was a man who feared God and loved his fellow man. "Character is caught, not taught," and many a boy and girl has been strengthened in character by coming in contact with "God's nobleman" in the school room. In the school room love rather than the rod won for him the obedience of all his pupils. "He could control his pupils better than anyone I have ever known," said a man on the streets of Monroe this morning.

AMERICAN FIGHTERS ARE NOW ON ITALIAN FIRING LINES

Began Arriving Saturday and Are Billed With Italian Troops—Bath And Then Baseball.

American fighting troops are now on the Italian front. They began arriving Saturday morning, and are being billeted with the Italians.

Heretofore the only combatant American troops were aviators, and the appearance of this large body of fighting men from the United States at the present moment has occasioned the greatest satisfaction. Major General Eben Swift, of the American military mission to Italy, was the first to greet the newly arrived Americans. He had already made arrangements for their comfort. The Italians greeted them with enthusiasm and rejoiced at the splendid physical condition which the American soldiers showed. The Italians appeared greatly astonished when the overseas men immediately sought out bathing places and then started several games of baseball.

Hinson-Mullis.

A marriage of much local interest occurred at the beautiful home of Esq. C. J. Braswell, the officiating magistrate, on last Sunday afternoon, when Miss Reece Mullis became the bride of Mr. William R. Hinson. The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of relatives and friends of the contracting parties, among whom were Miss Ruth Carriker and Mr. Willie Carriker of Charlotte. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Mullis of east Goose Creek and is an accomplished and popular young woman. The groom is the son of the late Capt. W. B. Hinson and until recently was in the U. S. army. This popular young couple have the best wishes of many friends as they start out on life's rugged pathway together. For the present they will make their home with Mr. J. S. Mullis, grandfather of the bride.—One Present.

—Mr. W. R. McCorkle of the Tindie community passed thru Monroe Monday with a monster watermelon, weighing seventy-eight pounds. However, it was not Union county grown as Mr. McCorkle picked it up down in South Carolina.

—There will be a children's day exercise at the Pineview school house Sunday, beginning at ten o'clock. The public is cordially invited.