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### UNION COUNTY BOYS LAND AT NEWPORT NEWS, VA.

Members of the 56th Pioneer Infantry Will Go To Camp Lee, Va., For Demobilization — Editor of The Journal Expects To Be Home Next Week.

Telegrams were received yesterday from members of the 56th Pioneer Infantry stating that they had landed at Newport News, Va., and would be sent to Camp Lee, Va., to be demobilized.

It is presumed that all the Union county boys who were members of Companies B and C of the 56th, who had not previously returned to the states, were among the number landing. They are about sixty in number.

The men who landed Wednesday were entrained for Camp Wadsworth, S. C., on August 8, 1918, and in five weeks they were in the battle area. Following the signing of the armistice they were attached to the Army of Occupation in Germany.

Mr. John Beasley, editor of The Journal, was a member of Company C of the regiment. He left his company on May 7 for a tour of the battle areas of France with a party of newspaper men. All expenses of those making the trip were born by the government in order that accurate and first hand information might be secured for the American people. Many of The Journal readers are looking forward to the articles which he will write regarding his trip. So far as is known he was the only newspaper man from North Carolina in the party. He is supposed to have rejoined his company two days before it left for the embarkation port.

Following are the names of the Union county men in companies B and C who have not previously returned, and are supposed to have landed Wednesday.

Willie L. Hoover, Joseph C. Hill, William E. Sewell, Arthur Helms, Clifford Conder, John F. Ghant, Oscar B. Shelly, William R. Hanna, Brinkley I. Simpson, J. L. Brooks, Thomas B. Price, Maurice W. Biggers, John F. Wilson, Henry E. Harmon, Floyd M. Helms, S. Blend Keziah, Milas P. Medlin, Bryce Thomas, Wm. S. McWhorter, W. J. Summerford, Fred L. McRorie, Benj. Troy Pigg, James Fowler, Titus Long, Reece Phifer, James F. Broom, Daniel Murphy, Otis S. Braswell, Fred Threatt, E. Carl Helms, Jas. A. Williams, A. Mack Price, Oscar B. Nash, Newton C. Griffin, Joseph O. Ross, Samuel E. Starnes, Wm. Walter Knight, John D. Futch, Ira L. Presson, Rufus E. Duncan, Jas. A. Little, Amos A. Medlin, Geo. W. Wentz, Joseph L. James, Capers S. Mackey, Clayton E. Bacon, John T. Carpenter, Myron Green, Thomas I. McBride, Lacy L. McCormick, John A. Beasley, Louie F. Hart, John R. Winchester, Claud Duncan, T. Olin McManus, Oscar M. Abernethy.

### MRS. M. B. PIGG OF BUFORD TOWNSHIP BURNED TO DEATH

Her Husband Saw Smoke and Investigating Found Wife Fatally Burned—Survived by Eleven Children.

Mrs. Burdine Pigg, wife of Mr. M. E. Pigg, was burned to death at her home in the Zoar community of Buford township between 7 and 8 o'clock yesterday morning. Mrs. Pigg lived about two hours after receiving the burns. Medical aid from Pageland reached her in a short time but was of no avail.

Mr. Pigg was working near the home early yesterday morning when he noticed smoke arising from a field on the opposite side of the house. Investigating he found his wife with almost every shred of her clothing burned off.

Before she died Mrs. Pigg stated that she was attempting to kindle a fire in the stove, using oil, when her clothes caught fire.

Mrs. Pigg was about 55 years old and a daughter of the late Rev. Joseph Haley. Surviving her are her husband, six sons and five daughters. Mrs. Pigg was a good woman and a faithful member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services were conducted at Zoar church this afternoon at three o'clock by Rev. G. T. Rhodes of Pageland.

### SIGNING OF THE TREATY IS FIXED FOR THIS AFTERNOON

New German Premier Protests Against Signing and Wants Attack to Recoil Sometime Against Allies — German Plenipotentiaries Arrived in Versailles This Morning.

The associated press says that this afternoon will probably witness the signing of the peace treaty by the Germans at Versailles. The dispatch continues:

The German plenipotentiaries, armed with authority to affix their signatures to the document which, is in a measure, to rehabilitate Germany in the eyes of the greater part of the world as no longer an enemy power, are due to arrive in Versailles Friday morning.

Herr Mueller, foreign minister in the new cabinet of Herr Bauer, is expected to be the chief German plenipotentiary. Dr. Daniel von Haimhausen, who was to have signed the treaty for Germany, having resigned from the peace delegation, not desiring to have the task of sealing the

compact of terms of which he and other high members of the government object, fall on his shoulders.

Even the new premier in Germany continues to express indignation over Germany being compelled meet the Allied terms. In his latest address before the National Assembly at Weimar, Bauer is quoted as having said: "Let us sign, but it is our hope that to the last breath this attempt against our honor may one day recoil against its authors."

The new Italian delegation to the peace conference, made necessary by the resignation of the cabinet of Signor Orlando, also is expected to reach Versailles Friday. It will be headed by Signor Tittoni, foreign minister.

The sinking of the German fleet in The Scaea Flow by the skeleton crews of Germans aboard them, is to be investigated by order of the Council of Three, composed of Premiers Clemenceau, David Lloyd and President Wilson. The idea of the investigation is to ascertain if the armistice terms were violated by the Germans. The French minister of marines says France will require complete reparation from Germany.

### DEATH OF MR. CHAS. CURRENT.

Was Killed in a Railroad Accident in Alabama—Lt. C. E. Haywood Has Returned From France—Other Items From Stouts.

Stouts, June 25.—Mr. John Watkins of this place was carried to a Charlotte hospital last week where he underwent an operation for appendicitis. It is reported that he is getting along nicely.

Mr. John Rushing of Wingate visited his brother, Mr. S. A. Rushing, last week. John arrived from France a few days ago.

Mrs. F. M. Yandle has been right sick for a few days. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Lieutenant C. E. Haywood has recently arrived home from France. Glad to have our boys back with us again.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Rushing visited relatives in Monroe Sunday.

Mr. Bob Hayes of Charlotte was a visitor in the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hayes, Sunday.

Miss Etta Norkott of the Pleasant Plains community visited her friends, Misses Mallie and Amy Hill, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Lewis and children of Mt. Holly visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ritch, last week.

Everybody in this community did some rubber-necking last Thursday when the aeroplane passed over.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Blanchard of Pineview visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Current, Sunday.

We are having some fine rain and it sure is greatly needed in this section. Farmers have been unable to work their crops on account of dry weather.

The threshing crew is in the community now. They are a fine looking crowd of fellows and the girls think it a treat to get to visit on the table when they come.

Miss Kate Thomsen spent Sunday with her friends, Misses Mattie Lee and Lizzie Bayl.

Mr. Tom Eason and family visited relatives in South Carolina Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Current were greatly shocked a few days ago when they received a telegram saying that their son, Mr. Charles Current of Florence, Ala., was dead. It was later learned that he was killed in a railroad accident. He leaves a wife and two children. His little son Robert, will make his home with his grand-parents here. The entire community extends their sympathy to these old people in their time of distress.—Violet.

### SNAKE FOUND IN EGG

Mrs. D. L. Furr Broke Egg to Find Seven Inch Reptile in It — Mrs. J. S. Sossamon Badly Scalded — Indian Trail One News.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Indiaa Trail, Rt. 1. — Mesdames Leonora Scott and J. M. Dixon saw the aeroplane pass over their heads coming from the direction of Monroe and headed toward Charlotte a few days ago. Others heard a strange noise in the sky but were unable to see what caused it.

Mr. Reece Simpson sustained minor bruises a few days ago when a hay rake was turned over in a run-a-way accident. Mr. Simpson was working in the field when the animal he was driving became frightened and ran, turning the machine over on him with the above stated results.

Mrs. D. L. Furr, while preparing to do some baking the other day, broke an egg and found a seven inch snake snugly incased between the shell and yolk. It was wrapped one and one half times around the yolk. Mrs. Furr had broken two eggs. The excitement of finding a reptile in the third stopped her work for a while at least. Colored folks in the community have heard the story and declare: "No more eggs for me."

Mrs. J. S. Sossamon was badly scalded and burned when her children, playing near the stove, turned it over upsetting a kettle containing hot water.

A picnic will be held at Mill Grove Saturday. It had been incorrectly announced for last Saturday.

Mr. T. P. Kirk has moved his family from our community to a farm in Monroe township.

Irish potatoes 28 days after the seed was planted is the record of Mr. Lock Hasty.—Fairness.

### CROWN PRINCE ESCAPES AND GOES TO GERMANY

It is Thought That Militarists Have Plans and Crown Prince is Linked with them—Kaiser May Also be Plotting Escape

Frederick William Hohenzollern, the former German crown prince, has escaped from Holland and made his way into Germany.

News of the escape of the ex-crown prince caused a considerable stir in peace conference circles. While it is not felt he is a figure around which the reactionaries and monarchists would gather enthusiastically, nevertheless his act is regarded as an event of considerable significance in view of other German recalcitrance.

Hints have come from Germany within the last few days that the military caste there would not be averse to bringing about a military situation within the former empire that would embarrass the allies in putting the peace treaty into effect, and it seems not improbable that the move made by the ex-crown prince is connected with some such plan.

The former crown prince made his way into Holland shortly after the signing of the armistice last November and was interned there by the Dutch government, taking up his residence on the island of Wieringen, in the Zuider Zee. Two days before the armistice was signed, a decree issued by the German imperial chancellor, Prince Max of Baden, announcing a decision of the former German emperor to abdicate, stated:

"The imperial chancellor will remain in office until the questions connected with the abdication of the Kaiser, the renouncing by the crown prince of the throne of the German empire, and of Prussia, and the setting up of the regency have been settled."

This generally was accepted by the public as an official announcement of the crown prince's intention to renounce his rights to the succession.

Later, however, the crown prince denied any such intention in an interview given to The Associated Press correspondent at Oosterland, Holland, December 3, 1918. At the time the crown prince said:

"I have not renounced anything and I have not signed any documents, whatever."

However, he continued, "should the German government decide to form a republic similar to the United States or France, I should be perfectly content to return to Germany as a simple citizen ready to do anything to assist my country. I should even be happy to work as a laborer in a factory."

"At present everything appears chaotic in Germany, but I hope things will right themselves."

Notwithstanding this categorical statement, the semi-official Wolf Bureau of Berlin three days later issued what was said to be the exact text of the crown prince's renunciation of his rights to the throne. This document read:

"I renounce formally and definitely all rights to the crown of Prussia and the imperial crown which would have fallen to me by the renunciation of the emperor-king, or for other reasons."

"Given by my authority and signed by my hand, done at Wieringen, December 1, 1918.—'William.'"

The ex-crown prince has given numerous interviews to various correspondents since his arrival and has complained in some instances of having been misquoted. As regards The Associated Press interview mentioned, however, the correspondent who obtained it holds an autographed letter states that in this interview he was quoted correctly in every particular.

### ARMY BILL PASSES SENATE

Provides for Average Army of 400,000 Men Next Year and Carries \$888,000,000 — Consideration of Naval Appropriation Begun.

The army appropriation bill, carrying \$888,000,000 and providing for an average army of 400,000 men over the house bill of \$171,000,000 in funds and 100,000 in personnel—was passed late Wednesday by the senate without a roll call, and sent to conference.

The senate, following disposal of the army measure, began consideration of the annual naval appropriation bill, carrying \$646,272,000, an increase of \$45,000,000 over the house bill. Passage of the naval bill, their effort to enact all appropriation bills through by July 1, plan then to rush through the \$500,000,000 sundry civil budget.

Final vote on the army bill was delayed temporarily today by protracted discussion of the peace treaty and league of nations. In this connection Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, opposed the increase of the army for 1920 from 300,000 to 400,000 men, but without a record vote the senate approved the 400,000 provision, which is estimated to give pay and subsistence for 322,000 men in the army after next September.

### Notice to Automobileists.

All persons operating automobiles must have license on or before July the first. No cardboard "In Transit" or "License Applied For" will be allowed after this date. All persons operating cars without license numbers will be strictly dealt with according to law. This is our last appeal to you.

Yours to serve

JOHN GRIFFITH Sheriff, C. H. GRIFFIN, Chief of Police.

### COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE ACT WILL BE ENFORCED

The Commission Has Been in Session in Raleigh and Has Made Certain Statements—If the Law is to Be a Success Co-operation of all Citizens is Required.

A Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News has reported the decisions of the commission charged with enforcing the compulsory attendance act as follows:

North Carolina school children of compulsory attendance age must go to school during the full term of the district in which they live even if the session rung beyond six months and as long as 10.

This is perhaps the most important of the rules and regulations announced today by the state board of education which adopted provisions for enforcing the new compulsory attendance act. The commission charged with such enforcement is composed of State Superintendent E. C. Brooks, Roland F. Beasley, commissioner of public welfare, and Dr. Watson, secretary to the North Carolina board of health. The act goes into effect July 1 and the provisions are announced now for the benefit of those schools which run during the summer months.

Statements were issued this afternoon to all county superintendents by Superintendent Brooks asking them to give the widest publicity to the rules and regulations. All references to this compulsory law "should be made," he says, "with the distinct purpose of showing parents the necessity of obliterating illiteracy and for giving all children the instruments of knowledge. Parents, therefore, should be urged to send their children on the opening day and to co-operate in every way possible to make the school a success in the community."

"If this law is to be a success it will be the result of whole-hearted cooperation on the part of all good citizens. It is the duty, therefore, of all school officials to secure this cooperation. Tact, patience, and helpful suggestions given in the proper way will accomplish infinitely more than force, which should be the last resort of a teacher."

AGES EIGHT TO 14

In defining the school age "between eight to 14," the superintendent begins with the eighth and ends with the 14th natal day. The commission then determines that children between these ages must attend continuously for a period equal to the time when the public school in the district in which the child resides shall be in session. If the school in such district runs six months, the child must attend that length; if more, even 10 months, the attendance must be continuous. If the child attends a private school, it must go for a term as long as that of the public school provided in the district in which the child resides. Attendance records must be kept by that school and it must make reports of that character exactly as the public schools. If it fails or refuses to keep these records, attendance on these schools shall not be accepted in lieu of attendance on the regular schools. Instruction by private tutors will be accepted if his qualifications are approved by the county superintendent of schools and the state board of examiners. The time of such instruction must equal that provided by the public schools.

The next most important feature of the rules issued today is that governing excuse of absences. The teacher in charge shall have the right to excuse pupils for temporary absence for the following reasons:

AS TO ABSENCES

(1) Illness of the child that incapacitates the child from attending the schools, but a physician's certificate must attend the child if it is continually absent for illness. In cases where it is inconvenient to get the certificate the teacher must investigate the illness and if dissatisfied with the evidences of illness must report the cases to the county health officer.

(2) Illness in the family where it is apparent that the child's services are needed in the home and wherever there is danger of spreading contagious diseases if attendance was not interrupted.

(3) Death in the immediate family.

(4) Quarantine in which isolation is the order of the local or the state board of health.

(5) Physical incapacity, which shall be interpreted to mean that such defects make it difficult for the child to attend school.

(6) Mental incapacity, interpreted to mean feeble-mindedness or such nervous disorder as to make it either impossible for such child to profit by school or impractical for the teacher to instruct properly the normal pupils of the school. In such cases the defects are to be reported to the proper authorities for treatment.

(7) Severe weather that is dangerous to health or safety of the children.

(8) Distance from the schools, two and a half miles from the nearest school being considered an excuse for absence, it will be the county's duty to furnish transportation.

(9) Poverty is an excuse, but it must be reported, such indigence to be reported to the county superintendent of public welfare. In some cases of this character the county board of education may order aid to the family from the incidental fund.

(10) The completion of the course

of study in the district shall be an excuse.

DEMANDS OF FARM AND HOME. More difficult to regulate is the section of the compulsory act which provides that "the immediate demands of the farm or home" in several sections of the state shall in certain seasons of the year be a cause for non-attendance.

The state board of education, realizing the difficulty of administering this feature from Raleigh, leaves it to the county boards until further notice. It recommends that where the demands of the farm are serious enough to require the immediate services of the child and such assistance cannot be obtained elsewhere, and where sickness in the home or other cause, calls for the child because assistance cannot be gained otherwise, the county boards may excuse. Very broad powers are conferred on them. A full report on each and every case arising under this section must be made to the state superintendent in order that the state board of education may determine to what extent this section of the law is appealed to.

The commission suggests in certain places in which farming conditions demand the work of children at the regular school hours, schools might open an hour earlier and close about noon or 1 o'clock.

DEFINING TRUANCY

Defining truancy is likewise a hard job for the commission, but it makes it as easy for the layman as possible by holding that willful absence from school one day is truancy. The parents will be first apprised of this conduct, and if that fails to bring results, reports will be made to the attendance officer. The cause will be investigated and if this willful truancy continues the child will be carried before the juvenile courts, which have jurisdiction in such cases.

There are other causes which may take the offending child before the juvenile courts. When the conduct of the pupil is such as to menace the welfare of other children at school, the offender becomes a case for the courts.

The county superintendent of public welfare is the chief attendance officer and enforcement of the law is in his hands. Just now there is a debate as to whether women are eligible for such work. In one North Carolina city there is a woman policeman, but hers is not a state job, nor has her case been sent to the courts for constitutional interpretation. Such other portions of the rules sent out govern blanks and forms of letters.

PACIFIC FLEET WILL SAIL FOR WEST COAST IN JULY

Daniels Will Probably Go as Passenger on one of Ships—Two Fleets Will be Perfectly Matched and to be Kept Fit.

The recently created Pacific fleet, now being organized from vessels heretofore forming a part of the Atlantic fleet, will sail from Hampton Roads for the west coast between July 15 and 20, Secretary Daniels announced Wednesday in Washington. Mr. Daniels probably will be a passenger on one of the warships, making the trip to Pacific through the Panama canal.

In announcing the date of the departure of the Pacific fleet from Hampton Roads, which is about a month early than previously contemplated, Secretary Daniels said he had planned on visiting the Pacific coast in August and that he therefore would make every effort to go with the fleet in order to study the scope of contemplated improvements at the Panama canal. It was learned at the navy department that extensive changes would be necessary in the naval establishment in the canal zone especially on the Pacific side to take care of the greatly augmented Pacific fleet.

Secretary Daniels reiterated today that he wanted the fleets to be equally matched so that when it came to competitions such as "war games" planned by the naval war college that the admirals of the two fleets would oppose each other on such equal terms that only strategy and skill could decide the issue. It was announced that such "battles" would be held at least once each year alternating probably between the Atlantic and Pacific.

Both fleets will meet at the winter drill area at Guantanamo, Cuba, each winter for target practice, maneuvers and other exercises as in the past. In addition extensive maneuvers and practices are planned for the vicinity of the Hawaiian islands each year.

When asked how long it would take the two great fleets to unite on either coast in case of threatened danger, Secretary Daniels said that under ordinary conditions, with the Atlantic fleet in the vicinity of New York and with the Pacific fleet near San Francisco, the junction could be effected and the combined fleets ready to meet any foe within two weeks. This time, as explained, would, of course, be much reduced were the fleets operating to the south of those ports.

"After every war we have had, the American naval has gone stale," said Secretary Daniels today, discussing the division of the fleet. "We intend to match the two fleets one against the other in such stiff competition that every officer and man will be kept on his toes every minute. We intend to keep the navy just as efficient as it is today. That will be our hope, our aim and our policy."

Life is so short to learn more than one business well.

### MIC. N. W. BRASWELL DIED AT HOME TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Was 72 Years Old—Survived by His Father, Wife and Eleven Children —Was Influential Citizen—Funeral Service Held Yesterday.

To live out the allotment of three score years and ten, and two more by reason of strength and to be survived by his father—this is true of Mr. N. W. Braswell, who died at his home in Goose Creek township Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Braswell's father, Mr. J. M. Braswell, resides at Marshville and is 92 years old.

About two years ago the deceased suffered a slight stroke of paralysis from which he never fully recovered, but had been able to work. Monday night he was feeling well and ate a hearty supper. About 2 o'clock Tuesday morning his wife was aroused by sounds of struggling and found that he had suffered another stroke of paralysis and was in a serious condition. He never regained consciousness and death came about 1:30 in the afternoon.

Mr. Braswell was born in September 1847, within three hundred yards of the spot where he died. Aside from his father he is survived by 11 children, seven sons and four daughters. The sons are: Mr. W. C. Braswell of Monroe township, Mr. R. S. Braswell of Wingate, Messrs. J. S. and R. B. Braswell of Goose Creek township, Mr. Joel Braswell of Chester, Pa., and Messrs. Charles W. and Howell Braswell, who made their home with their father. The daughters are: Mesdames J. C. Pusser and Dan Long of Goose Creek township, Mrs. Fisher Brooks of Marshville township and Mrs. J. M. Deese of Charlotte. The latter is critically ill and not expected to live. Messrs. C. H. C. E. and J. C. Braswell of Goose Creek township are brothers of the deceased and Messrs. Conley, Oscar and Chester Braswell are half-brothers. Mrs. J. S. James of Unionville is a sister to the deceased and Mrs. Bettie Stevenson of Alabama and Mrs. Bailey of Marshville are half-sisters.

Mr. Braswell was an influential citizen in his community and township. He was a good farmer, honest and industrious and held in high regard by all who knew him for his high standards of character. When a boy he joined the Baptist church and for years he had been a deacon in the Mill Creek church.

Funeral service was deferred until yesterday afternoon in order that son, Mr. Joel Braswell, might arrive from Chester, Pa. Rev. M. D. L. Preslar, pastor of the deceased, conducted services over the remains at Mill Creek church at 3 p. m. yesterday. He paid high tribute to the memory of the deceased. A large crowd of friends and relatives were in attendance, among them the father of the departed. Interment took place in the cemetery at the church.

### PAGELAND NEWS

First Lieutenant David White Cited for Bravery — Death of Willie Pizer and Mrs. Sodie Gray — Other Items from Pageland Journal.

The boll weevil is on the march this way. It is reported already in South Carolina, having reached the counties of Jasper and Bamberg. Prepare for the fight now.

Mr. John E. Graves of Pageland and Miss Verdie Davis of the Bay Springs section were married last Sunday afternoon by Rev. Guess of Chesterfield. Mr. Graves only recently landed from overseas service. Reaching home last Thursday he at once made arrangements to surrender to his lady love. Congratulations.

First Lieutenant David L. White, of Jefferson, reached home from Camp Jackson last Saturday. He is on a 15 day furlough which he will spend with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. W. White. He is in the "Wild Cat" division. The following is a citation we clip from Columbia Evening Record: "First Lieutenant David L. White, Company 'E' on November 10, 1918 although under heavy shell fire and gas bombardments reconnoitered the road from Chilton to Moranville, being finally overcome and removed to the hospital."

Why should not farmers who own their farms name them and have some nice stationery printed. This would lend dignity and individuality to the farm. "Elmwood Farm," "Oak Grove Plantation," "The Pines," "Rockdale Stock Farm," "Oakdale Farm," sounds business like. It spots the individual farm. We like the idea and if each farmer would do this and then work to improve and beautify his farm, country life would be more attractive and the country side more beautiful.

Willie Pizer, died in Charlotte at the Presbyterian hospital June 15, and was buried at Zoar M. E. church June 17. Services conducted by Rev. R. M. Helzer. He was a member of Liberty Hill church and a good boy.

On account of the train being 14 hours late getting into Richmond, the body of Mrs. Sodie Gray, arrived here Friday about noon accompanied by her husband and two sons and other relatives. The interment was at White Plains church the funeral service was conducted by Rev. G. T. Rhoad. Mrs. Gray was quite popular in her home city and an active worker in her church Memorial Presbyterian church of Indianapolis. The floral offerings and resolutions and expressions of regret showed her popularity and how greatly she will be missed. At the time of her marriage to Mr. Allen Gray 17 years ago she was an active member of the Antioch M. E. church.