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BATTERY WILL BE AT WORK SOON

Eight Car Loads of Equipment Will Roll in When Boys Are Examined

The work of organizing Battery F, 117th Field Artillery is progressing nicely. Blanks for physical examination and enlistment have been forwarded Capt. Emsley Armfield, and Doctor R. L. Payne has been authorized to make physical examinations of the men. Some eight or ten men have already passed the physical examination and signed enlistment papers and oath of enlistment.

Signers of Organization Agreement

The minimum requirement of sixty five men has been more than exceeded by the following men who have signed the agreement to enlist in and organize the battery: J. C. M. Vann, V. H. Wood, R. B. Redwine, Jr., Gilliam Craig, Paul Griffith, Clifford Fowler, Sam M. Lee, C. N. Gordon, F. R. Rose, S. M. Stewart, Roy C. Smith, J. Allen Lee, H. W. Coble, Dewey L. English, J. P. Gamble, Geo. S. Lee, Jr., J. R. English, G. B. Caldwell, A. W. McCall, F. H. Fairley, Robt. Howie, J. R. Hudson, C. H. Hasty, A. A. Heath, D. K. Boyer, Thos. N. Lee, P. M. Abernathy, Keith Davis, John Coble, E. R. Coble, B. B. Craig, D. S. Cornelius, Homer Fowler, J. M. Beatty, C. L. Efrid, E. B. Haney, J. H. Helms, A. B. Feigley, Herbert Warlick, Carl Davis, Geo. W. Tucker, Robt. L. Browning, J. P. Peninger, L. E. Long, Steve Keshiah, Emsley Armfield, Paul Helms, Hoyle Helms, Hall Efrid, John L. Austin, C. E. Benton, J. L. Wiggs, Roy Secrest, Holmes Morris, W. G. Lindsey, C. E. Benton, Sam Rogers, Thos. Garrison, Atlas House, Roy Alexander, F. M. Garrison, R. G. Stewart, M. D. Hunnicutt and Dr. R. L. Payne.

Already Enlisted

Dr. R. L. Payne, Emsley Armfield, Robt. L. Brown, A. B. Fairley, Thos. N. Lee, A. A. Heath, R. B. Redwine, Jr., and J. C. M. Vann, with possible others whose names are not available at this time.

Few Rejections Expected

Capt. Armfield states that most of the men who have signed the agreement are in sound physical condition and that rejections for physical disability, together with men signing the agreement and declining to enlist will be negligible. There have been but few back-outs and the prospects are the enlistment of the full quota will be completed shortly.

Big Amount of Equipment

It is understood that General Metts has already made arrangements for the equipment for the outfit. The equipment requires eight freight cars for shipment and is as follows:

One five passenger motor car, one reconnaissance car, six motor tractors with side cars, fourteen five ton trucks, two cargo trucks, one artillery supply truck, one cargo truck, one light repair truck, one reel cart, one trailer, one kitchen trailer, one water trailer, one bicycle trailer, one bicycle, four howitzers 155mm, twelve caisson bodies, 118 pistols, two machine guns, eight automatic rifles.

The officers required will be as follows: Captain, two first lieutenants, six to eight corporals, 65 to 91 first class privates.

Actual orders for moving to encampment have not been received by the unit because Federal recognition is given only on enlistment of the full quota, but organization is hurried up to enable the Battery to take two weeks encampment this summer.

Mr. Nathan Newby, who is visiting for a few days his sister, Mrs. W. C. Crowell, is a leading lawyer of Los Angeles, California, where he has lived for twenty-eight years. He is a native of Hertford, this State. Mr. Newby is on his way back to California, from Washington City, where he has been appearing before the United States Supreme Court.

SCHOOL CHILDREN KICK ON BAD LITERATURE

Some at least of the students of the Monroe High School have grown tired of Hog Dog, Slap Dash, Slim Jinks and Slimy Sam kind of literature which has been having such a run on the newsstands of the country. The following paper was found in an automobile and handed in at the Rotary lunch at the High School Wednesday. It was read to the club by Mr. J. C. Sikes and a resolution passed commending the action set forth. A number of names were signed to the paper, and the presumption is that it is being circulated in the school for other signatures. The paper reads as follows:

"We the boys and girls of the Monroe High School respectfully request that all magazines such as Whiz Bang, Hot Dog, Jim Jam Jims and all others that are impure and indecent, be eliminated from our news stands, drug stores and all other places where they are sold, given away or distributed in any manner.

"We make this request that these temptations be removed from our midst in order that we may be more inclined to read those things that are uplifting, instructive and beneficial.

"We sincerely hope that the grown ups of our town will cooperate with us in this movement to eradicate at least one evil from our midst, and encourage the news dealers by interesting in more magazines and books of edifying nature."

MONROE BOY JUMPS TO FAME ON THE DIAMOND

Fred Sale, son of Capt. T. B. Sale, a Monroe boy well known here, now living with his parents in Atlanta, is the latest of the Monroe boys to win fame as a pitcher. The first Monroe boy who took laurels in this field was the late Lawrence Stewart, who had a splendid career and lost his life in an accident at Youngstown, Ohio. Then came Phifer Fulenwider, who is yet in the box. Now Fred Sale is starting on a career that looks big for the future. The following story is taken from a dispatch in the Atlanta Journal of Wednesday:

Athens, Ga., May 1.—Frederick Link Sale, Georgia's young right-hander who hails from Atlanta, broke into the hall of immortal fame here Monday afternoon when he pitched a perfect game against the University of Virginia, Georgia winning easily, 4 to 0. Fred let the Old Dominion Boys down without nary a hit and, of course, nary a run, and he did not permit a man to get on first base.

Only twenty-seven men faced him and of these he caused eight to retire to the bench after taking three healthy but unsuccessful swings at his hands. He did not walk a batsman. Fred's feat marked the first time since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary that a Georgia pitcher has chucked a perfect game. Several times in recent years Red and Black tossers have heaved no-hit games, but none of them got by without letting one or more men reach first base.

Mr. Sale, who is just twenty years old, had everything in the world a pitcher could want in turning in his remarkable game. He had a fast ball which cut up something awfully and his curved ball had a most outlandish break on it. And with these he mixed up in a brilliant change of pace which was as baffling as it was deceptive and puzzling.

Work of Public Health Nurse for April

Miss Katherine Farmer, Union county public health nurse, reports the following work done during the month of April:

Visited and gave health talks to 1343 children in the following schools—Fairview, Little, Carricker, Unionville, Union Springs (colored), Piney Grove, Macedonia, Trinity, Stephenson, Parker, Spruce Pine, Smith, Laurel Hill, High Ridge, Hamilton, Beulah, Cool Springs, Stewart, Secrest, North Monroe and Monroe.

Weighed and measured 1223 children in the above and other schools. Visited for conference with teachers, North Monroe, Icomorie and Prospect.

Sixteen babies have been registered with the State Health department and their mothers furnished a book on "How to Care for the Baby."

Industrial conference with ninety mothers, group conferences with fifty mothers present.

Four midwives have completed the instructions and received their certificates.

Five nutritional corrections secured.

One hundred children have done mothers health crusade chores.

Exodus of Negroes Will Not Hurt Farmers Much

Columbia, May 2.—Southern planters and South Carolina farmers in particular have nothing to fear from the migration of negroes to northern cities, stated former Congressman A. F. Lever, president of the First Joint Stock Land Bank, of Columbia, in an address before the Advertising club of Batesburg. The negroes who flock to the northern cities, he stated, are not of the agricultural type; they are largely from the floating classes in the cities, whose departure, will not be felt in labor circles.

The tractor too, Mr. Lever said, is helping to solve the labor problem on the farm. One machine, he said, can do what half a dozen hands can do in breaking up a field.

What's the Use

Searle (to M. D.)—Can I live to be 100, doctor?
M. D.—How old are you?
S.—Fifty.
M. D.—Do you drink?
S.—No.
M. D.—Do you smoke?
S.—No.
M. D.—Do you gamble?
S.—No.
M. D.—Have you any vices?
S.—No.
M. D.—Then why do you want to live to be 100?

BANDIT GANG IN TRUCKS HOLDS UP TWO TRAINS EMPTIES SIX BOX CARS

Kansas City, Kans., May 2.—Bandits held up and robbed two Missouri Pacific freight trains of an undetermined amount of valuable merchandise near Wolcott and Turner today, according to reports to police. The same gang was responsible for both hold-ups, police believe.

One report said at least twenty men, in two motor trucks, took part in the two robberies. Police said they understood at least six box cars were emptied of their contents.

According to A. R. Sutton, in charge of brakemen on one of the freight trains, he encountered the robbers at Wolcott while the train was slowing down to pass through the station.

Twenty men, armed with shotguns and rifles, covered the crew. The bandits then proceeded leisurely with the looting of six box cars, he said. After emptying the contents into motor trucks, they disappeared.

Army Lieutenants Hop Across The Country in Twenty-Six Hours Without A Single Stop

San Diego, Calif., May 3.—Today it is but a single span across the continent. From New York to San Diego is only a hop. The Atlantic and Pacific are terminals in America's air lanes—and if one wishes—there are no stops between.

With the arrival at Rockwell Field, near here, of the army monoplane T-2, piloted by Lieutenants Oakley G. Kelly and John A. MacReady, the first non-stop flight across the United States was completed. The time from Hempstead, N. Y., to San Diego was 26 hours and 50 minutes and 48 2-5 seconds.

The grind began Wednesday at 12:36:53 p. m., eastern standard time. The distance is estimated at between 2,700 and 2,800 miles.

The airmen received a warm greeting when they were sighted over the city a few minutes before they landed at Rockwell Field. Airplanes from the field and naval planes from North Island escorted the two lieutenants to the landing field. Whistles of factories and from warships in the harbor also joined in the greeting.

Both aviators were in good physical condition when they landed and after being greeted by army officials were taken to the officers' quarters.

Historic Flights

The historic flight began at Hempstead with Kelly in the pit. The T-2 cleared the hangars at the end of the flying field by inches, nosed up for elevation and turned its nose towards Rockwell Field. It did not stop an inch short of its goal.

Spectators at the take-off were held in horrid suspense for a moment, when it appeared that the huge plane would not rise in time to clear the building at the end of the field. It was the second start, Lieutenant Kelly having turned back after the first attempt, when it was apparent the T-2 would be unable to clear the buildings.

Roaring westward, hour after hour in the supreme attempt of its historic career, the T-2 was awaited in every city, town, and village throughout the long line of flight and telegraph instruments during the afternoon and night told of the passing point hours ahead of the tentative schedule announced.

An average speed of more than 100 miles an hour was maintained for the trip.

The aviators were the recipients of many congratulatory telegrams, including one from President Harding.

Distance Records Broken

All distance records for a nonstop airplane flight were smashed today by the transcontinental jump.

It was the second attempt of Kelly and MacReady at a transcontinental flight without a stop, having been forced down at Indianapolis on their way east from San Diego last year. That flight was made in the same plane used today though a different engine had been installed.

"You have written a new chapter in the triumph of American aviation," said a telegram from President Harding, and scores of other congratulatory messages expressed a similar enthusiasm over the accomplishment.

The T-2 landed at Rockwell field, according to the official timers, at 26 minutes, 56 1-4 seconds past 12 o'clock noon, Pacific coast time.

Wild Enthusiasm

There was a wild enthusiasm at Rockwell field when Lieut. MacReady nosed the T-2 down and landed the huge ship with consummate ease on almost the exact spot where he and Kelly took off in their attempt to fly to New York, November 4, last.

The crowd, thrilled by the sight of the beautiful ship and sensing what its feat meant for American prestige in the air, pushed the guards aside like so much chaff and bore down on Kelly and MacReady, madly cheering the record-makers.

The two air navigators, their faces splashed with oil and grease but wreathed in wide grins, were fairly forced up against the fuselage. Here they were lifted on the shoulders of admirers, presented with huge bouquets and not let down until the throng had yelled itself hoarse.

Major Henry Arnold, commandant of Rockwell field, and the officials of the national Aeronautical association were caught in the mad rush of the spectators. Major Arnold finally fought his way to MacReady and Kelly.

"Congratulations," said the major to both men. "It was a marvelous flight and we are surely proud of you."

Mother Loses Suit for Her Baby Girl

Chicago, May 2.—Little Alice Ntall, center of a legal battle between her real and her foster mother, Mrs. James Nuttall, was awarded to the latter today by Judge Joseph B. David.

"The child's welfare is the paramount issue in this case," Judge David declared. "It is apparent that the baby, born out of wedlock," he said, was given to the Illinois home and aid society by relatives of the 17-year-old mother in order to avoid scandal. The mother may be thankful that her child fell into the hands of the Nuttalls who have given her a splendid home and upbringing."

TO FIND WHAT UNION FARMERS ARE DOING

What are Union county farmers to produce this year as shown by the number of acres put in, the amount of fertilizer used, the number of all live stock, poultry and even fruit trees?

The department of agriculture wants this information and wants it to be full and accurate in order that the county and State may be shown up correctly in the records.

This information has nothing whatever to do with taxes although it is required by law to be given to the tax listers at the time taxes are listed. It relates to the number and not the value of cattle, acres, etc. It is the way provided for securing accurate information on these subjects for the purpose of using it in its bearing upon production and markets.

Mr. R. C. Griffin, county tax supervisor, asks that each farm owner will prepare his list in advance of his own and his tenant's crop acreages, etc., and carry it with him to the tax listing place. This will be for the separate farm census list and has nothing to do with taxes.

Agricultural education is good, but the annual farm census, made by the department of agriculture, is the most modern and progressive method of taking chance out of farming. By this method, farming is largely stabilized, markets for buying and selling are located nearby. Over and under-planting may be largely eliminated.

To make this valuable information reliable and the census a success, each farmer should prepare a written list of each crop he expects to harvest this year, the number of each kind of mature live stock, including hens, his bearing fruit trees, acres in different kinds of hays, tons of fertilizers to be used this year, acres in improved pastures, that lying out and that cultivated this year, (by himself and by tenants), woodland acres, etc.

Each farm owner is required by law to give this information, and by studying it over and making a memorandum beforehand, he will save himself and others much time when listing. The information listed is strictly confidential and not taxable. It is used only to help the farming interests and the speculators have to use the only "scraps" left.

News From Sardis Vicinity

I am requested to announce that there will be a family reunion at Mr. Maurice Vanderburg's home in Vance township near Hemby school house on Sunday, May 13, in honor of his mother, Mrs. Trull, and his father-in-law, Mr. J. M. Deese, it being the birthday of Mr. Deese and Mrs. Trull. Mr. Vanderburg requests all his friends and neighbors to come and bring well filled baskets and enjoy the day with them. I also want to announce again that Rev. J. A. Smith of Charlotte, pastor of Duncan Memorial church, will preach at Hemby school house next Saturday at 3 p. m., also his singing choir will be with him.

Miss Eva Helms has gone to Monroe to spend a few days with her father.

Mr. and Mrs. Rich Biggers of Charlotte visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Birmingham Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Phifer and son, Roland, of Antioch community, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Presley Monday.

Mrs. Margaret Helms spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Scott Long of Bakers.

Tom Orr has opened up a first-class restaurant at Indian Trail and says business is booming.

Speaking of our Deputy Sheriff, Esq. Harkey, he is one of the most all round men we have in Indian Trail. He is not only Deputy Sheriff, but assistant postmaster, some time substitute rural letter carrier; can clerk in any of the stores, sell tickets at the depot, and then find time to talk with his friends and smoke toofors, can you trot out another man to beat him?

Woodrow Presley says he will not wear his coat another time this year, for he left it on the porch the other night and says the old dog roosted on it. Now who ever heard of a dog roosting?

MAGNOLIA

A communion service will be held Sunday morning at the First Baptist church and a formal welcome will be extended to eighty new members who have been taken in since the recent meeting began. Baptismal certificates will be given to fifty-three members received by Baptism.

FARMER AND BRIDE BURNED TO DEATH IN ALABAMA HOME

Gadsden, Ala., May 2.—Knett Little, 23, planter, and his bride of three months were burned to death last night when their home, near Ohat-see was destroyed by fire. The charred remains were found on bed springs, indicating that their lives were lost as they slept.

Neighbors who discovered the blaze after the house was a mass of flames, tossed stones through the windows into the couple's bedroom in an effort to arouse the sleeping pair. Efforts of neighbors to awaken the couple, however, proved ineffectual, and it was several hours before the ashes had cooled sufficiently to recover what remained of the bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Little were well-known in the community. Mr. Little was a resident of Gadsden for some time before he married and moved to a farm. The origin of the fire had not been determined.

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Bishop Messera, who will celebrate Mass in St. Paul's Episcopal church Sunday morning.

LOST THE ELIMINATOR BUT PLAYED GOOD BALL

(Paul Dewitt in Charlotte Observer)

In the elimination series at Independence park Wednesday afternoon between Monroe and Charlotte High, Monroe's "eliminator" broke in the eighth frame, and though they sent two others, the breaks were against them and Monroe lost in the tenth by a score of 6 to 5.

This was some first class exhibition of baseball, fast and furious eight innings, when Westnedge, Monroe's ace, went up in the air and had to be taken out. He was relieved by Tennant, but Coach Bull Hasty thought he was not going like he should and yanked him out after one inning and substituted Stewart.

Monroe scored one in the first frame. Laney, the first man up, got on by Clapp's error. Boyles sacrificed him to second, when Fairley hit a Texas leaguer to center and scored Laney, then Clontz fanned the next two.

The Charlotte boys seemed unable to solve Westnedge. They could not connect at all. They threatened several times with getting around, but it was not until the seventh frame that they got a man as far as third, and he scored on a passed ball.

After the first frame Clontz had them eating out of his hand, Monroe not registering a single hit until the sixth when the Monroes got onto him. Laney went out to first, Boyles singled to center, Fairley hit to third, who caught Boyles at second. Fairley then swiped second. Westnedge then hit to center scoring Fairley. Correll with his two sacker to left brought Westnedge to glory. Wiggs then went down third to first.

Clontz was hit freely again in the seventh, three hits scoring two more men. Dick Kirkpatrick pulled Clontz and substituted Lefty Skeen, who retired the side.

It was in the eighth frame that the sad story started and the "eliminator" went completely up in the air. Westnedge lost all control, and started this frame by walks, presenting the first four up with free passes. Then Schwartz laid one down third base line, who errored it, and Eddy stole home. A wild pitch scored two other runs. Westnedge was pulled and Tennant went in while the fans yelled themselves hoarse. Tennant fanned one, walked one and fanned the next two, one of whom was Skeen, and that boy came near shedding tears because he could not register.

When Stewart was put in the fans were wild with excitement, and the ninth frame looked shaky for Skeen. He fanned the first man up. HT the next one, who stole second. The third man up hit to deep right, but Wearn was on the job, and Laney went to third on the throw, then Fairley went to third on the throw.

Dick's boys got on to Stewart in the tenth frame. Terrell singled to left, Clapp followed with one to right, Schwartz fanned. Terrell was hit by pitcher, then "Prunes" Wilson connected with his only one of the afternoon, hitting to Stewart who errored it and Terrell scored by a hair's breadth. That ended Monroe's chances to participate in the 1923 championship game.

The Monroe boys are a game set of fellows and hard fighters and have an aggregation of good ball players all through. They never gave up for a moment in any part of the game.

Monroe Rout 2 News

Mr. Theodore Funderburk visited his mother, Mrs. H. A. Funderburk Sunday.

Mrs. B. C. Hill visited her mother, Mrs. J. D. Hill, Monday.

Mr. Fred and James Long of Monroe were Sunday visitors of Mr. J. A. Long.

Miss Ethel and Edith Mullis of Monroe spent Saturday night with Miss Sallie Hill.

Miss Mattie Long and Gussie Keziah, Messrs. Roy Horton, Clayton Williams, Charlie Rowell, and Lem Howard were the Sunday visitors of Miss Sallie Hill.

VIOLETS.