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SOLDIERS NEED ARTICLES

Blankets and Other Articles Needed for Soldier Boys Now at Camp Jackson.

Captain Daniel W. Adams, commanding the third battalion, 321st infantry, at Camp Jackson, to which all the men from McDowell county and Western North Carolina are assigned, says in a communication to The Asheville Citizen, that the men are in need of blankets and other articles which the government, despite its large purchasing power, is unable to procure.

Captain Adams wants the people of Western North Carolina to aid the boys who are headed for "somewhere in France" by sending them small gifts, and says that the women, especially, who want to aid, can do much good by making handkerchiefs of khaki or olive drab color, and other small articles for the boys. He tells of the intense appreciation of the men for small gifts, and urges that each county arrange to remember its own men.

In his communication to The Citizen, Captain Adams says:

"It may be of interest to the friends and relatives of the selected soldiers of Western North Carolina from the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Burke, Davie, McDowell, Buncombe, Swain, and Jackson to know that the boys are in my battalion command, the third battalion of the 321st infantry at Camp Jackson, S. C. And that in our regiment which is composed of three battalions, that some of the selected counties of Eastern North Carolina are in the battalion commanded by Major Schucker, of that section, and that the selected group of the counties in the neighborhood of Salisbury, the central portion of the state are in the battalion commanded by Major Max Barker, of that place.

"While I have had the good fortune to secure a battalion of highlanders from the first named mountain counties, there has naturally arisen a spirit of local pride between the coastal plain, piedmont section and the mountain men in our regiment, and I wish to take this means of appealing to the friends and relatives of our mountain men to support them in every way possible with such contributions as reading matter, home knit woolen socks, wristlets and sweaters. Light woolen blankets are very desirable, since the government with all of its resources and purchasing power has been unable to secure these articles as fast as they are needed, so it seems therefore, it is up to the good women of our country to support the boys who will soon be at the front, with such articles as they can procure and themselves make. No article of wearing apparel other than a dark grey or olive drab color can be worn on the firing line owing to other colors affording a conspicuous target. Handkerchiefs will be greatly appreciated if made from olive drab or khaki colored materials.

"It is of course understood that this is no act or solicitation of charity since the men themselves are comparatively well paid, receiving \$30 and up per month, together with board, medical attention and such clothing as the war

department is able to procure for them, but it is unable to purchase these articles as they are not procurable in such large quantities. "Blankets other than green, grey or olive drab can not be used on account of color regulations.

"Our mountain men are making good fast and a number of them have been made squad leaders, corporals and sergeants already.

"Any communication or present for the men if addressed to Lieut. L. A. Blue, battalion adjutant, 321st infantry, Camp Jackson, S. C., will be distributed to the soldiers either by counties or individually as may be designated by the donor. For instance, there are 44 McDowell county men in company K, 64 from Ashe, 29 from Avery, and 18 from Alleghany, in company M; in company L there are from Swain 32, Burke, 50; Buncombe, nine; Jackson, 33. Company I has an even 100 from Buncombe.

"This is a rare opportunity for the good women of the country to materially aid in the great cause by the moral and material support of their representative fighting men in the great national camp."

More Men Called to Camp.

Twenty-eight men called by the local exemption board last week for service in the national army, left yesterday morning for Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., this being McDowell's third quota. The number certified to the district board was 31. Three of these failed appear yesterday morning, one having arrived on a late train, and they will be sent to camp during the week. The list follows:

- 700 Edward Stanley Hodge, Ridgecrest.
- 321 Ben Harrison Gilliam, Dome.
- 950 David N. Lonon, Marion.
- 1175 Charles Lee Crawley, Nebo.
- 1167 Oscar William Carver, Marion.
- 1118 Ross Epley, Marion.
- 1091 Clarence Fortune, Marion.
- 1179 William T. Conley, Marion.
- 753 Claud Mitchell, Old Fort.
- 1240 West T. Smith, Marion.
- 911 Doctor Tom Norman, Marion.
- 212 Charles Franklin Melton, Old Fort.
- 49 Neal Duval, Dysartsville.
- 1192 Noble Paul Brown, Marion.
- 305 William J. B. Ledbetter, Dome.
- 585 William Hoyt Curtis, Old Fort.
- 781 Lemuel Clay Austin, Marion.
- 1035 Riley Wallace Smith, Chesterfield, S. C.
- 279 Benjamin Tillman Wylie, Marion.
- 963 George R. Proctor, Marion.
- 441 Green Biddix, Mt. Mitchell.
- 357 Willie Jones Harris, Nealsville.
- 331 Samuel Dalton, Red Top.
- 1108 Benjamin Rollins Elliott, Marion.
- 715 Gordon A. Ricketts, Old Fort.
- 102 Parks Morris, Nealsville.
- 875 Frank B. Morphew, Marion.
- 714 Mack Hill, Old Fort.
- 371 William Horace Michael, Marion.
- 1156 Henry M. Duncan, Marion.
- 681 Robert William Turner, Old Fort.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, Oct. 1.—Mr. and Mrs. Moulten Beck of Table Rock visited the latter's sister, Mrs. J. M. Goforth, recently.

J. E. Denton and family of Charlotte visited his parents here recently.

Miss Lona Goforth left Sunday to open her school at Chapel Hill, near Marion, Monday.

Mrs. Ed. Triplett of Rhodess is visiting relatives here.

We are glad to welcome Prof. Tipton and family back in our community, also Miss Burnett, who will be another one of our teachers here this year. We hope to have a most successful term.

Miss Maggie Taylor of Nebo is visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Miss Mamie Goforth of Nealsville spent the week-end here with homefolks. Key Landis attended the box supper at Nebo Saturday night.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Mangum, Sept. 20, a daughter.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hampton Bates, Sept. 21, a son.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Satterwhite, Sept. 26, a daughter.

Mrs. A. L. Cowan and little son, Hampton, visited relatives in Gaffney, S. C., recently.

Tommie Glass, who was accidentally kicked on his forehead by a horse and badly hurt, is improving.

Mrs. Joanna Landis fell Saturday and is very ill now. Hope she will soon be better.

Miss Emma Whitener and a Mr. Clontz of Rutherford county were married Saturday.

NEBO

Nebo, Oct. 2.—The box supper at Nebo Saturday night as before announced was a decided success. The proceeds amounted to about \$40 and will be used for the benefit of the school.

Rev. T. A. Drake spent a few days last week with friends and relatives at Hendersonville.

Misses Sybil Penny and Essie Hemphill, after having stopped their school at Woodlawn two weeks for fodder, returned Sunday to resume work Monday.

W. A. Beach has removed his family to Morganton.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Sigmon, Sept. 25, a son.

Miss Maggie Taylor is visiting relatives at Dysartsville this week.

Miss Pearl Dobson of Greenlee spent the week-end with her two sisters who are here in school.

Mrs. Hall and daughter spent sometime recently with the former's daughter, Mrs. H. C. Taylor.

Miss Tracy Sigmon of Ashford spent the week-end here with homefolks.

Rev. M. V. Snipes attended the singing convention at Clear Creek Sunday.

Mrs. W. L. Gilbert and daughter, Mary Lee, of Charlotte, visited friends here recently.

CATAWBA VALLEY

Catawba Valley, Oct. 1.—Owing to so much rainy weather for the past week the farmers are somewhat behind with their fodder and fall work.

E. S. Frisbie and family were visitors here Sunday.

Miss Bessie Hoover has returned home from Nebo school.

Mrs. G. G. Pendergrass of Stroudtown spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Tate.

M. F. Burgin and Frank Wall of Marion spent Sunday at the home of E. T. Burgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Eller visited in the Ebenezer section Sunday.

THOMPSON'S FORK

Thompson's Fork, Oct. 1.—Mrs. Ivey Gibbs and children were visitors a Nebo yesterday.

Misses Rena Hemphill and Mittie McNeely attended the singing convention at Clear Creek Sunday.

James Bowman was a visitor here Sunday.

Sewell McNeely was a visitor at Harmony Grove yesterday.

Miss Jessie McNeely was the guest of

Miss Maggie Hemphill Sunday.

John Epley of Murphy, was a visitor here Sunday.

Dan Rowe and Bryan McNeely were visitors on Camp Creek Sunday.

Several of our people attended the box supper at Nebo Saturday evening.

Ham McNeely of Chapel Hill is spending a few weeks here with his uncle, S. C. McNeely.

J. C. Hemphill visited George Lentz, near Nebo, Sunday.

Rena Hemphill was shopping in Nebo Friday.

EAST MARION

East Marion, Oct. 1.—Rev. E. L. Kirk is conducting a revival meeting here this week.

Mr. Lowe is leaving for Statesville. Several new buildings are in progress—twenty-five new houses, new office, and plans for a new Methodist church.

School is progressing nicely, a larger number of students being enrolled than ever before.

The choir from this place attended the Singing Convention at Clear Creek, Sunday.

Miss Leafa Queen of Forest City is visiting friends here.

Mack Dixon of Gaffney, S. C., is visiting George Dixon.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fletcher left Monday for Spartanburg, S. C.

M. G. Pendergrass of Catawba Valley spent Sunday and Monday of last week here.

Singing at Garden City.

The McDowell County Singing convention held at Garden City Sunday, Sept. 30, was one of the best singing conventions ever held in McDowell county. Six of the strongest and best choirs that have ever sang in the convention were present—Clear Creek, East Marion, Old Fort, Hawks, Cherry Springs and Armstrong. The attendance probably numbered more than a thousand. The singing was enjoyed and plenty of dinner for all was served on the grounds.

Our singing convention is over for this present year.

Tho' its melodies are still ringing in many a ear,

Six of the strongest choirs that McDowell does contain

Entered into the contest, a noble race to gain.

Clear Creek was in readiness our convention to support,

With songs all picked and practiced to to wax in on Old Fort.

But Old Fort came in lucid and did not have the blues;

Clear Creek at once realized they had on their singing shoes.

East Marion didn't thirst for Clear Creek But only cheers victory brings,

And when they got a little thirsty they made a hit for Cherry Springs.

But Cherry Springs was ready to meet this well trained force,

And with their songs of gladness showed their mighty source.

Then Hawks joined in the race and would have beat them all,

But Armstrong was the stumbling block that caused their awful fall.

—By J. C. Burnett.

Germany Weakening.

Shaken but still powerful, is the estimate of Germany's defensive strength on the western front given in this week's official communication issued by the War Department in Washington.

The superiority of the British over their enemies, the communication says, has conclusively been proved by last week's fighting, while it has demonstrated that the fighting stamina of the Germans is deteriorating.

Nine persons were killed and 42 injured in the London air raid of Sunday night. Two German machines were destroyed. This was the fifth raid within a week.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

N. H. Forester of North Wilkesboro harvested 28 bushels of potatoes from one-sixteenth of an acre.

Catawba's sweet potato crop is estimated at 60,000 bushels, a 25 per cent. increase over last year.

The date of the State meeting of the Farmer's Union at Winston-Salem has been changed to November 7-8.

The Observer says it is estimated that 60,000 cords of wood will be necessary to heat Camp Greene, Charlotte, the coming winter, one stove being furnished for each 6,000 tents.

Judge Webb, who was to have delivered his decision in Charlotte yesterday in the case of Dooling and others for contempt, in the Means case, withholds decision until the 8th.

Court Adjourns—\$9,000 Verdict in Wilkerson Case.

Court adjourned for the term last Saturday afternoon. The jury in the case of J. F. Wilkerson against the Southern Railway, in which the former was suing for \$50,000 damages for personal injuries alleged to have been sustained through the negligence of the defendant, returned a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for \$9,000.

Robert Winters was given a judgment of \$500 against the Consolidating Engineering company.

Other cases were disposed of as follows:

Hannah Jimerson against Western Union Telegraph company, non-suit against plaintiff.

Albert Weaver vs G. S. Kirby, guardian; judgment against plaintiff for cost.

W. H. McMahan vs Southern Railway, judgment for plaintiff for \$28.90.

Jno. P. Gibson vs Southern Railway company et al, judgment for plaintiff for \$200.

Caleb Hoyle vs B. T. Daves, Admr., judgment for plaintiff for \$300.

Marion Cash Feed company vs Southern Railway, non-suit.

Bank of Old Fort vs Statesville Lumber company et al, judgment for plaintiff for \$500.

A. Blanton Grocery company vs Carolina Spar & Mica company, judgment for plaintiff for \$225.48.

The case of G. C. Odom vs Consolidated Engineering Company et al, resulted in a mistrial.

Commissioners Hold Regular Meeting.

Meeting in regular monthly session at the court house Monday, the county commissioners transacted considerable routine business, made settlement with Sheriff Laughridge and turned over the 1917 tax books to him for collection, and upon petition of citizens ordered an election in Broad River township on issuing \$5,000 township bonds for the construction of a highway to connect with the Asheville-Charlotte highway and Central highway. The date of the election has not been fixed but will be announced soon.

The contract for management of the county home was let to R. E. Bowman for a period of one year.