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ALLIED LINES IMPROVED

Americans and French Capture Important Ground from Germans Near Chateau Thierry.

Hurling themselves at the tip of the salient driven into the allied line by the Germans late in May, the Americans and French have won important ground near Chateau Thierry. The attack was local in character, but its success may prove important in the future operations in that part of the battle front nearest Paris.

The assault was aimed at the hamlet of Vaux, which is situated on the south side of the Chateau Thierry-Paris road and on the northern slopes of Hill 04. Vaux is about two miles from Chateau Thierry. This was carried by the rush of the French and Americans, who also occupied two small patches of woods in the immediate vicinity.

The Germans almost immediately began counter-attacks in an attempt to regain the lost positions, but their efforts failed in every instance. In the initial attack and in their repeated assaults against the new lines held by the allies, the Germans have suffered very heavy losses, at least 500 prisoners having been taken by the French and Americans. One entire German regiment is officially reported to have been virtually annihilated in the battle.

Teachers' Institute Next Week.

The McDowell County Institute for teachers will begin on Monday, July 8th, at the Marion Graded school. Mr. D. F. Giles, former county superintendent of McDowell, and Miss Susie Fulghum will be the conductors. Mr. Giles is too well known in McDowell county to require any comment. Miss Fulghum is one of the leading teachers in the State. She has had considerable experience in teaching and supervising the primary departments in several of the leading systems of North Carolina. She has had considerable success in institute work and will doubtless live up to her reputation in the institute work for McDowell.

The law requires that all teachers teaching in the public schools attend these institutes. Every teacher expecting to teach in McDowell who has not attended a legally authorized institute within the last two years, will be expected to be on hand.

Chairman Harris is now busy checking up the reports of the canvassers on the War Savings drive and while no figures are available at present, it is estimated that little more than half of the allotment for the county has been subscribed. Buck Creek has subscribed 90 per cent of its quota and will probably be the first precinct in the county to go over the top.

The annual conference of the Methodist Protestant Church for the Marion district will convene at Forest City Thursday morning, July 11, at 9 o'clock with Rev. Parker Holmes, presiding elder, presiding. The conference will continue through Sunday. The delegates from the Marion Methodist church are Messrs. C. F. James, A. B. Gilkey, D. E. Hudgins and O. H. Bumgarner.

C. F. McKesson Dies at Morganton

Morganton, July 1.—Early this morning C. F. McKesson, well known throughout the state and one of Morganton's most prominent citizens, passed away. He had been gradually failing for over a year but a remarkably strong vitality made his family and friends hopeful up until the last week or two that he would recover. Since last Thursday he had been in a stupor, the greater part of the time unconscious. Death came easily and at no time during his illness had he appeared to suffer pain. The funeral and burial services will be held tomorrow.

His wife, who was a daughter of the late T. G. Walton, and five children survive—Dr. Louis McKesson, of Statesville, Mrs. W. A. Leslie, Mrs. W. I. Davis, Mrs. Norman Chaffee, of Morganton, and Mrs. Paul McNeel, of Richmond. All were at his bedside when the end came.

Possibly no man in Morganton was better known throughout the state than "Charlie McKesson," as he was known to his friends. He was an orator of marked ability and his services as a speaker on public occasions were frequently in demand. He had been honored with federal and state offices, the last position he held being that of Morganton postmaster. Highly educated, he had a remarkably wide command of language and his contributions to the papers of the state and to periodicals have always attracted attention.

Mr. McKesson was 68 years of age. He was a member of the Episcopal church, and of a number of the fraternal orders of the town. His death is deeply deplored and today all Morganton mourns with the bereaved family.

Summer Schools Open July 29.

The County board of Education met in regular session on Monday. A number of routine matters were passed upon by the board. Committeemen for the various districts were appointed, a list of which will be published in this paper next week. The date of opening the schools was discussed and it was decided that in those districts desiring summer school should be permitted to open on Monday, July 29th, provided conditions are favorable and that the vacation for harvest season be as short as possible.

The board will meet again next Monday, for the purpose of offering for sale the \$20,000.00 bond issue on Nebo High school district. County Supt. N. F. Stepp states that there is already a number of bids on file and he expects to be able to sell this issue at a fair premium.

Tibbitts-Grayson.

Mrs. Lillie Brooke Tibbitts announces the marriage of her daughter, Miss Florence, to Mr. George Henry Grayson on Saturday, June 29th, in Washington, D. C. Mr. Grayson is a son of Mrs. M. L. Grayson of Nealsville and a brother of A. W. Grayson of Marion. For the past twenty years he has held a responsible position in the postoffice department in Washington. He has many friends in this county who wish him a long and happy wedded life.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, July 1.—T. E. Satterwhite has been on the sick list for several days.

Key Landis left Saturday for Newport News, Va., where he expects to work for the government for a few weeks.

Clyde Satterwhite, Herbert Mangum and Keet Fortune, all of this place have arrived in France, according to notice to relatives here.

Thomas Satterwhite of Glen Alpine, visited his son, T. E. Satterwhite, during the week.

Paok Walker has bought out Herbert Daves' stock of goods and has rented his store house.

J. B. Mangum of near Bridgewater was a pleasant visitor here last Sunday.

John Landis lost a fine milk cow a few days ago, valued at \$100.

B. H. Laughridge left last week for Camp Jackson, S. C.

Most people have their wheat up and are ready to lay by their corn. Corn is looking fine.

The committee on War Savings stamps canvassed every house in this township last week and report about \$10,000.00 raised.

Court Next Week.

The Superior Court of McDowell County will convene next Monday, Judge Justice presiding. It is necessary to have jurors for the first week on account of jail and criminal cases. There will be no court the second week. Strong pressure has been brought by the farmers upon the lawyers in Marion and the lawyers have met and agreed that farming conditions are such that jurors and litigants ought not to be required to leave the farms at this critical time and have done as other lawyers have done in other counties. There will be no causes tried where a considerable number of witnesses are required to attend. A few cases, requiring few witnesses, will be tried after the criminal docket is tried the first week. The lawyers will notify their clients of these cases and, unless litigants and witnesses get notice from their attorneys, they need not attend any civil cases at this term. Jurors drawn for the second week need not come to court.

Some litigants are anxious to try their cases, but the McDowell Bar feel that even the most anxious would be willing to make this sacrifice for the good of the farming interests and the country. It is hoped by the Bar that we can have full two weeks term in October. The people will realize that the lawyers of course must make sacrifice as well as litigants, as lawyers usually get little or no compensation until cases are tried.

McDOWELL COUNTY BAR.

Food Administration Inspectors.

The system of inspection recently announced by the food administration was inaugurated July 1st. Food Administrator Page has selected eight field men who will be charged with this new and important activity of the food administration. Those selected are W. M. Nash, Hamlet; N. Lunsford, Roxboro; Carlos McLeod, Carthage; L. A. Martin, Lexington; J. L. C. Bird, Marion; E. L. Harris, Raleigh; R. C. Deal, Elizabethton, and P. E. Davenport, Plymouth.

Building and Loan Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McDowell Building and Loan Association was held at the court house Monday night. The meeting was well attended and the stockholders expressed themselves as highly pleased with the annual report of Secretary Neal. The association made a splendid showing for the year. The report showed that at the close of the year in June the number of shares in force totaled 2,539 and that \$39,400 in matured stock was paid out to shareholders during the year. Applications have already been made for 175 shares in the new series opened the first of the month and a good number will be added before this series is closed. The next series will mature in October.

Officers and directors of the association were re-elected as follows: Thomas Morris, president; R. F. Burton, vice-president; J. E. Neal, secretary and treasurer; and D. E. Hudgins, attorney; J. L. Morgan, Geo. I. White, J. Q. Gilkey, G. S. Kirby, W. M. Sweeney, Thomas Morris, R. F. Burton, D. E. Hudgins and J. E. Neal, directors.

Singing Convention.

The McDowell County Singing convention held at Cherry Springs last Saturday and Sunday was one of the greatest conventions in the history of the organization. The attendance was large, considering the condition of the weather, as the heavy rain Sunday deprived several choirs and many visitors from attending. Choirs from Old Fort, Cherry Springs, Clear Creek and East-Marion sang in the contest. The singing was thoroughly enjoyed and many present declared that the singing by these four choirs was the best they had ever heard.

Much praise is due the people of Cherry Springs for their hospitality. All choirs and visitors were well cared for and dinner was served on the ground both days.

Another convention will be held the latter part of the summer, the time and place to be announced later.

Million Mark Passed.

Washington, July 2.—American troops sent overseas, numbered 1,019,115 on July 1.

This was made known tonight by President Wilson, who gave to the public a letter from Secretary Baker discussing a record of achievements which the President said "must cause universal satisfaction," and which "will give additional zest to our national celebration of the Fourth of July."

Lieut. Cox Cited.

The name of Lieut. Geo. C. Cox of Cullowhee, N. C., (Jackson county), appears among the names of 35 officers and men who have been cited for bravery in action by the general commanding the French army, with which the American unit is serving.

As an investment, the Building & Loan Association has no equal. Your savings are tax free and net you 6 per cent on your money. Whether you wish to build or not, now is the time to begin saving shares. New series opens July 1. See J. E. Neal, Secretary. 21

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Bears are annoying the farmers in Duplin county by destroying stock and crops.

Mr. J. Worth Elliott, a well known citizen of Hickory, died Monday after a long illness.

It is estimated that 200 or more persons were rendered homeless Tuesday when fire swept four blocks of a negro settlement in Charlotte.

Rev. W. W. Way has resigned as rector of St. Luke's Episcopal church, Salisbury, to accept the rectorship (which is the presidency) of St. Mary's school at Raleigh, a position recently resigned by Dr. Lay.

Last season Buncombe county commissioners bought cans by the car load and distributed them among the people, at cost, for canning purposes. The same plan is in operation this year. A few days ago the county received a car of cans—\$4,000 for distribution.

Work or Fight Program Put into Effect Monday.

Washington, July 1.—With 4,500 local boards acting as trust officers, the government's work or fight regulations were put into effect today with the object of compelling every man in the army draft registration lists to do his part toward winning the war either by entering the army or engaging in some necessary occupation.

Since the announcement of the regulations some weeks ago, reports received at the office of Provost Marshal General Crowder show many registrants have complied with the order. The result has been a general increase in the available supply of labor for necessary industries, and a still greater increase is expected when the regulations are put into full force.

No official computation has been made as to the number of men who will be affected, but estimates by the best informed officials run from 800,000 to 1,000,000.

German Terms Announced.

Paris, July 1.—Great Britain must turn over its war fleet to Germany, retain Gibraltar to Spain and restore Egypt and the Suez canal to Turkey. Great Britain, France and the United States must pay Germany an indemnity of at least forty-five billion dollars. Belgium and French territory must be surrendered.

These are among the conditions of the German peace program, published in the Nachrichten Volkszeitung, by a member of the Prussian house of lords, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Basel, Switzerland.

The advertisement of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering appears in this issue of the Progress. Technical education has proved its worth not merely to those who possess it, but to communities and to the public good. It is that form of education which while training the mind to think teaches the hand to do. The college offers four year courses in Agriculture, Agricultural Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, and Textile Industry.