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FRENCH STILL ON MOVE

Battle on Western Front at Stage Where Strategy Becomes the Vital Factor.

The critical military position of the Germans from the region west of Cambrai southward to the St. Gobian massif and around this strong bastion eastward to the territory north and northeast of Soissons, continues to hold the eyes of the world.

For the moment the tactical maneuvers of the belligerents in Artois and Flanders as well as eastward of Soissons into Champagne, although they still are of great import, necessarily continue to take second place in interest to those sectors which are filled with momentous possibilities, where a successful move by the allies may bring a quick change in the entire German battlefront, or, on the contrary, a determined stand by enemy with the large reinforcements in man and gun power he is known to have assembled, may result, for a time at least, in a stalemate in the game which is being played by the allies to crack the already demoralized German line.

Field Marshal Haig is highly optimistic of ultimate victory for the entente. In an order of the day he declares that the dark days have passed, never to return. He says that in four weeks the British troops have made 75,000 Germans prisoner and taken 750 of their guns.

Mr. T. A. White Dead.

Mr. Thomas A. White, one of Marion's oldest and best known citizens, died last Monday morning at 6 o'clock at his home on Front street, following a brief illness. Mr. White had been in declining health for some time, but had not been confined to his home until Saturday morning, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis from which he never rallied.

The deceased was born in Carter county, Tenn., in 1838, but moved to Marion more than fifty years ago where he has since made his home. He united with the Marion Presbyterian church in 1879, was soon afterwards made a deacon in the church, and was faithful in his attendance upon the sanctuary until the end. Mr. White was regarded as a splendid type of man, he was a good citizen and neighbor, and was held in high esteem by a large number of friends and acquaintances.

The deceased was in his 80th year and is survived by his wife who before marriage was Miss Belle Dale, and two sons, W. W. White of Marion, Va., and S. H. White of Rock Hill, S. C.

The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. C. Story, assisted by Rev. G. A. Martin, and interment, made in Oak Grove cemetery.

The Grand Theatre will start a new serial today, matinee and night, which deals with the present war situation and is entitled "The Hand of Vengeance." With this serial will be shown a one-reel comedy and the Gaumont News, one of the best news weeklies of the screen, and certain to be interesting to all patrons.

Garden City and Stroudtown Schools Open.

The public school at Garden City opened on Monday, Sept. 9, with M. W. Mann as principal and Misses Dora Gibbs and Sue Conley, assistants. Several patrons were present on the opening morning and assured the teachers of their interest and co-operation in the school. The school opened with a fair enrollment and the attendance is steadily increasing.

The Garden City folks take considerable interest in their school. Some time ago they purchased a 15-acre tract of land to be used in the development of the school. They are now talking about erecting a teacherage for the use of principal and other teachers. This would be a step in the right direction and would contribute greatly toward making the school the efficient institution it should be.

The school at Stroudtown opened several days ago with Miss Maggie Byrd as principal and Miss Ethel Wilson, assistant. Miss Byrd has taught for a number of years in the county schools. She was employed in the Old Fort Graded school three years previous to accepting the work at Stroudtown. Miss Byrd is one of the best teachers in the county and the folks at Stroudtown consider themselves fortunate to secure her, and are expecting the school to make great progress under her leadership. The primary teacher, Miss Wilson, has taught a number of years very successfully and from reports from the Stroudtown school she is giving splendid satisfaction in her present position.

The attendance at the Stroudtown school is already above the average and is still going up.

Today Registration Day.

All men between the ages of 18 and 45 years, inclusive, are required to register at their respective voting precincts on Thursday, Sept. 12th. It is important that those between the ages named, who are not already registered, look after this matter.

Registrars and places of registration for Marion township are as follows:

Marion Precinct, Clinchfield Store: W. L. Morris, J. M. Edwards.

Marion Precinct, Marion Mfg Co. Store, S. L. Copeland, J. F. Parker.

Marion Precinct, Office Local Board: O. H. Bumgarner, D. E. Hudgins, C. R. McCall, W. W. Neal, E. H. Dysart.

Marion Precinct, Court House: D. T. Harris, J. E. Neal, M. F. Poteat, A. W. Grayson, N. F. Steppe.

War Savings Limit Families.

Thirteen families have recently been added to the list of North Carolina Limit Family War Savings Societies. Mrs. A. Blanton of Marion is one of the new members to enroll, she having pledged \$1,000 for herself and two sons, or a total of \$3,000.

The number of families now belonging to the limit War Savings society of North Carolina are sixty-two, representing 214 family members and a total of \$214,000 invested in War Savings certificates.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, Sept. 9.—For some two months there has been a frequent and unwelcome visitor at night to the home of several of the citizens of West Fort and the adjoining colored settlement. The visitor was a small ridge shaped animal, but killed most any dog it came in contact with, hence many dogs are missing, and one or more calves have been killed. It became such a "dog terror" as time when on that Thursday night some of the colored citizens assembled a posse and about 9 o'clock the next morning one of the party shot the animal. There was quite a diversity of opinion about the animal, but from all we can learn its appearance was somewhat like that of a poodle dog with slim long legs and long tapering ears with very long hair on the ends. Its teeth were very prominent but more curved inward than the ordinary canine's. Where it passed the day is uncertain, but it is probable that it hid in the bushes of a mountain back from town.

HANKINS

Hankins, Sept. 10.—J. C. Burnett returned home last week from a business trip to Bostic.

Mrs. J. H. Epley visited her daughter, Mrs. Henline, at Nebo last week.

Miss Gertrude Barnes was a pleasant visitor at Nebo the latter part of last week.

Thomas Hall has been on the sick list for a few days, but is improving.

Mrs. J. Y. Barnes and little daughter, Mary Willie, of Marion, spent last week with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Epley.

John Epley has returned to camps at Washington after a week's visit to homefolks here.

Miss Pearl Lewis has entered school at Nebo.

Mr and Mrs. Will Morgan were shopping in Marion one day last week.

The farmers of this community are very busy saving their fodder.

DYSARTSVILLE

Dysartsville, Sept. 9.—Mrs. Floyd Satterwhite and children of Spencer, were visitors here last week-end.

Miss Irene Dysart returned home in Hickory after spending the summer with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Taylor.

Robert Laughridge and family of Spencer visited W. A. Laughridge recently.

T. E. Satterwhite is improving slowly after a severe attack of stomach trouble. We hope he will be out again soon.

Key and Lillie Landis and Lucy Roper have gone to Nebo to enter school for the fall term.

Miss Mamie Goforth will leave next Saturday, to begin school at the Clinchfield Mills, Marion Junction.

Miss Evelyn Gettys has closed the Cowan school for fodder pulling.

Jas. C. Goforth made a trip to Woodlawn recently.

James Laughridge of Marion helped to canvass this township in the second War Savings stamp drive last week.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City, Sept. 10.—The Garden City Baptist church displays in its chancel a service flag with 18 stars.

The opening of Berea College drew quite a contingent of young men from our neighborhood, among them Cecil Woody, Clarence Glenn, Lee Quinn and Carnegie Davis.

Miss Caskie McCormick and Walter Bird, of Buck Creek and Tom's Creek, were tightly but informally married by Rev. W. F. McMahan at his residence Tuesday morning.

Miss Mary K. Greenlee left Saturday for Concord College by way of Badin.

Garden City school opened Monday with a good attendance and Rev. M. W. Mann, Miss Dora Gibbs and Miss Conley as teachers.

NEBO

Nebo, Sept. 10.—Misses Estelle Wilson and Mamie Stacy left Friday for

Rutherfordton, where they will teach in the graded school.

Miss Minnie Hudson spent today with homefolks at Connelly Springs.

Miss Lottie Wilson has closed her school at Woodlawn a few days for fodder pulling.

Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ruff and little son, Sidney Lee, left today for their home in Wacoussa, Ga.

War Savings Stamps Sales.

Marion merchants sold \$4,120.25 of War Savings and Thrift stamps during the month of August, which brings the total sales to date up to \$27,667.50, more than four times Marion's quota. The report in full follows:

Merchant	Aug. sale	Total
Streetman Drug Co.	\$62.00	\$174.50
Marion Pharmacy	28.50	147.75
W. H. McMahan	35.00	100.25
W. F. McPeeters & Co	14.00	686.25
Marion Bargain House		181.50
Marianna Hotel	28.75	123.00
J. H. L. Miller	.50	52.50
The Peerless Store		2,948.00
P. A. Reid & Co.	72.25	2,900.25
J. C. Rabb	55.50	517.25
McCall Bros.	2,592.50	8,788.00
Davis Pharmacy	51.00	962.75
W. B. Lassiter	5.75	75.75
Gaston & Tate	455.00	9,291.00
Price Hardware Co.	5.50	5.75
J. F. Wilkinson	6.25	45.00
L. D. Greene	1.50	1.75
F. A. Curtis	4.50	11.25
R. W. Tate	293.50	264.25
Red Iron Racket	1.00	8.50
B. G. Gettys		10.00
W. E. Patton & Son		10.00
M. L. Good		250.00
J. D. Blanton		200.00
W. O. Ledbetter & Bro.		2.25
	4,120.25	27,667.50

Birthday Parties.

Lila May Lonon, daughter of Mrs. D. N. Lonon, celebrated her tenth birthday Friday evening at her home on Main street. She had as her guests a large number of her young friends and they indulged in games of various kinds and enjoyed delightful refreshments, consisting of cream and cake. All had a most delightful time and Miss Lonon proved a most charming hostess to her young friends.

Little Katherine Giles, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Giles, and little Alfred Morgan entertained a number of their small friends Monday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Giles, the occasion being the celebration of their fourth birthday. The afternoon was spent in playing games and the occasion was one of great pleasure to all who were present. Delicious refreshments were served, including ice cream and cake.

The war department announces the arrival in France of Secretary Baker, accompanied by an official party, including John D. Ryan, assistant secretary in charge of aircraft, and Major General Gorgas, surgeon general of the army. Mr. Baker and his party made the trip on an army transport which carried its usual quota of soldiers to France.

The drive for the Fourth Liberty Loan will soon open. Are you preparing to buy your bond?

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The opening of the State College of Agriculture has been postponed until September 18th.

The North Wilkesboro Hustler reports that Rev. J. W. Walker, aged 63, of Dehart, and Miss Ila Brewer, aged 16, of Hayse, were married some days ago.

Additions to the tuberculosis hospital at Azalea which will cost \$380,100, have been authorized by the war department. Twelve open officers' wards, three infirmary buildings, two buildings to accommodate 50 nurses, officers' quarters and two storehouses will be built.

To regulate food prices in North Carolina to a greater uniformity a new department of the State food administration will be created to scan the reports of the fair price committee established in the larger cities. Miss Emeth Tuttle, formerly of Raleigh, will have charge of this department.

While a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Ogletree in Charlotte Sunday evening, Frank J. Michel, who had been with the Southern Power Company as superintendent of steam plants for several years, was choked to death at the table, by a piece of meat, the tragedy occurring in the dining room where the guests were assembled.

Collector Watts has recommended the appointment of Marcus O. Dickerson, of Rutherfordton, as division deputy collector to succeed Byron Conley, of Marion, recently resigned. Mr. Dickerson will be in charge of Rutherford, Polk, Henderson, McDowell, Transylvania and Madison counties. He is at the present clerk of court of Rutherford county, which position he has held for the past 20 years. He will not be a candidate for election again this fall, however, and will resign at once his position as clerk of court.

Serious financial loss is being threatened farmers in many sections in the eastern part of North Carolina because of the depredation of the fall army worm which is now marching over this section in great numbers. The attacks of this worm have been delivered with particular violence in the region around New Bern, while Kellum, Pollockville and New Port have also reported serious losses. Cotton and peanuts are being singled out for the attack, and, in some cases, the crops are threatened with complete destruction. R. W. Leiby, Assistant Entomologist of the Department of Agriculture, is now on his second trip of investigation in this section of the State where he has been called to aid farmers in combatting the pest.

GOVERNMENT ORDERS NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE.

According to a recent government order all subscription to this newspaper, not paid in advance, must be discontinued on October 1st, 1918.

The order cannot be evaded. We must obey it or the Government will put us out of business.

Not a few of our good friends and subscribers have already complied with the Government's order. It is hoped and expected the rest will do likewise in the near future.