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## AGRICULTURAL ADVISERS

### Farmers Appointed to Secure Address of All Farmer Boys in Foreign Service.

The following farmers have been appointed township agricultural advisers for McDowell county:

Marion township, W. A. Houck; Glenwood, T. W. Wilson; Nebo, J. F. Wilson; Dysartsville, W. H. Taylor; Bracketts, M. P. Flack; Montford Cove, W. P. Morris; Old Fort, H. A. Tate; Crooked Creek, J. S. Lavender; Broad River, Johnson Ledbetter; North Cove, R. T. Avery; Turkey Cove, M. L. Good.

It is desired that these farmers secure the foreign address of each farmer boy in his township who is now in the army, not in the camps, but in foreign service. We want the names of the boys who were at work on the farms when they entered the service, and will work on the farm if they are released from the army. It is not certain that all the soldiers for whom we expect to ask release will be discharged from the army, but we expect to make an effort to get the release of as many as possible in order that we may have sufficient farm labor to carry on the farming of the country. We have a great undertaking if we produce food enough for our own people and still have enough to feed the people of Europe, and prevent the spread of Bolshevism which is even now a greater menace to the world than autocracy.

This information is wanted by December 20th, and I call upon all the people of the county to lend a hand in ascertaining the following information: The name and rank of the soldier, his complete foreign address, the name of the camp where he was trained, whether he worked on the farm before going to the army, and whether he will work on the farm if he is released. The parents or guardian, wife or other relatives should at once inform the township advisers of these facts. It is not expected that the township advisers get out over the townships and find out about these men, but their relatives must furnish them the information. Please attend to this immediately.

The soldiers may not have worked on their home farms. The boy who worked as a farm laborer may be just as useful as the one who worked on his father's farm. What is wanted is the names of the farmer boys now in foreign service. All the boys in camps will soon be at home. Some of the boys in foreign service will also soon be at home, but we need and must have more farm labor, and we are going to ask for the release of farmer boys. This information must be in my hands not later than Dec. 20.

J. L. THURMAN,  
County Agent.

### 9,000,000 Pounds Candy.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Nine million pounds of candy for the army has just been ordered by the war department, and it was announced that a considerable part of it would be rushed over-seas in time to insure a plentiful supply for Christmas. Other special purchases for the expeditionary forces include 565,000 gallons of pickles.

## President Urges People to Join Red Cross Christmas Roll.

The message by President Wilson in which he urges the people to join the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call has just been received here by the local chapter, and is in full as follows:

"To the American People:

"One year ago twenty-two million Americans, by enrolling as members of the Red Cross at Christmas time sent to the men who were fighting our battles overseas a stimulating message of cheer and good will. They made it clear that our people were of their own free choice united with their government in the determination not only to wage war with the instruments of destruction, but also by every means in their power to repair the ravages of the invader and sustain and renew the spirit of the army and of the homes which they represented. The friends of the American Red Cross in Italy, Belgium and France have told, and will tell again, the story of how the Red Cross workers restored morale in the hospitals, in the camps and at the cantonments, and we ought to be very proud that we have been permitted to be of service to those whose sufferings and whose glory are the heritage of humanity.

"Now, by God's grace, the Red Cross Christmas message of 1918 is to be a message of peace as well as a message of good will. But peace does not mean that we can fold our hands. It means further sacrifice. Our membership must hold together and be increased for the great tasks to come. We must prove conclusively to an attentive world that America is permanently aroused to the needs of the new era, our old indifference gone forever.

"The exact nature of the future service of the Red Cross will depend upon the program of the associated governments, but there is immediate need today for every heartening word and for every helpful service. We must not forget that our soldiers and our sailors are still under orders and still have duties to perform of the highest consequence, and that the Red Cross Christmas membership means a great deal to them. The people of the saddened lands, moreover, returning home today where there are no homes, must have the assurance that the hearts of our people are with them in the dark and doubtful days ahead. Let us, so far as we can, help them back to faith in mercy and in future happiness.

"As president of the Red Cross, conscious in this great hour of the value of such a message from the American people, I should be glad if every American would join the Red Cross for 1919, and thus send forth to the whole human family the Christmas greetings for which it waits and for which it stands in greatest need."

### Quarterly Conference.

Rev. Parker Holmes, presiding elder of the Marion district, will preach at the Methodist church here next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and will hold the first quarterly conference for the year for this charge on Monday evening, Dec. 16. A full attendance of the stewards is requested.

### Weather Report.

Thomas McGuire, Sergeant U. S. Army, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion station for the week as follows:

Maximum	73 degrees
Minimum	29 degrees
Rain	a trace
Sunshine per cent	.85

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

#### NEALSVILLE

Nealsville, Dec. 10.—Miss Bessie Raburn, our primary teacher, has been called home on account of the illness of her mother.

Miss Ada Cannon of Forest City was a visitor here last week. Influenza has not affected our school. Every seat in the building is taken and new pupils are entering almost daily.

The school literary society gave an interesting program from Longfellow on last Friday.

Mrs. S. M. Morris received a message this week announcing the safety of her son, Fred, from whom she had not heard since September 8th.

### Prepare to Spray Now.

Raleigh, Dec. 9.—Orchard owners, both of the commercial and home varieties, should look over their spraying outfits and supply of chemicals, in order to be prepared for handling their spraying work this winter.

It has been proven, beyond all shadow of doubt, that good fruit cannot be made unless it receives the proper protection from insects and diseases by the proper use of recommended sprays. This matter has been thoroughly worked out by the Division of Entomology of the North Carolina Experiment Station, and Mr. Franklin Sherman, Chief of this Division, has prepared Extension Circular No. 66 which covers the whole question of orchard spraying thoroughly. This circular may be had on request as long as the supply lasts.

Mr. Sherman predicts that there will be considerable activity in the spraying business during the latter part of the winter, and that some orchardists will find it hard to secure materials or supplies unless their orders are put in at an early date.

### Matters of Local Interest.

The McDowell County Farmers' Union, at their regular meeting held here Saturday, elected G. W. Lytle president of the organization and C. M. Pool was re-elected secretary.

There will be a regular meeting of Mount Ida Lodge, No. 58, K. of P., Thursday night, Dec. 12, at which officers for the next term will be elected. A full attendance is desired. Refreshments will be served.

Lee Short, 16-year-old son of Rev. and Mrs. R. G. Short of this place, was seriously injured Sunday afternoon near the Cross mill when he was caught between the bumpers while riding on a freight train. His hip was mashed and his body badly bruised. No bones were broken, however, and it is thought he will recover.

Funeral services for Mrs. B. M. Halliburton, who died in Morganton last Thursday evening, were held here Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. J. C. Story and interment made in Oak Grove cemetery. Mrs. Halliburton was a daughter of G. W. Seagle of this place and is survived by her husband and one son, Seagle, who is with the American army in France.

Services at St. John's next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

## Recommends Tryon for Government Hospital.

Washington, Dec. 7.—Representative Zebulon Weaver is inviting the attention of Washington authorities to the advantages of Tryon, Polk county, as a suitable location for a hospital in caring for discharged soldiers from the army. Legislation is pending in congress looking to the establishment of hospitals for treating discharged soldiers, the war risk insurance bureau act enabling the construction of these hospitals. Already 21,000 soldiers have been discharged from the army as subjects of tuberculosis.

### Lieut. Burgin Safe and Well.

Friends here will be interested in the following from an Atlanta paper:

"Lieutenant Van Burgin, well-known Atlanta boy, who some time ago was reported in the hands of the enemy, was among the first American prisoners to be released after the armistice was signed, and is now safe and well in Paris, according to a message received Friday by his father, F. A. Burgin. Lieutenant Burgin was held a prisoner at Karisruhe, according to a message received on September 26. It was with much interest that the news was received Friday that he is now safe in Paris."

Lieutenant Burgin is a nephew of Mrs. James Morris and Charles Burgin of Marion.

### Casualties Yet to be Announced.

The war department announced Friday that 16,000 major casualties including killed in action, died of disease or other causes, severely wounded and missing, have not yet been finally reported to the next of kin. The arrears in minor casualties is much larger, it was added.

From cable reports now expected, the department hopes to clear up the arrears in major casualties within a week, except for a few names with respect to which identification has not yet been completed. The minor casualties not yet reported to the next of kin represent slight wounds involving relatively brief disablement. The total in this class also includes many duplications, the same soldier having been slightly wounded two or more times.

The official statement issued shows that of the total major casualties reported by General Pershing on November 27, 50,928 have been reported to the next of kin, with 7,550 still to be reported. Of the 14,565 missing and prisoners of war sent in by General Pershing, 14,093 have been reported to relatives, but of the 189,955 total wounded, only 69,841 have been cleared up finally.

### Dr. Dew at Baptist Church.

Rev. J. H. Dew, D. D., the preacher who held a meeting at the Baptist church a year ago, to the delight of so many people will be at the Baptist church again next Sunday, Dec. 15. He will be glad to meet his friends again. A cordial welcome to all.

### G. A. MARTIN, Pastor.

Margharita Fisher, the star who always pleases, will be at the Grand Theatre Monday in her latest picture, "Money Isn't Everything."

## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

### Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Membership in Pig Clubs in the State have increased from 768 in 1915 to 4,209 this year.

Over 700 cases of influenza developed in Winston-Salem during last week, 22 deaths resulting since December 1.

The State Baptist Convention will meet in Greensboro January 14-17. The convention was postponed from December 3-6 on account of the epidemic of influenza.

Prof. Harry Howell, for four years superintendent of the Asheville city schools, has been elected superintendent of the Raleigh schools and will begin his duties December 30.

A "McAdoo-For-President" club has been organized in Asheville. This club is believed to be the first in the United States organized to boom the ex-secretary for the Democratic nomination in 1920.

Governor Bickett has appointed J. H. Giles, of Glen Alpine, Burke county, a member of the board of directors of the State Hospital (for Morganton Hospital district), to succeed Charles P. Matheson of Taylorsville, deceased.

The State of North Carolina subscribed \$1,422,485 to the War Work Fund, and stood tenth in the list of States which oversubscribed by midnight, Wednesday, November 27. The State is, therefore, entitled to naming one of the Victory Huts. The original quota was \$1,055,000.

The College of Agriculture and Engineering will offer an unusually valuable short course to farmers of the State during the coming winter months. The course begins on January 9, lasting for three weeks, closing January 30, 1919. The lectures and practical exercises on gasoline engines in tractor work will be especially valuable at this time.

Commissioner M. L. Shipman, submitting the thirty-first biennial report of the Department of Labor and Printing to the Governor recommends for action of the 1919 General Assembly the passage of a child labor law raising the age limitation to fourteen years for day service with a system of inspection; safety requirements and sanitary laws for industrial plants; and the incorporation in contracts of the provisions of the recently overturned Federal child labor law.

Representative Zebulon Weaver is negotiating with the United States Forest Reserve looking to the establishment of a system of highways linking together the Government reservations of Western North Carolina. The contemplated network of roads would establish easy communication between the Macon County lands at the head of the Cullasaja river, the Vanderbilt boundary, the Mitchell reservations, and the lands at the head of the Big Ivy creek in Buncombe County.

The plant of the Herald and the Journal, newspapers published at Spartanburg, S. C., was burned Saturday night. The loss is estimated at \$75,000. Both papers were published in the same building.