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CORPENING-STREETMAN

Miss Katherine Streetman Becomes Bride of Captain Maxwell M. Corpening.

On Thursday afternoon, December 26, at 4 o'clock, the wedding of Miss Katherine Streetman and Captain Maxwell Michaux Corpening was solemnized at the home of the bride on Garden street, the Rev. W. L. Hutchins of the Methodist church officiating. The vows were spoken in the living room, beneath an arch gracefully decorated with Christmas greens and lighted by tall candelabra.

Prior to the ceremony Miss Margaret Sheep, of Elizabeth City, sang "Because I Love You, Dear." She was accompanied by Miss Helen Lonon.

When Miss Lonon sounded the strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, the groom, with his best man, Lieut. T. Q. Donaldson, of West Point, N. Y., entered the room from the left and the bride, with her maid of honor, Miss Julia Barton, came down the stair case, entering from the right.

The bride, a brilliant brunette type, looked unusually attractive in a coat suit of French blue broadcloth, with collar of seal, gloves and shoes of gray. She carried a bouquet of bride's roses.

Miss Burton was strikingly handsome in a Georgette crepe of white and Belgian blue, heavily beaded in white. She wore a picture hat of black and carried an arm bouquet of pink roses.

In the dining room where the buffet luncheon was served the decorations were in white and green.

Miss Streetman is the only daughter of Mr. J. W. Streetman. She is a graduate of the State Normal School and was a teacher in the Marion graded school for two terms. She has by her vivacity and charm of manner been one of the most popular young women of her set.

Captain Corpening is a native of Marion, but has for several years been out of the state. He is a graduate of West Point and holds a position in the Educational department there.

The young couple left on the afternoon train for New York. They will be at home in West Point after January 1st.

Out of town guests here for the wedding were Mrs. R. A. Cooper and Miss Ruth Gill of Statesville, Miss Margaret Sheep of Elizabeth City, Lieut. T. Q. Donaldson of West Point, N. Y., Misses Wilma and Beatrice Corpening and Mr. Macon Corpening of Woodlawn, sisters and brother of the groom.

The friends of William M. Gladden, recently reported wounded in action against the Germans in France, will be glad to learn that his mother, Mrs. E. R. Gladden, has received a letter from him stating that he was gassed and had been in the hospital, but that he had recovered and returned to his company for duty.

Edison P. Holmes, after spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Parker Holmes, left Tuesday for Toledo, Ohio, to take a position with the Henry Doherty Electric Co.

Heleon Sorrels Killed in France.

The many friends of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Sorrels of Union Mills, N. C., will regret to learn that they have received a message telling them of the death of their son, Heleon Y. Sorrels, who was killed in action, in France, October 9th, 1918.

Young Sorrels will be pleasantly remembered both in Rutherford and McDowell counties. Although he spent most of his life in the latter, he will be remembered in the former by the students of Round Hill Academy especially, where he spent some time, gaining friends among both the citizens of Union Mills and the student body. When only a small boy he made a bright profession and joined the Baptist church at Clear Creek.

Mr. Sorrels joined the navy when only seventeen years of age, where he served six very successful years, winning and holding the respect and esteem of his officers and comrades. He received while in the navy, a medal, with these words on it: "Fidelity, Zeal, Obedience." He came home from the navy in the summer of 1916, staying with his parents awhile, then going to Akron, Ohio, where he worked in a large rubber plant until he was called into camp on Jan. 29th, 1918. He remained in camp only a few months before going to France, reaching the front about the first of August, and from that time until his death, did his part to extinguish autocracy.

Although Heleon was away from home most of the time, he loved and appreciated his home and parents. He saw the necessity of a good education for he wrote his brother Paul from Akron, advising him to remain with his parents and finish his education.

He seemed to realize more and more the blessedness of prayer and the obedience to a higher power, for he wrote his mother after going to France, "It surely must mean something to have a father and mother praying for the safety of their son. Since going through what I have at the front without getting a scratch I have been thinking a whole lot about that" and again, "Mother, dear, I will close with a heart full of love for you and all at home. You are praying for me I well know, and I'm trying harder every day to make myself worthy of those prayers." X

Death of Mrs. W. O. Ledbetter.

Mrs. W. O. Ledbetter died at her home on Morgan street Thursday afternoon, December 19th, after a brief illness following an attack of influenza. Mrs. Ledbetter was 29 years old and besides her husband is survived by one son, aged seven; one brother, R. L. Kanipe, of Florida, and one sister, Mrs. J. W. Miller, of Johnson City, Tenn. Mrs. Ledbetter was a daughter of the late Thomas Kanipe of Old Fort and a niece of Mrs. J. P. Ray of this place. She had many friends who will learn of her death with sorrow.

The funeral services were conducted from the residence Friday afternoon by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, pastor of the Methodist church, of which the deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. G. A. Martin. Interment was made in Oak Grove cemetery.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

Dysartville, Dec. 30.—John Landis of Hickory, spent last week with his sister, Mrs. Jake Walker.

B. H. Laughridge of Camp Sevier spent a few days last week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Laughridge.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Hoby Ellington, Dec 16, a son.

Robert Laughridge and family of Spencer spent last week with homefolks here.

Mamie Goforth returned to her school at the Clinchfield Mills, Marion Junction, today.

Miss Alice Mangum of Shelby visited homefolks recently.

Thomas Upton has returned from Camp Sevier. Glad he looks so well.

Elijah Fortune is home from Camp Hancock.

Miss Lillie and Key Landis and Daphne Spratt returned to Nebo High school today.

J. Sam Upton of Spencer spent several days last week with homefolks here.

Letters from France.

Mr. E. A. Kirstein of Broad River township has received the following letter from his son, Emil M. Kirstein, who is with the American Army in France:

"Dear Father:
"I am well and getting along fine. Had a very nice Thanksgiving yesterday. We had a good dinner and the mess hall was nicely decorated with flowers, holly and flags. We also had nice music. I was tickled to have my first letter from home on Thanksgiving day, dated Oct. 23rd. Sure was glad to hear all was well at home, and still hope you are well and getting along nicely with everything. Take good care of my horse and farm; I want to find them in good shape when I come home.

"I am in Southern France. The grass here is nice and green, we are having frost at night, but the days are pleasant. I like France very well; it is a nice country, but of course I will be glad when the time comes to return to the United States."

Mr and Mrs. J. E. Holler have received the following letter from their son, Frank Holler, Company H, 105th Regiment Engineers, with American Expeditionary Forces in France, dated November 27:

"Dear mother and father:
"I will try to write you a few lines in answer to your kind and welcome letter I received yesterday. Was so glad to hear from you. I am well and hope you all are well. I am in American headquarters and you bet I am glad of it. We can write anything we want to and we are getting good American rations again. Had American bread the other day for the first time in six months. But we have wound up Fritz little ball of yarn and run him back across the Rhine, and we hope to come back home some time soon.

"We are now located in a little town about 25 kilometers from Lamons, coming here from a village in Northern France near Amiens. I have been in Belgium and most all over France. Haven't been to Paris yet but at one time was within twenty miles of the city. We are now about 250 miles from Paris. We were located near Roisel when we started the big drive on September 29 and broke the Hindenburg line. We drove the Hunns as far as Besingny where I had the closest call during the war. The big shells fell and burst all around us, but when all was over none of us was hurt. We were shelled several times but this was our closest call. We feel a little homesome now since we haven't heard a gun or seen an airplane in a long time. Fritz used to come over with his airplanes and drop bombs around us, and of course this was not very funny. I was sleeping in a hole just big enough for two persons when the first shell I ever heard came right over me. You know it made me feel a bit uneasy."

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Guy, December 25th, a son.

Frank B. Morphew Hurt in Motor Accident.

Frank B. Morphew, son of Dr. M. F. Morphew of this place, was knocked down and run over by an automobile in Asheville last Saturday night and painfully injured. He was brought home Monday and is reported to be getting along very well. He was badly bruised, but it is expected he will soon recover from his injuries. The Citizen of Sunday gives the following account of the accident:

"Frank B. Morphew was knocked down and run over by an automobile last night at the corner of Lexington and Patton avenues. Morphew, according to the police, had just stepped off the sidewalk at the Strand theatre when the car turned the corner at a speed, according to eye witnesses, of between twenty five and thirty miles an hour. Morphew was knocked entirely across the street and landed in the gutter next to the Bon Marche. Both the front and rear wheels of the car then passed over his body; the rear wheel passing over his stomach. He was taken to the Langren hotel where he was examined by a physician. It could not be learned after the first examination whether Morphew was injured internally or not.

"Although there were three eye witnesses who reported on the case, no one could give any definite information regarding the make of the automobile. Morphew did not see the car until it had struck him and passed over him. The car continued down Lexington avenue, the person or persons in the car seemingly, the police say, to have no concern over their reckless driving, and so far as is known, have not been seen by anyone in town. The police department took up the case immediately, and made every effort to discover the car and its driver. At a late hour last night they had no clue.

"Morphew is a young man from Marion, who was in the city on business at the time of the accident. He was not taken to the hospital. A friend from Biltmore came to take care of him, and according to reports he was resting easily late last night."

John Nichols Succeeds Hubbard as State Bank Examiner.

S. A. Hubbard has reigned as State bank examiner, and will be succeeded by John G. Nichols, assistant bank examiner, February 1. Mr. Nichols, who is a Marion man, was chosen assistant State bank examiner in 1914. Last April, he enlisted in the naval aviation service, from which he was recently released. We join his many friends in extending congratulation on his promotion.

Teeter-Atwell Announcement.

Mrs. William C. Atwell, of Marion, N. C., announces the marriage of her daughter, Gladys Grey, to Mr. Fred W. Teeter, U. S. A., Medical Corps, Charlotte, N. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Powell of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, N. C., December 22.

The bride is an attractive young woman and has a large circle of friends who wish her much happiness.

W. H. England, of Glenwood, recently killed two 15-months-old hogs that weighed 435 pounds and 552 pounds, respectively—nearly 1000 pounds of pork which would bring at the market price about \$250.00.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Announcement is made that W. T. Bost, the well known Raleigh newspaper correspondent, has joined the staff of the Raleigh Evening Times as a special writer, and associate editor with Editor O. J. Coffin. They are arranging for some special stunts in covering the Legislature, says a Raleigh news item.

Despite the fact that the epidemic of influenza made it very hard to carry on a rat-killing contest in Rutherford county, Mr. C. C. Profit, County agent, reports that the boys and girls in his county did kill a total of 4,012 food eaters during the contest which he recently conducted. Authorities of the Agricultural Extension service at Raleigh figure that a single rat will destroy \$2 worth of food in a year. According to this, Rutherford county has saved \$8,024 worth of food by the simple elimination of 4,012 rats.

The prediction is made by Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, that the final ginning reports on the 1918 cotton crop in North Carolina will put the figures for the total crop at least a million bales, the biggest crop the state ever had, with the exception of the 1911 crop when the crop rounded out a little more than a million bales. The reports already show around 800,000 bales ginned and there is lots of cotton not only not ginned, but actually in the fields un-picked.

In his summary of the progress of the publication of newspapers and periodicals in North Carolina the past year Commissioner of Labor and Printing M. L. Shipman finds that there are nine morning newspapers with 93,721 aggregate circulation in the state, together with 165 weekly and 27 semi-weekly papers having, respectively, 467,600 and 57,067 circulation per issue. There are 34 monthly publications with 237,000 circulation, seven semi-monthly with 81,000, two annuals with 99,000 and 10 quarterly with 11,900 circulation. There are 113 Democratic, 17 independent Democratic and 16 Republican and two independent Republican newspapers. There are 33 independent and 33 religious papers and the rest devoted to various special professions and interests.

Over Million Slated to Be Mustered Out.

Washington, Dec. 28.—More than 1,100,000 American soldiers at home and abroad, have been designated for demobilization since the armistice was signed. General March gave the figures today as 937,000 men in home units to be discharged, and 168,000 men and 6,800 officers assigned by General Pershing for early convoy home from France.

This includes men already discharged and those who have landed from France. To date official reports show 533,334 men and 35,409 officers actually discharged. Complete reports from the week just ended are expected to raise the total at least one hundred thousand.