

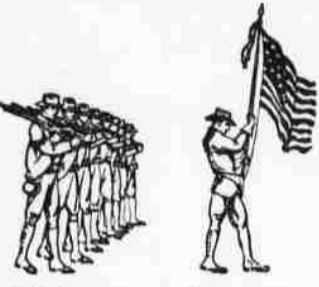
ROCKINGHAM Post-Dispatch

"ALL THE NEWS
Most of the Time;
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Richmond County Soldiers

Fred Taylor's address is Co. 7, Sec. 3, 2nd regt. Naval Training Station, Charleston, S. C.

Arthur Morgan, who last week completed the special mechanical course of two months at the State A. & E. College at Raleigh, was sent Saturday to Camp John, Jacksonville, Fla.

Elsewhere in this issue can be seen a notice to the effect that parcel post packages sent to the boys in France must not weigh over seven pounds, and must not be boxed. They can be wrapped in paper, cloth, or cardboard, but not in a wooden box.

Monroe Warburton was to report in New York July 15th for Y. M. C. A. work overseas, as a motor mechanic, but on the 13th received a wire ordering him to remain here until further advised. The delay is due to a congestion in headquarters in New York.

Ten of the technicians who have been in training at the State A. & E. College for the past two months have been recommended to take a course at the Central Officers' Training Camp to become officers. Among the ten is Leon E. Fender, of Moore county.

W. R. Bowles was in receipt of a letter July 10th from his grandson, Charlie Bowles, who is in France, in Co. L, 120th infantry; the letter was dated June 13th. Young Bowles writes that they give the soldiers plenty of tobacco, but he was hungry for a plug of good old "Apple".

Second class seaman Hal Ledbetter writes that the Wrightsville bathing girl is at least making an effort to conform to the regulations laid down by the Beach board of aldermen, and the bare legs of a week ago are now encased in dainty socks that extend almost above the ankle.

Norman D. Bridges came home from Camp Sevier last week on a furlough, and just before returning to camp Friday night he and Miss Sallie Gertrude Cude, of Guilford county, were united in marriage. Rev. M. Page, of Hamlet, officiating. Norman is 22 and was sent to Camp Jackson with the "124" May 25th, and three weeks ago transferred to Camp Sevier.

The relatives of a wounded or killed soldier are notified by wire several days before the name appears in the daily Casualty Lists. And so the Post-Dispatch would appreciate your notifying the paper as soon as any such unfortunate message is received. Let us try the wires will have occasion to convey few such messages to our Richmond county homes.

Allison Page, son of Mr. Frank Page of Aordefer, was wounded in action in France June 2nd. He is in the marine corps. Allison, who was a freshman at Trinity College, enlisted when only 19 and landed in France June 26, 1917. Just a year later, his father, Capt. Frank Page who is with a railroad unit, landed in France for service. He has a younger brother, Frank, who is at a naval training station.

In directing a letter to any soldier in France, be sure to spell out the words, "American Expeditionary Force," instead abbreviating them, "A. E. F." You know there is another country in this little old world that begins with an "A" as well as our own God-blessed land—Australia, and letters directed to "A. E. F." might find their way to a regiment of Anzacs instead of to your "Tar Heel."

Joseph H. Haywood's address is Co. 5, section 2, Naval Training Station, Charleston, S. C. He went there last week. In a letter to his parents a few days ago, he told them not to worry about him, that he was liking his new life and getting on nicely. And that's the spirit of all our boys. If the folks back home give them the proper support—leaving out pessimism and grumblings—they'll the sooner have Kaiser William hanging to a sour apple tree.

Mr. Calvin McQueen, of Pee Dee mill No. 2, is determined that his son, Alex, shall read the home news; and he has ordered the Post-Dispatch to be sent to the young man, who is in Company B, 120th infantry, American Exp. Force, France. Alex volunteered two years ago and has seen strenuous service fighting sand on the Mexican border. He landed safely in France about six weeks ago.

In a letter to his mother, dated June 25th and received June 16, he stated that he was quite well. Said he would be glad to have letters from friends back home, and hoped they would write often. His letter was "Okehed" by Walter Clark, Jr.

Lonnie J. Butler, of Hoffman, landed overseas over a month ago. A letter written to his relatives June 18th stated that he was well and enjoying his new experiences. His address is "Truck Co. 1, 1st Corps Artillery Park, A. P. O. 703, American Exp. Forces, France, via New York."

Haiti formally declared war on Germany a few days ago. And still they come. There are mighty few peoples of this earth who are not against the imperialistic aims of the Huns. And the number of neutrals is steadily diminishing. Germania delenda est. (Hope no high school Latin scholar will "call" the editor on this.)

Again we urge you to send the Post-Dispatch addresses and items of interest of your soldier, marine or navy boys. And, by the way, are you sending your boy the home paper? It would help him pass many a lonesome minute, seeing the fresh happenings of back home. Subscribe and let him not lose a single copy from now on.

Frank P. Graham, of Charlotte, who entered the marines as a private, has been promoted to 2nd lieutenant. He is at the marine training school at Quantico, Va. Frank is son of Prof. Alexander Graham, of Charlotte, and is a brother of David S. Graham, who was a few weeks ago killed in action in marine activities on the western front.

Dr. P. M. Abernethy has been a practicing veterinarian here for several months. About ten months ago while in Iowa he put in his application for the Medical Reserve Corps. Last Saturday he received notice that after July 21st he must hold himself in readiness to report for duty on twenty-four hours notice. He may be called in a few days thereafter, or it may be weeks. The veterinary branch of the army now has 1700 officers and 10,000 enlisted men.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Abbott went to Camp Meade, Maryland, last week to see Mrs. Abbott's brother, Andrew Jackson Cottingham. Cottingham's home is in Roberson county, but at the time of the registration last year he was working at Camden, New Jersey. He was drafted and sent to Camp Dix, by the Camden board six weeks ago, and ten days ago was transferred to Camp Meade. Last Thursday his division left camp for a port of embarkation, and by now they are on the high seas Franceward bound. Quick work, that—six weeks in training; but then these men will be drilled and trained for two or more months in France before being assigned to actual fighting. Let us hope young Cottingham will be as good a soldier as his namesake, "Old Hickory."

Provost Marshal General Crowder has written a letter to every exemption board suggesting that a plan for the systematic instruction of selectives prior to their call in the draft be instituted. The plan includes all such measures as are best calculated to prepare the selectives to go camp willing, loyal, intelligent, clean and sober, and thus better fit them for rapid progress in the military education after joining the army. The plan is to have a special board of instruction appointed in each county, and that the selectives be given the rudiments of drilling. This preliminary training at home would be given to all selectives who desire to take it, and would not be compulsory. It is not known as yet whether the Richmond county exemption board will appoint a board of instruction, and carry out this idea or not.

As can be seen in the Casualty List in this issue, John Franklin Blalock was killed in action in France between June 1st and 18th. He was in the 49th Company, 5th Regiment of Marines, and enlisted in March of last year. He was born near Cherah, but spent most of his life farming in Wolf Pit township. His father, Julius Blalock, lives in Hamlet.

Mrs. John Sandy Covington last Friday received a letter from young Blalock, written May 27th, from "Somewhere in France." And his letter breathes such a splendid spirit, that we are publishing it below.

"Your letter was most welcome and felt to me just like a letter from mother. No, I am very glad to say, I am still in France and not in Germany. I won't mind going to Germany a bit, but I can assure you I shall never go there as a prisoner, for if they can't kill me I think I have had enough training in that line to do it myself. Not that I mean to commit suicide but I just don't intend falling into such ruthless and barbaric hands as a prisoner.

"How I would like to be back in St. Paul! Yes, I am sure that everyone at home is interested in we boys in France. I am sure everyone is doing his or her bit to keep us here until we shall have accomplished what we came for. We soldiers know that our people are wholeheartedly behind us—in conservation and saving to the end that this war may be shortened and we returned victorious. You who are putting forth every effort in producing food, and encouraging us by word and deed, are doing just as much towards winning of the war as we soldiers and marines who are actually on the fighting line. So don't forget that while you loved ones at home are praying and working for our welfare, we will use every inch of our manhood to try to prove ourselves worthy of title of a true American. Write me soon, for your letters are a great relief in time of trouble and sorrow. I am, yours sincerely, John F. Blalock."

And so another bright life has gone into the maw made by the hateful Huns. Doesn't a letter like the above inspire YOU to fresh resolves to SAVE and WORK and still more to do your BIT in order that our boys may be unshamed when they return?

Oscar Flowers, colored, on July 13th was classified in the Emergency Fleet roll. He has gone to the government ship yards.

Grady Garrett, who has been stationed at Camp Greene for some time, in the aviation personnel, is now on the high seas bound for France.

Herbert Stansill Smith, one of the 15 sent to Camp Jackson June 25th, was on July 12th given an honorable discharge on account of physical disability.

Shem Kearney Blackley, of Hamlet, one of the 1919 registered men, was on July 16th accepted at the enrolling office of the Navy recruiting station at Wilmington.

Mrs. R. D. Phillips, of Lauringburg, received a letter from Don Phillips last week stating that he just returned from a week's stay in a hospital, recovering from a slight gas attack.

James F. Hicks spent Sunday here with his sister, Mrs. E. B. Morse. He was one of the May 25th "124," and is in Co. K, 324th infantry. If his regiment has not already left Camp Sevier for a port of embarkation, it will leave within the next day or so.

Robert Stansill and David Easterling have been transferred to the clerical department of artillery in 81st division at Camp Jackson and will be sent north to a port of embarkation within the next day or so. Henry Dockery will also be sent.

George Gladstone Phillips, a telegraph operator, who a few weeks ago applied at the enrolling station at Wilmington for admission into the Navy, a few days ago received a wire ordering him to report at Charleston Navy Yard July 22nd for duty. He will be in the radio branch. And so another Rockingham young man responds to the call of humanity to do his bit in his chosen field.

Arthur Stanback, colored, is another man who deserves credit for changing his status when he found he could conveniently do so. He lives in Cordova, and was placed in Class four by reason of a dependent wife. He and she appeared before the exemption board a few days ago, and she waived claim for dependency so that he could be placed in Class one and be called to the colors. All this was voluntarily done.

Troop train on which was William Dockery of Company L, 322nd, passed Charlotte at 7:35 Tuesday northward bound. Ollie Morgan, Co. K, 322nd, passed Rockingham on train Tuesday night for port of embarkation. It is expected that a large number of our boys at Sevier have gone north in 81st division during the past few days, and others will go tonight and tomorrow. The bulk of them are going by the Southern. One train from Sevier on which it is expected will be Richmond county boys will pass Hamlet tonight at midnight. The Rockingham Canteen ladies will serve this train with fried chicken.

Several weeks ago the exemption board at Camden, S. C., wrote the Richmond county board that they could induct two Richmond county negroes there, if the local board desired. They were Alex Huff and Will Dyes. The local board sent the proper papers to Camden board and the Camden board inducted them and started them on the train to Camp Jackson. The next heard of the two was at Hamlet, when they were arrested by Chief Brasswell. It seemed that they headed north instead of south, and didn't go near Camp Jackson. And so Chief Brasswell was sent with them by the local board to Camp Greene, and he turned over to the military authorities as deserters.

There is a man in a neighboring county who will probably go through life bewailing the injustice of the exemption board that certified him for service despite the fact that he presented a letter written by his wife to prove that he had a dependent family. Here is the letter:

"Dear United States Army: My husband ask me to write a recommend that he supports his family. He can't read so I don't tell him. Just take him. He ain't no good nohow. He ain't done nothing but play a fiddle and drink lemon extract since I married him, eight years ago, and I gotter feed seven kids of his. Maybe you can get him to tote a gun. He's good on squirts and catin'. Take him as welcome. I need the grub and his bed for the kids. Don't tell him this, but take him."

Wonder if there are any wives in Richmond county who would like to pass a husband on to the army?

Among those who were sent in the past few days to Camp Upton, preparatory to embarkation, is Zoll Oscar Ingram. Young Ingram was sent with the 15 squad to Camp Jackson June 25th. On July 11th he was transferred to Camp Sevier and two days later was on a train enroute to the port of embarkation. Quick work, that—25 days after being inducted he was on his way North. But then, as mentioned before, the men will be trained for two or more months in France before experiencing actual fighting. The 81st division was ready and he and other freshly drafted men were placed therein to bring it to full strength. An American division consists of 20,000, a British 15,000, French 15,000, German 12,000. Ingram is a son J. Addison Ingram, of Steele's township, and margin of but seven months stood between him and "out of the draft." He was 30 years old Jan. 21st, 1917.

DRAFT NEWS

15 Colored Men Sent to Camp Dix July 17. Names of 6 White Men to Go to Camp Hancock July 22nd. Other News.

Fifteen colored men were inducted into the service by the exemption board Wednesday afternoon, presented with bibles and dispatched on the 7:35 train for Camp Dix, New Jersey. They are due to reach camp at 6:35 this afternoon. They were placed in charge of Thomas Jackson, of Hamlet, who had asked that he be sent now, though he was not scheduled to go by the board. Mallow Frieson and Benjamin Reddick were selected as his assistants. The Post-Dispatch has had a picture made of the squad and this will be published next issue. The 15 who went July 17 were:

- 2037 Thomas Jackson
- 2091 Mallow Frieson
- 2091 Benjamin F. Reddick
- 1901 Walter McAskill
- 1917 John Hailey
- 2010 Silas Stewart
- 2015 Robt. Roberson
- 2035 Earnest T. Fletcher
- 2046 Frank Wall
- 2050 Will Norwood
- 2075 Joe Walter Leslie
- 2113 Clifford Moore
- 2117 George Collins
- 2120 James Reddy
- William Adams

Six white men are to go to Camp Hancock, near Augusta, Ga., on the 7:35 train next Monday, July 22nd. The following have been called to report here at 4 o'clock of the 22nd, from which number 6 will be selected:

- 199 Talmadge Morrison
- 602 Wm. Connie Mathis
- 619 James Thomas Lovin
- 675 Wm. T. Maner
- 798 Hubert Timothy Prosser
- 876 Wm. F. Holmes
- 993 Stephen J. Fesperman
- 1168 Frank Auman Garrett
- 1421 Clarence H. Hedgepeth

On July 30th 16 colored men will be sent to Camp Greene, Charlotte. The names will be given next issue.

Richmond county is entitled to send 4 colored men to the A. & T. College at Greensboro for a short technical training these to go August 15th. Colored men who wish to take this opportunity apply to the exemption board at once.

This county is entitled to send 3 white volunteers for limited military service to act as watchmen and firemen at ports of embarkation, and must report at Syracuse, N. Y., during the five-day period beginning July 29th. Volunteers will be accepted. Apply to exemption board.

A call was issued Wednesday for 46,000 white men to entrain between August 5 and 9. Of

this number North Carolina will furnish 2,500 white men, and these will be sent to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C. It is not known as yet how many Richmond county will be required to furnish.

The work of classifying the questionnaires of the 153 newly registered men is nearly finished; it will show about 125 as being placed in Class one. The board will call those placed in Class one for physical examination for next Monday and Tuesday. It is very probable that the men called for entrainment Aug. 5th to 9th, will come out of the newly registered men.

W. S. S. IN SEPT.

Total Amount Pledged by Richmond County Only 56 Per Cent. Marks Creek Township Leads With 77 Per Cent. New Drive to be Made Second Week in September.

Richmond county was asked to subscribe \$432,806 in War Savings Stamps, but to date only \$239,904 has been pledged. This is 56 per cent of the total. The chairman, Claude Gore, intends to make another Drive the second week in September, when it is hoped the full quota will be subscribed.

To date the amounts pledged by the various townships shows Marks Creek leading with 77 per cent subscribed; Rockingham with 61 per cent; Wolf Pit 52; Mineral Springs 52; Beaver Dam 46; Steele's 35; Black Jack 9.

Rockingham Township:
Quota \$138,732
Pledged 84,540
Balance \$54,192

J. F. Cummings \$9,600
W. E. Harrison \$62,300
(Mr. Harrison was chairman for the township; he had two chairmen for the city, Mrs. Boyd Gasque and Mrs. W. N. Everett, and these in turn were assisted in the canvassing by the following ladies: Mrs. Buren O'Brien, Mrs. Geo. S. Steele, Mrs. John L. Armistead, Mrs. W. N. Everett, Jr., Mrs. I. S. London, Mrs. B. F. Palmer, Mrs. John Morrison, Miss Maude Moore, Miss Bessie Terry, Miss Ruth Harrison.)

T. J. Thomas \$540
J. A. Harrington \$275
Mrs. R. T. Nichols \$2,000
N. H. McClinnis \$2,530
J. W. Culberson \$5,060
Mrs. G. G. Terry \$1,020
Mrs. W. B. Covington \$1,215

Steele's Township:
Quota \$55,396
Pledged 19,165
Balance \$36,231

R. R. Little \$11,045
Alfred Baldwin \$8,120

Wolf Pit Township:
Quota \$82,038
Pledged 42,669
Balance \$39,369

E. M. Keller \$8,000
M. D. Leath \$6,800
P. G. Webb \$4,287

Raef Dawkins \$1,820
H. T. Wallace \$7,400
W. A. Hope \$1,495
H. H. Brown \$2,510
Mrs. J. S. Covington \$10,357

Mineral Springs Township:
Quota \$31,108
Pledged 10,805
Balance \$20,303

R. V. Ussery \$6,000
O. G. Reynolds \$10,010

Beaver Dam Township:
Quota \$23,100
Pledged 10,805
Balance \$12,295

D. L. Culberson \$7,015
R. L. Hildreth \$3,790

Black Jack Township:
Quota \$17,886
Pledged 1,625
Balance \$16,261

B. F. Meachem \$1,625

Marks Creek Township:
Quota \$84,546
Pledged 65,000
Balance \$19,546

J. P. Gibbons \$65,000

Attention is called to the big two-page advertisement of Stephenson-Belk on pages 2 and 3, and to the new quarter-page advt of the Richmond County Insurance & Realty Co., on page 5; also to the land sale near Mt. Gilead, that is to be held tomorrow (Friday.)

115 Point Rise.

Cotton, spots, advanced 40 points today, closing at 34.10, which is a rise of 115 points since July 11th.

Prof. Cridlebaugh Dead.

The death of Prof. W. L. Cridlebaugh at his home at Hamlet this morning at 8 o'clock is a shock to many friends. He was paralyzed Wednesday.

Funeral services are being conducted at 5:30 this afternoon at the Hamlet Baptist church. His remains will lie in state in the high school building tonight, his Masonic brethren to keep vigil. The remains will be carried to the family burying ground in Davidson county Friday a. m.

Surviving are his wife and 3 children. Prof. Cridlebaugh was in his 46th year. He taught at Ellerbe, then Roberdel and for the past 13 years has been Superintendent of the Hamlet schools.

Drive to the Right

The city Wednesday installed 15 traffic guards at the intersections of the principal streets. Each has a red flag at the top and are strongly built on heavy iron bases. They warn the people to drive slowly, and to keep to the right. The officers are determined that the traffic laws shall be obeyed.

Jemolow "The only thing in the world that never arrives."

"Yesterday is utterly over with—Time is the only thing in this life which can be completely destroyed. Today is yours but tomorrow belongs to the man behind Never in all the million years of its history has this secretive old universe displayed such riches, so many generous opportunities as NOW—Wake your self, shake your self and DO. The most terrific Century of all is here, Share It!"

Start TO DAY to have money in the Bank We will help you in more ways than one.

The Richmond County Savings Bank
Rockingham, N. C.

The ONLY SAVINGS BANK in the county

Will pay you 4 per cent interest compounded quarterly. Capital \$15,000. Surplus \$15,000.
W. L. PARSONS, President. WILLIAM ENTWISTLE, Vice President. W. L. SCALES, Cashier
OCTAVIA S. SCALES, Asst. Cashier.

THIS BANK IS OPEN EVERY SATURDAY UNTIL FIVE O'CLOCK