



Alex Monroe has arrived safely across the water, a card to this effect reaching his sisters here last Friday.

A new subscriber to the home paper is E. E. Landon, Camp Sevier, Quartermasters Corps, Reclamation Farm.

John Q. Baldwin has been transferred from Camp Fremont, California, to Camp Taylor, Kentucky, 19th Battery, C. A. O. T. S.

Three employees of the Bank of Hamlet have been taken by the draft: J. C. McDonald last September, David Easterling May 25th, and W. K. McNeill July 30th.

Presiding Elder and Mrs. J. H. Hall received a card July 22nd stating that their son, Lieut. John Hall, had arrived safely "over there."

Joseph R. Coley's address is Co. H, 32nd infantry, 81st division, American Exp. Forces, France. He probably embarked the middle of this week.

James Paramore, colored, was Monday transferred by the Richmond county exemption board to the Beckley, Raleigh county, West Virginia, board for induction.

Vann B. Covington has been transferred to the Quartermasters Corps, Depot Unit, Camp Sevier. He is another Richmond county soldier who can't do without the Post-Dispatch.

We would be glad to hear news from any colored soldiers in the camps. Space will be gladly given them in the "Soldiers" department. The reason we say nothing about them is because we can hear nothing of or from them.

A telegram was received in Rockingham at noon today from Eunice Clark, at Weldon, directed to Mrs. J. E. McLeod, stating that "Elliott died July 19th of wounds received in action." Up to going to press at 5:30 this afternoon, the telegraph office had been unable to locate Mrs. McLeod.

George G. Phillips reported ten days ago for duty at the Radio School at the Navy Yard at Charleston. He gave up his Seaboard telegraphic duties to enter the Navy, and expects to finish the wireless course in sixty days and be placed on board a ship as a wireless operator. George says his only regret is that he didn't "sign up" months ago.

Cecil Smith's address is "Cook School, Camp Sevier, S. C." Young Smith was sent to Camp Sevier last September in the first draft squad, and remained there until two months ago when he was transferred to Camp Sevier. He is at present taking a course in a school of instruction for cooks, and after the war is over no doubt he will be in demand as a French chef.

R. H. Kendall, 5th Co. 1st Development Battalion, and James McKenzie, 4th Co. 1st Development Battalion, were two of the May 25th "124" who were left at Camp Sevier when the 81st division entrained two weeks ago. Also John Hales, Luther Yates and Arch Sneed are still at Sevier. Miss Maude Kendall and Miss Elizabeth Smith spent from Wednesday to Friday of last week at Greenville on a visit to Reuben Kendall.

Lieut. Francis Bell, of Monroe, has received an honorable discharge from the British army on account of wounds received in action that physically disqualify him from further active service. He is a son of Rev. W. H. Ball and brother of Lieut. George A. Ball who was killed in action in June. He joined the Princess Pat regiment of Canadians in 1915 and has served actively since then. He has applied for passports and expects to return and resume his duties as commandant of Horner Military School at Charlotte.

After embarkation all troops must spend an hour and a half daily on deck, each man bringing his blankets to be aired. Each soldier, unless sick, receives thirty minutes of physical exercise during this period. Spitting on deck is strictly forbidden—and "forbidden" in Uncle Sam's language means FORBIDDEN. (Quite different in our towns where signs reading "Do Not Spit On Side Walk" are laughed at.) Every soldier must take a shower bath daily. The health of the men is vital to good soldiering, and exercise, non-spitting and bathing are three prime essentials to the continuance of good health. And what is good for a soldier on deck on the Atlantic is good for private citizens back home in Richmond county.

Know anything "good" on any of our boys? If so, phone, tell or write the editor and he'll do the rest.

Arthur Capell says he believes half the French language consists of the proper use of the hands and shoulders; if the Frenchman had his hands tied his vocal organs would be paralyzed.

Lt. W. L. Goldston, of Camp Jackson, spent Wednesday of last week with friends at Entwistle, and left the 25th for Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to take a few weeks' course in the school of firing.

J. E. McLaughlin left Hamlet Tuesday night for Blue Ridge, near Asheville, to take special course prescribed for war Y M C A work. He offered his services some time ago, and a few days ago received notice of his acceptance.

The army is in need of chaplains—one man for 1200 soldiers. "The army," an official bulletin says, "is in need of chaplains. It wants a special kind of chaplain; a sturdy, upstanding brotherly man, between 21 and 45, who cares a good deal more about the welfare of soldiers than about distinctions in creeds."

John Cornelius Gibson is in Co. 4, 324th infantry, and ten days ago was transferred from Sevier to Camp Mills, N. Y., preparatory to embarkation. He writes to his cousin, Miss Lois Gibson, that he is anxious to go across, and do his bit to complete the job. The sooner, the better, says he, so he can the quicker return home.

A G. Corpening drifted into the P.-D. office yesterday and ordered the paper sent to Frank B. McLeod. McLeod joined the Marines about a year ago, and is now stationed at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, and is a Corporal. He writes back home that his one regret is that he seems to be "anchored" at the Cuban station, and has little likelihood of being sent to the Big Fight.

Figures just made public by the Marine Corps show that since our entrance into the war the corps has enlisted 13,826 recruits under 21 years of age, representing 30 per cent of the total enlistments during that period. The wisdom of admitting boys between 18 and 21 has been justified by the wonderful fighting of the Marines on the Marne line.

We are in receipt of a "soldier" item from Route 2, but as no name was signed to the letter, we of course let it go the way of all unsigned communications—to into the waste basket. In writing, be sure to sign your name—not for publication, but for the editor's information, so he may know upon whom to place the responsibility should anything contained therein be inaccurate or false.

W. L. Parsons returned Wednesday night from New York where he went to see his son, Wait, before embarkation. Wait is in Co. C, 324th regt., and in his company are eight other Richmond county boys: Ballard, Brown, Brooks, Watt Davis, Zeb Gibson, Jas. Little, Cole Nichols and Stanback. Mr. Parsons saw a number of our boys while up there among them Sip Wesley Williams, Dock Floyd and Till Sneed, who went to camp last fall and who are now going across.

Being "twins" contains dire possibilities sometimes. William Dockery is in camp at Camp Upton and his twin-brother, Henry is at Camp Mills. A few nights ago William was in the smoking room of the "Follies" in New York city, when two lieutenants of Henry's company approached him and demanded to know why he was away from camp. William replied that he had permission. The officers denied this, stating that he knew perfectly well he had orders not to leave quarantine street. And before he could satisfy them that he was not his twin-brother Henry, he had to unbutton his shirt and show them his identification tag!

Secretary of War Baker last week ruled that the "work or fight" requirement for ball players would become effective Sept. 1st. Accordingly the two major leagues will close the season about August 20th, and immediately thereafter begin the world's series.

Many folks have a misunderstanding of the ball players' status. The ball players who were placed in Class 1 have all been called to the camps, including Philadelphia's great pitcher, Alexander, and a large number of others. The other players in the draft age who were classified in 2, 3 or 4 class, on and after Sept. 1st must seek a more productive form of labor than playing ball. Which, of course, is exactly right. But the players of Class 1 are already in the camps.

The following is an extract from a letter received a few days ago by a Richmond county father from a transport Y. M. C. A. man:

"I had the good fortune to 'take over' your son. We messed at the same table and I came to know him quite well. We had a fine trip over and landed safely many thousands of our brave boys. This is written on the Atlantic and we are bringing back sad reminders of this horrible war that a damnable, barbaric enemy has forced upon us—gassed, shell-shocked and wounded. One 18-year-old Raleigh boy is on board without a right arm, but with the best of spirits!"

"The ships' medical officers have asked us to be ready to give cigarettes and candies on our next return voyage, for we will naturally have many more wounded to bring back. If you and your friends can send us any candy or cigarettes, I will see they go to the fellows. May God bless us all in our work for Him and Country and Home."

Edgar H. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Smith, of Ellerbe, Rt. 2, has arrived safely in France.

Lt. George Little, of Wadesboro, who is an aviator at Pensacola, Fla., spent Wednesday here with W. B. Cole.

The campaign for the Fourth Liberty Loan for \$6,000,000,000 will begin Sept. 2nd and continue three weeks, ending Oct. 19th.

Sam Levine, who clerked here for his brother, Max, some time ago, is now at Camp Upton, preparatory to embarkation. He was registered in New York.

Henry Marshal Baucom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Baucom, of Ellerbe, Rt. 2, has been moved from Camp Jackson to Camp Sevier. He is in Co. I, 306 Supply Train.

Sergeant Stephen W. Steele, Jr., was last week transferred from Fort Caswell to Battery E, 50th regiment, Camp Eustis, Va. This battery consists of heavy artillery—Howitzers.

How about subscribing? One casual reader kindly writes that this "Soldier" department is of itself worth many times the meagre \$1.50 subscription price. If you are not a subscriber, why not become one?

Lt. Bascom Weil, of Laurinburg, has been transferred to Jacksonville and will probably go across shortly. He has been at Camp Gordon since last December and has been promoted from the ranks to second lieutenant.

Earnest J. Alired, son of Mrs. John Alired, of Norman, is at Camp Mills, in Co. D, 318 M. G. B., awaiting embarkation. His wife is at Badin hospital, where on July 18th, an eight-pound son, E. J. Jr. was born to them.

Friends in Rockingham received Wednesday afternoon a wire from Miss Bernice Turner at Statesville stating that her brother, Lieut. Robert H. Turner, had been killed in action in France July 24th. Her friends in Rockingham, where she taught the past year, will learn with sincere regret of her brother's death.

A troop train of drafted men from Arkansas passed through Hamlet a few days ago. One of the men inquired of a Canteen server as to their destination. "We don't know, and if we did we couldn't tell you," replied the worker. "Well," moaned the homesick soldier, "all I can write my ma is I am still going East." "You should be thankful you are not going 'West,'" flashed the worker—and he hasn't yet grasped the point!

Wonder if you readers really appreciate the pictures of the drafted men that we almost every week publish now? The cost of having the pictures made into newspaper cuts is no trifling matter, and makes a sizeable hole. But the editor will feel amply repaid for the extra cost if our readers appreciate them. A cut of six soldiers is on page 3, this issue.

Lt. Nathan LeGrand spent Sunday and Monday with his sister in Hamlet. He has been at Camp Gordon since last December, but the last of this week will be transferred to Camp Perry, near Toledo, Ohio, for a special two months' course in small arms. Knowing Nath some femininely minded might misconstrue the meaning of "small arms." It is here used purely in the military sense.

Richmond county is one of the counties in the State that has no Home Guard. The Government issues ammunition and rifles to such organizations. For the present the maximum allowance of rifles per State does not exceed 50 per cent of the average enlisted strength enrolled in the National Guard organizations as of April 1 and June 30, 1917. Based upon this apportionment, the maximum allowance of rifles for North Carolina is 2,307, South Carolina 1,521, Virginia 2,227, Tennessee 2,108.

A letter to home folks from Dr. Neil G. Nicholson, dated June 13th, stated that he landed safely in France, though he was seasick for a day going over. He is a first lieutenant, M. R. C. and is in "American Exp. Force, France." In his letter he spoke of having visited Bordeaux, second to the largest city in France (500,000), and while there was shown in the basement of an old Catholic church the bodies of men, women and children that were exhumed over 200 years ago and were so preserved that you could move their ears, tongue and joints; one man had been buried alive. He said the streets are narrow and crowded, with old men, women and children—as indeed is the case in every part of France.

The six men sent to Camp Hancock, Georgia, Monday, July 22nd, are well and in good spirits. H. T. Prosser is in Company 6, R. R. D. The following is an extract from a letter from him to the editor:

"In the above named Company, there are 247 North Carolinians from the Counties of Anson, Clatham, Franklin, Hoke, Lee, Moore, Richmond, Robeson, Union, Wake and Vance, many of whom I know personally. Practically all of these men are farmers. They are taring splendidly, and are taking great interest in this great game. As you probably know, this is a machine Gun Training Camp where some 40,000 men from several Southern States are assembling now. A splendid camp site and very little sickness of any kind has been noted."

## 76 MEN TO CAMP

76 White and Colored Men Have Gone or Will Go to Camps Between July 30th and August 8th.

Last Tuesday, July 30th, 9 colored men were sent from Richmond county to Camp Greene, Charlotte. Hampton Miller was placed in charge. A picture of these will appear next issue. The nine to go were:

- 1436 Hampton Miller
- 1002 Thomas Belton
- 533 Solomon Webster
- 2169 Wash Hunter
- 2156 Pearl Ingram
- 399 James Lindsay
- 370 Edward Johnson
- 1124 Oscar Carter
- 737 Alex Mobley

Also, on July 30th three white men, limited service, were sent to Syracuse, New York, for guard duty, possible office work, etc. The three were:

- 51 Wm. K. McNeill
- 309 Wm. F. Baldwin
- 631 Pet Yates

This morning, August 1st, 23 colored men were sent to Camp Greene. A picture for next issue was taken of them. By the way, anyone wishing enlarged pictures of these groups can buy them at Morgan's Studio. Willie Steele was placed in charge of the men. The 23 to go were:

- 2260 Walter Ewing
- 1942 Henry Richard McRae
- 1193 Henry Leach
- 765 Jollie Collins
- 280 Preston Chambers
- 2313 Henry Drake
- 745 Ora Bailey McKinley
- 1150 Maxie L. Jno. Watkins
- 1482 Arthur DeBerry
- 1490 Willie Steele
- 1531 Wm. Ollie Steele
- 1583 Derious Covington
- 1609 Wiley Goole
- 1628 Perry Spencer
- 1630 Haywood James
- 1684 John LeGrand
- 1752 Simon McSweeney
- 1762 William J. McKay
- 1843 Hadley Goole
- 1948 Tom Allen
- 2003 William Ewing
- 2032 Isaach Ledbetter
- 2101 Callie R. Covington

The board has prepared the following names of white men to report here Tuesday, August 6th, at 4 o'clock, from which number 10 will be selected to go on the 8:37 night train to Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C.

- 342 John Wesley Stutts
- 777 Pearl Watkins
- 877 Sam T. Haywood
- 927 Jas. C. Craven
- 975 Stephen R. Thrower
- 993 Stephen J. Fesperman
- 1039 Frank McAskil
- 1066 Miles W. Graham
- 1168 Frank Auman Garrett
- 1200 China DeBerry
- 1291 Wm. Claud Robinson
- 1421 Clarence H. Hedgpath
- 1426 Henry Rainwaters

The following 38 white men ordered to report here Thursday, August 8th, at 4 o'clock, from which number 31 will be selected to go on the 8:37 train to Camp Wadsworth. The first 8 of this number are from the 1917 registration, and the remaining 30 are of the new 1918 registration:

- 1631 Neal Dockery Hicks
- 1675 Arthur Baxter Green
- 1808 Hal Watha Sneed
- 1820 Edwin J. Kelly
- 1815 Lewis T. Nance
- 2209 Jno. Robert Hines
- 2241 Colon A. McFayden
- 2301 Pjeasant Long, Jr.
- 1 Homer F. Wilson
- 8 John B. Gibson
- 22 Claude B. McFayden
- 23 Holland Jacobs
- 26 Willie C. McDonald
- 29 Joseph F. Hutchinson
- 46 Lauthie Jas. McInnis
- 50 Claud W. Ingold
- 51 Joseph B. Garner
- 55 Vander Robson
- 57 Summie Richardson
- 61 Eli English
- 62 Will Lunce
- 62 Will Lunce
- 63 Jas. R. Misenheimer
- 78 Augustus M. Rankin
- 82 Lonnie P. Billingsley
- 89 T. B. Morgan
- 93 Willie, H. Napier
- 111 Jason Webster Dunn
- 112 Pearie Cox
- 113 Jas. Fletcher
- 118 Wm. B. Phillips
- 119 Claude Garrett Pankey
- 127 Wm. John Langley
- 129 Bill Jones
- 136 Lester C. Lovin
- 141 Julian Maner
- 145 Barney Sylvan Carriker
- 151 Jas. F. Covington
- 153 Dorsey Smith

An August 15th 4 colored men will be sent to the State A. & M. at Greensboro; their names will be printed next issue.

## Water System On Blink.

The people of Rockingham and Hamlet were considerably vexed and inconvenienced by the lack of water Tuesday and Wednesday. The two towns are supplied by the Hamlet Water Company, and Monday the motor bearings burnt out. The company had to resort to a smaller pump which was barely able to supply the railroad engines with water, leaving the towns waterless.

However, the damage has been repaired, and the water today (Thursday) again flows. But such a condition as existed this week should never arise again. The company should take steps to meet such an emergency, for had a fire occurred during those days the loss would have been frightful.

M. W. Leak last Thursday bought a Buick Six from agent J. T. West.

## War Saving Stamps.

The amount of War Savings Stamps sold at the Rockingham postoffice up until today amounts to \$52,360.00.

## Cotton Has Good Rise.

Cotton futures rose 75 points today and spots 60, spots closing at 29.70. The war news continues to look especially good.

## Picture of Soldiers.

On page 3 can be seen a picture of the six white drafted men sent to Camp Hancock July 22nd. Next issue will contain a picture of the colored men sent off this week.

## Soda Distribution.

On page 2 can be seen a report from Demonstrator Isbell upon the names, amount of soda asked for, amount delivered and money deposited, in the recent distribution of Government soda. Read it.

## Demonstrator Isbell Resigns.

County Demonstrator W. J. Isbell has accepted the position as agricultural teacher for the Catawba County Farm Life School, at Startown, and will go to that place Sept 1st. The school opens Oct. 1st.

Mr. Isbell became demonstrator for Richmond county last November, succeeding J. B. Hicks, who resigned to manage the Gates farm at Hoffman.

He will tender his resignation to the county commissioners at their meeting next Monday.

## Election Ticket.

The tickets for the election to be held November 5th are being prepared and sent out many weeks earlier this year than formerly, due to the fact of the absentee voters. Tickets must be sent to soldiers in France and of course that takes time.

On page 3 can be seen the official Democratic and Republican tickets for Richmond county, 5,000 of each is being printed by the job department of the Post-Dispatch this week.

## "Local Talent" Friday Night.

A "Benefit" for the Rockingham Canteen will be given at Mrs. Hal S. Ledbetter's residence Friday night at 8:30, to which the public is cordially invited. A silver offering will be taken. Stunts by a "magician," music by a "human violin," songs by quartette and other entertaining and amusing features will afford an interesting evening. Your presence is requested—and your silver offering.

**"Tomorrow"** "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. To-day 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.

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