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Richmond County Soldiers

Cecil Smith has had influenza at Camp Sevier, but is now getting well.

Suitable Sunday paraphrase: "Don't keep the home tires turning."

Robert Williams, of Hemp, Moore county, died of pneumonia at Camp Jackson two weeks ago.

Wm. Harry Entwistle has been made a corporal; he is well, according to a letter received by home folks Wednesday.

Well, well, look who's here. Our old friend Hogwallow again. Hunt for him; he's in this issue, as perky as ever, too.

Sergeant James McKenzie is in 426th Labor Battalion, Q. M. C., Camp Sevier, S. C. Of course he is a P.-D. subscriber.

Murdock McRae, a popular young man of Maxton, died at Camp Jackson Oct. 3rd of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza.

A new valued subscriber is our townsman, Sergeant Stephen W. Steele, Jr., who is in Battery E, 50th regiment, Camp Stewart, Va.

Stephen W. Steele, Jr., is now on the water en route across, having set sail from a Virginia port last Sunday. He is in Battery E, 50th regt.

And yet another soldier-subscriber is Stanley M. Cole, who is in Battery F, 7th regiment, 3rd Brigade, F. A. R. D., Camp Jackson. Cole was one of the 8 sent to camp Sept. 8th.

EXTRA!!!
On page 2 can be seen a special letter written by the German Clown Prince to his papa, the Kaiser, and purloined for the Post-Dispatch by its Hogwallow writer.

Mrs. W. T. Smith Saturday subscribed for her husband, who is a bugler in Company A, 306th Tr. Headquarters & Military Police, Amer. E. F., France. He was one of the 18 sent to Camp Jackson Nov. 21st, 1917.

Mrs. Sarah Key renews for her two boys in France, S. F. and Edwin. Both boys write home that they have been getting the paper with remarkable regularity and words can't express the pleasure and comfort it affords them.

W. K. McNeill's address is Co. 1, Recruit Camp, No. 4, Camp Green. He is doing clerical work in the office of the Sergeant Major. He says two-thirds of the boys of his company have influenza and the hospital is full.

E. C. Shankie, of Covington, Saturday subscribed for his son, Eli Hurbert Shankie, who landed across in September. He is in Headquarters Company, 604th Engineers. Eli will be 23 Jan. 23rd—two shikoo numbers together.

John Cole applied Aug. 8th for admission into an officers' training camp; last week he received notice of his acceptance, with orders to report Oct. 15th to Camp Gordon for entrance into the infantry officer's training school.

Tom Guthrie and George Entwistle expect to leave Sunday for Richmond, to report at Marine headquarters for duty. They will then be sent to Paris Island, likely. Thomas has about recovered from his wrestle with influenza.

Jimmie Horan, with Fox drug store at Hamlet, in filling out his questionnaire stated that he was born in France, lived 13 years in England and for the past several years in this country. Jimmie is a brother of Mrs. Steele Lowdermilk.

Oscar Jacobs, sent to Jackson May 25th in the "124" and later transferred to Camp Sevier, was last week assigned to "stockade guard" duty. He was operated upon for appendicitis in the early part of May, before going to camp, and his side has really never completely healed.

Major R. Emmett Lee, of Danville, died Oct. 8th at the hospital at Fort Benjamin Harrison, at Indianapolis, as the result of an accidental shot in the chest about a month ago at Camp Perry, Ohio. His wife was formerly Miss Anna Thomas, of this city.

Mrs. S. F. Gibson yesterday subscribed for her two boys in France. Starting Sisman, of Battery D, 316th Field Artillery, A. P. O. 704; and John C. Co. H, 322nd Infantry. Sisman wants to come Oct. 17, 1917, and John went in the "124" May 20th.

There are at present 1480 American prisoners of war in Germany.

Lt. Carl Smith has been ill with influenza at Camp Gordon, but is now improved.

September in France is a cold month, but the allies managed to keep warm running after the Germans.

Elsewhere in this issue can be seen the names of 194 men called for examination for Oct. 10th and 11th.

Carl Leligny, of Mt. Gilead, died at Camp Jackson last week of pneumonia-influenza, and was buried at Mt. Gilead Monday.

A fair friend (?) of Lt. Jas. A. Hardison, Jr., is having the Post-Dispatch sent him in France; he is in Co. I, 322nd Infantry A. P. O. 791.

The Kaiser's hair has grown gray since the war began. Probably in the same proportion in which his prospects have grown dark.

Word was received by Mr. and Mrs. W. Scales Saturday that their son, Lt. Walter L. Jr., had landed safely across. He is in Co. G, 55th Pioneer Infantry.

Old Bill Shakespeare, who classified the seven ages of man, would have enjoyed himself Sept. 12th. He'd have found most of them at the registration stations.

Mr. S. F. Key, of Covington, has ordered the paper sent to his nephew, Sergeant Tebie D. Sanford, who is in the Medical Department, 61st Infantry, Amer. E. F., France. Tebie volunteered about two years ago.

Jas. Leak Little, a limited service man sent to Camp Greene Aug. 30th, has been in the base hospital there for the past ten days with influenza. However, he is recovering. His brother, Bryant, Monday subscribed for the home paper for him.

Lt. Victor Pegues spent from Saturday to Tuesday morning with relatives at home, en route from Ft. Mill, Okla., to Camp Polk, Raleigh. He volunteered for tank service and is now in Raleigh for training in that new branch.

Major Don M. Scott, of Graham, has just been promoted to Lieutenant-Colonel in France. He is in the 120th, which contains most of the old Third Regiment. Don has a number of college friends in this county who remember him pleasantly as a good "scout."

Annie Wooley, of upper Richmond, colored, is determined that her boy, Dock Emerson Wooley, shall reach the home news while he is in France. He is in Co. C, 323rd Labor Battalion, Q. M. C., A. P. O. 712. He was one of the 51 sent to Camp Grant April 27th, and has been in France for several weeks now.

Mrs. Lauthie J. McInnis wants her husband to keep in touch with the home news, and so Saturday subscribed for a year for him. He was one of the 31 sent to Camp Wadsworth, Aug. 8th, and has been in France now about three weeks. He is in Headquarters Co., 56th Pioneer Infantry. He makes the 61st Post-Dispatch subscriber over yonder.

Miss Fannie Covington is having the paper sent to Moody Covington at Camp Jackson, Battery E, 14th regiment, F. A. R. D. Moody was one of the 13 sent there Sept. 15th. He finds his new life quite different from that of rolling pills at Fox's drug store; but the cheerful Moody is no kicker, and philosophically acquiesces in whatever is assigned him.

A letter received Monday by Leake S. Covington from David Easterling, Battery F, Heavy Field Artillery, American Exp. Forces, written Sept. 8th, stated that he was quite well. He says they are billeted in a small French village, and literally sleep in a barn with the cows and chickens; but all the same it is "the life."

A subscriber has asked of us the significance of the three kinds of stars:

The blue star is for military or naval service.

Silver star for wounded in action; it may be changed to gold star in case of death; disabled or invalided home, silver star.

Two sailors were arrested in Hamlet the first of August as deserters and held in the jail here for over a month before they were sent for. About three weeks ago they were carried to the Navy yard at Charleston, but one, Glenn Wilkinson, made his escape from Charleston on Thursday of last week, and on Sunday was found by Richmond county authorities two miles from Rockingham. He said he was trying to make his way to his home in New Orleans. He is now in jail here awaiting officers from the Navy Yard at Charleston.

Melvin Lowe, of Co. A, 306th Field Signal Bn. A. P. O. 791, has sent home the following letter which King George V, in April gave to each soldier passing through England:

"Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the armies of many nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom. The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you God speed on your mission. George R. I, April, 1918."

Rev. Z. V. Roberson, who is taking special training for war Y. M. C. A. work at Blue Ridge, has been sick with influenza there, but is now much better.

Pneumonia-influenza claimed another Maxton soldier Saturday, Ernest L. Austin dying at Camp Humphrey, Va. He had joined the engineer corps two months ago.

Hubert T. Prosser was last week made a Sergeant at Camp Hancock, with Mess Sergeant's duties. Of course he is a P.-D. reader. His address is 54th Co, 5th Group M. T. D. Camp Hancock, Ga.

Notice to the Public

Board of Health Suspends Schools, Churches and Public Gatherings.

The Board of Health of Richmond county believing that it is to the best interest of the people of the county, order that all schools be closed and Churches and Sunday school services be suspended and public gatherings of all kinds be stopped, until such time as the Board of Health may deem it best to rescind this order.

We also make special request that all children be kept at home closely, and all persons are warned not to congregate any more than is absolutely necessary.

All soda fountains must have sanitary paper drinking cups, and must sterilize the spoons.

This, Oct. 8th, 1918.

J. R. BENNETT,
Chm. Board of Health of
Richmond County

Clown Prince Willie Writes to His Father, the Kaiser.

"On the Run,
Somewhere in France,
Dear Papa-- I am writing on de run, as de brave soldiers under my command haf not time to stop. Oh, papa, der haf been ofed dings happened here in France of a late.

First, I started in my big offensive to crush dem fool Americans, but dey know so little about military tactics dat dey will not be crushed. I sent my men in big waves against dese money loving peoples and when they got to them they said "boo" as loud they could holler. Vell, according to vat you have always tolded me, de Americans and Indians should have turned and run like blazes. But vat do you tink! Dem fool Americans don't know nothing bout war and stead of running de odder way they cam straight toward us. Some of dem was singing some song about "over, over, der," and others were laughing like some dings was funny. And, my dey was the reckless mit de guns. And den it was my men took a notion to go towards de Rhine.

And dese Mericans use such terribul language. I hates to tell you, but one, a big fellow from Richmond county, Carolina, sais--I hates to tell you, papa--said right in my face, "TO HELL mit de Kaiser!" Did you ever hear anything so ofed? And so I stopped my ears and ran mit de other boys.

You know dem breast plates you sent us? Well, papa, could you might send us some back plates? Dese cowardly Americans keep shooting us right in de backs; and some of our boys took der breast plates of and put dem on der backs and de Americans played de Spangled Star Banners mit machine guns on dem iron plates. De rattle-tattle-rattle was some dings amazing.

Oh, papa, won't you bleeze move my army back to Belgium where ve von so much glory? My mens cam vhip all de womens and childrens der Belgians cam bring up. But dese Americans are so rough and ignorant. Ve can't make dem understand dat ve are de greatest soldiers in de world. But ve are getting de best of dese cussed Americans--we can out-run dem. Nobody can keep up wit us wen we tink of der dear old Rhine. Hoping you will send de back plates and dat de Americans will learn some sense, I am your son, Willie." (I. S. L.)

Cotton Ginned.

County Enumerator G. G. Terry states that the number of bales of cotton ginned in this county to Sept. 25th was 4437, as against 1546 to same date last year.

This is the largest amount ginned to that date in the history of the county, showing how remarkably fast cotton has opened.

Elsewhere in this issue appears the Hart-Parr tractor advt; representatives are B. D. Nelme, of Wadesboro, and B. I. Dunlap, of Ansonville.

Referee Next Tuesday

R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton, will act as referee for a number of civil cases here next Tuesday. The calendar for these cases is on page 4.

Mrs. J. T. Collier was called to Atlanta Monday night by the illness with influenza of her daughter.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Influenza is Raging Over Nation. 167,000 Cases in Army Camps. Estimated 500 Cases in Richmond County. Churches, Schools, Fair, Picture Shows, Etc., Closed by Board of Health.

Richmond county along with the rest of the State, is being hit hard by the epidemic of Spanish influenza that is spreading over the nation.

In Rockingham the number of cases so far is small, only about 40 being affected in the city, but in the mill villages and the surrounding country, the cases are very numerous. At Hannah Pickett mill there are 100 cases, Steele's Mills about 75, and many cases at the other mills. At Hamlet the number is estimated at 300, two of that town's physicians being ill with it (Drs. Kinsman and Terry.) Rockingham physicians have been assisting in Hamlet, in addition to caring for their own patients.

The disease became epidemic about Sept. 13th and since then 167,000 cases have occurred in the army camps, of which 18,000 developed pneumonia, and 5,200 deaths have occurred. The disease has been just as bad with the civilian population.

In Wilmington the number of cases is 6,000; soup kitchens have been scattered over that city to supply warm, nourishing food to the sick, and actually calls have been sent to other cities for undertakers to come and help take care of the dead. Doctors and nurses from other sections have been rushed there by the Red Cross to help.

In Roxboro on last Monday 13 deaths occurred.

At the State A. & E. College six deaths. Practically every town in the State has closed the schools, churches, picture shows etc, and the people are urged not to congregate.

The Board of Health of Richmond county met Oct. 3rd and forbade the appearance of Sparks circus, scheduled for the 5th; the Board also ordered the Fair to be postponed, the picture shows to close. Last Monday the Board met again and ordered all schools to close, the churches and Sunday schools to suspend and asked the people not to assemble in crowds.

And so the the schools of the county are now closed, and no church services will be held anywhere in the county until the order of the Board is rescinded.

The disease is purely a GERM disease. It is highly communicable. The great danger is pneumonia which often follows influenza and it proves terribly fatal. A symptom of influenza is high temperature, sore throat, aching in limbs. It is important, as soon as you experience any of these symptoms, that you GO TO BED AND STAY THERE until your temperature has been normal for at least TWO days. Therein lies the danger of pneumonia--people get up as soon as the temperature falls, and think they are well--and pneumonia results and then the chances are death.

If you cough or sneeze, do so in your handkerchief. The germs are sprayed in the air by coughing. Don't drink out of same dipper with others; don't use towels with others; keep out of crowds. And above all, if you get the disease GO TO BED and STAY THERE!

The disease originated in Spain with 30 per cent of the people

contracting it. It is also called "epizooty," from the two Greek words epi, upon, and zoon, an animal. It first prevailed among animals like a distemper, and spread among the Franco-Prussian war soldiers in 1871; in the following year it swept over the United States; doubtless our older readers remember its visitation at that time.

DRAFT NEWS

35 Negroes to go to Camp Greene Next Week. 7 Negroes and 3 Whites to Greensboro and Virginia.

14 for Examination.

The following 14 men were this afternoon called to report here next Monday, 14th, at 9 a. m. for physical examination:

Benson G. Ledbetter, Calvin Terry, James Julius Jones, Vernon Gibson, Wm. Fred Baldwin, Mack Carl Smith, Colon H. McAskill, Bertram Colyer, Jr., Lucy R. Bethune, Clarence W. Davis, Earl B. Hutchinson, Charlie Wooley, Vernon Lee Jones, Dan F. McKinnon

3 Whites to Virginia.

The following 4 white men are called to report here at 4 p. m. of Tuesday, 15th, from which 3 will be sent on the 7:44 train to Charlottesville, to University of Virginia for mechanical training:

Vander Robeson, James A. Edwards, John S. Bruton, George H. Mullen

35 Negroes to Camp Greene.

The following 38 negroes are called to report here at 4 p. m. of Wednesday, 16th, from which number 35 will be sent on the 10:07 train Thursday, 17th, to Camp Greene, Charlott:

Alexander Knox, Walter E. Greene, Norman Ledbetter, Jack Harris, Arley Mather Allen, Andrew Capel, Eugene Dowell, Walter Baldwin, Baxter Baldwin, Joe Worth Jr., Henry LeGrand, George Little, Sylvester Leak, Herbert Steed, Nemiah Allen, Arthur LeGrand, Jack Covington, William Nicholson, Price Simon, Elisha Crouch, Mack Jones, McKinley Hailey, Samuel Short, Enoch Adam, Essie Terry, Ollie Ingram, Alexander Little, Thomas Stany, Will McSweeney, Isham Nicholson, Floyd Bailey, William McKrae, Fleman Harrington, Rufus Dockery, James McNair, Jas. F. Covington, William Ellerbe, Robert LeGrand

An appeal for Green Lake church on page 3; also county health report for September on page 3.

7 Colored to Greensboro

The following 10 colored men are called to report here at 4 o'clock next Monday, 14th, out of which number 7 will be sent on the 8:19 train Tuesday morning to Greensboro for a mechanical course of instruction at the colored A. & T. College:

Wade Alsobrooks, Will Freeman Watkins, Gee Pankey, James Starnes, Henry Jones, Charlie Ward, McKinley Robinson, Manuel Wallace, Jesse Ellerbe, Troy Rivers

War Train Exhibit.

The war train sent out by the government with relics and trophies from in France, reached Rockingham Tuesday promptly on scheduled time, twelve o'clock. The train consisted of two flat cars on which were a dozen guns, and a box car in which was a large array of relics, gas masks, helmets, sniper's uniforms, mines, torpedoes, etc. The train on its arrival was shunted to a sidetrack, and the exercises were at once opened, the speaking being from one of the flat-cars. On one end of the car was a piano, a special singer from New York led the crowd in singing the "Star Spangled Banner." John Brooks Fletcher, of Illinois, spoke for five minutes, explaining the object of the train, and urging the people to invest in Liberty Bonds. Next followed Granville Jones, of Arkansas, who spoke on the same line. Both gentlemen woke the crowd of 750 to repeated bursts of applause. At the conclusion, Mr. Fletcher introduced to the audience two wounded French soldiers, and two American soldiers; of these two latter, one was minus a leg, left on the battlefield of France, and the other had been badly gassed.

Subscriptions to Liberty Bonds were then called for, and in a few minutes \$20,000 was pledged. After this the cars were opened and the public allowed to file through and inspect the various war trophies.

The train left at 2:15 for Hamlet, where after visiting Laurinburg and Maxton, it spent Tuesday night, going Wednesday to points in South Carolina.

Pee Dee Association.

The annual meeting of the Pee Dee Association was held in Hamlet, October 3rd.

The following officers were re-elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. T. B. Henry, of Wadesboro; Vice President, Mrs. W. J. Mathews, of Maxton; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Fannie Mac Long, of Rockingham; Treasurer, Mrs. H. B. Covington, of Wadesboro; Secretary of Literature, Mrs. L. C. Bennet, of Wadesboro; and Miss McMillan, of Wagram was made Recording Secretary to succeed Mrs. M. H. McLean, of Wadesboro. Mrs. Mary Barrett, of Peachland, was re-elected Personal Service Leader. Mrs. S. E. Poe, of Aberdeen, Sunbeam Leader, and Mrs. Frank Little, of Wadesboro, Y. W. A. Leader.

Those attending from Rockingham were: Mrs. J. R. Coley, Mrs. Richard Gregory, Mrs. B. F. Palmer, Mrs. S. R. McIntosh, Jr., Misses Fannie Mae Long, Allie McIntosh, Ruby McIntosh and Sara Lilly Dockery.

The next meeting will be held at Morven.

Cotton today ranged from 23 1-2 to 30c. New York spots closed at 32.40.

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