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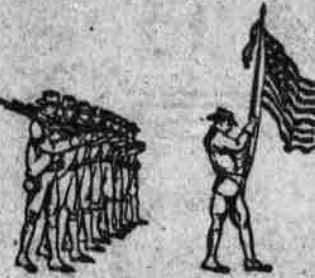
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Richmond County Soldiers

In Flanders Fields.

(Written by Lt.-Col. Dr. John McCrae, a Canadian, who was killed in second battle of Ypres and who lies buried in Flanders fields. We do not know the name of the author of "The Answer.")

In Flanders fields the poppies grow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunsets glow,
Loved and were loved; and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe!
To you, from failing hands we throw
The torch. Be yours to lift it high!
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies blow
In Flanders fields.

The Answer

In Flanders fields the cannon boom
And fitful flashes light the gloom,
While up above, like eagles fly
The fierce destroyers of the sky.
With stains the earth wherein you lie
Is redder than the poppy bloom
In Flanders fields.

Sleep on, ye brave. The shrieking shell,
The quaking trench, the startled yell
The fury of the battle hell
Shall wake you not, for all is well.
Your flaming torch aloft we bear,
With burning heart an oath we swear
To keep the faith, to fight it through,
To crush the foe, or sleep with you
In Flanders fields.

Frank S. Morse's address is "Co. L,
27th Infantry, Amer. E. F. Siberia, Care
of Depot Quartermaster, San Francisco,
Cal."

Ben Stubbs returned home last Friday
from the Electrical School at Hampton
roads; he has been in training exactly a
year, and now has his honorable dis-
charge.

Frank Luther, Rt. 4, received a wire
from Adjutant General Harris Jan. 8th
stating that his son, Carl Luther, field
artillery, was wounded severely in action
Nov. 1st.

The number of soldiers released from
the camps in the United States so far is
750,000. Of this number 7,500 have been
released from Camp Greene and 13,400
from Camp Jackson.

Mrs. H. J. Rogers heard last Friday for
the first time since the Armistice from
her son, Cpl. Thos. E. Rogers. He has
been transferred to the Intelligence Dept.
Battalion 1, A. P. O. 791.

Willie Lee Dawkins, of Supply Com-
pany, 316th F. A., in a letter to his sister
received Jan. 4th, stated that he was
well, and then encamped at St. Blin,
France. He was sent to camp Sept. 20,
1917, and left Camp Jackson July 26, 1918,
for embarkation overseas. He says he
failed to get in battle, but it was not his
fault; he was "rearing" to get a Hun.

Mrs. S. F. Gibson, Roberdel, received
letters Saturday from her two boys in
France—John C., of C. H. 324th, A. P.
791, and Starling S., Battery D, 316th
Field Artillery, A. P. O. 704; the latter
copies of the Post-Dispatch, and they
made him feel almost as if he had visited
home. John C. was in the fight Nov. 9th
but came out without a scratch.

Capt. Nathan W. LeGrand has received
his honorable discharge from Camp
Travis, Texas, and arrived at Hamlet
Tuesday. He entered the second officers'
training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe sixteen
months ago and came out with the rank
of first lieutenant, and several months
ago was promoted to a Captain. He
was in the 18th, of Cactus Division, 85th
regiment, and has gained 18 pounds
since entering the service.

William G. Head, who has been in the
United States Naval Reserves for the
past 7 months, arrived Tuesday night
from the Charleston Naval Base. He
will be here for seven days. While in
the service William has made splendid
progress. May 20th he enlisted as a
second class Hospital apprentice. He
was soon promoted to 1st class. Just be-
fore coming home this last time he was
one of the four out of a class of 95 to
pass the examination for 3rd class Phar-
macist mate. He hopes to keep up this
record.

Julian P. Maner received his honora-
ble discharge from Camp Jackson Dec.
11th.

Percy C. Coley came from Aberdeen
Proving Grounds, Md., Co. G, Barracks
313, last Sunday; he will return next
Tuesday.

The 30th division, composed of the
national guard troops of North and South
Carolina and Tennessee, has been ordered
home and will arrive in this country
within the next three weeks.

The city of Raleigh has asked the war
department to send the North Carolina
troops to that city so that a big celebra-
tion can be had in their honor, before
demobilization.

A troop train passed Rockingham last
Sunday having on board 280 wounded
men of this 30th division. They were
being carried to the army hospital at
Fort McPherson, Ga., where they will be
kept until well.

COMMISSIONERS MEET

Routine Business. Supt. For County Home.

The county commissioners held
their regular monthly meeting
last Monday; present were Chair-
man B. F. Reynolds, H. D. Hatch,
J. W. Capel, J. A. McNeill; Com-
missioner Jas. L. Baldwin was
detained.

W. T. Baldwin, the present in-
cumbent, was chosen as superin-
tendent of the County Home for
1919, at the same salary, \$400.
There was but one other appli-
cant, and he submitted no bid.
The Board set aside \$3300 as a
budget with which to run the
Home during 1919.

D. D. Grant, white, of Mineral
Springs, was released from pay-
ment of poll tax; physical dis-
ability.

B. W. Stuffs, white, was placed
on outside pauper list during
winter months at \$5 a quarter.
Also, Mrs. Bill Riley Covington
was placed on outside pauper
list at \$5 a quarter.

10 pieces of drain pipe were
ordered bought for the roads
from Carolina Metal Products
Co., of Wilmington.

Mrs. John Sandy Covington
was appointed manager of the
Tomato Club of the county for
1919 and the sum of \$450 was
appropriated from the general
county fund to supplement the
amount appropriated by the fed-
eral government for this Home
Demonstration work.

All men in military service are
exempted from paying the 1918
poll tax.

Flu Continues Unabated.

There appears to be more cases
of flu in the county at the present
time than at any time since the
epidemic began, though the cases
appear milder in form.

The conditions in Anson county
are as bad as they have ever been.
The Anson Board of Health last
Monday closed the Wadesboro
schools and put the ban on all
public gatherings.

Whiskey for "Flews."

The following letter appeared
in Sunday's News & Observer.
It was addressed to the Governor
and sent by C. T. McKay, of the
Norman section. McKay very
clearly differs with opinions of
the high medical authorities as
regards using whiskey for flu.

His letter reads:
"Mr. guvener Bickett:—send me 10
gallons whiskey for the sick flews is all
over the county, 6 and 7 dien in a family
an nobody to tend to them. I is 68 years
old, bin nussen for 25 years mor or less
in the naberhood, out all the time, I
find where they have whiskey they gets
along better.
"send the prise and I will send the
money, pore people can't get hit now,
our mane doctor is got the flews, have
to send 8 and miles, rite me right away
whether you send hit or not. I has got
over 100 cases to bathe them and to put
in raw egg in sickness, be sure and send
hit."

SUPERIOR COURT

Many Criminal Cases Tried.
Next Civil Term March
17th, Criminal Term April
7th. Court Adjourned
Wednesday Night.

The January term of criminal
court convened Monday morning
at 9:30, with Judge Thomas J.
Shaw presiding and Solicitor W.
E. Brock prosecuting.

Of the 36 men summoned as
jurors, two, R. H. Dean and C. A.
Hailey, were reported as not be-
ing found in the county. The
court excused seven others, they
rendering sufficient reason there-
for: A. M. McDonald, R. D.
Smith, J. A. Black, J. W. Currie,
Alfred Baldwin, C. M. Brady and
D. S. Stafford.

The following were then drawn
and empanelled as the Grand
Jury the Judge appointing C. H.
Teague, of Hoffman, as foreman.

E. S. Steene	B. C. Ussery
J. W. Jenkins	J. F. Crouch
B. H. Fry	W. P. Wilkes
B. F. Covington	B. H. Shankle
P. W. West	A. F. Dockery
J. J. Stegall	B. F. Steene
C. H. Teague	E. B. Liles
H. C. Parsons	D. F. Lampley
Geo. P. Entwistle	R. M. Newton

The Judge's charge was practical
and clear. A. P. Frye was offi-
cer to Grand Jury. The body at
once got to work, and with such
speed that they disposed of all
matters before them before night,
and were able to make their re-
port to the Court and be dis-
charged—all in the same day.
The Grand Jury appeared in
Court in mid-afternoon Monday
with true bills for murder against
Earl Landon and Sol Brigman.

The docket was begun upon
the retirement of the Grand Jury.
The following cases were mark-
ed "nol pros with leave": State
vs F. O. Landis; State vs John W.
Gulledge and W. P. Ledbetter;
State vs Floyd McLure; State vs
John Williams.

State vs John W. Beck; charged
with malicious injury to property;
after State's evidence was heard,
motion for non-suit was allowed
and verdict of not guilty directed
by the Court.

Cases continued: State vs Frank
Cameron; State vs W. F. Wright;
State vs Will Long; State vs A.
R. Stoney; State vs Harlee Terry;
State vs Daniel W. Nicholson;
State vs George McRae (defendant
in this case was in the court-room
but upon intimation to the Court
that the negro had the flu, the
case was quickly continued, the
Judge telling him to hit the trail
for home); State vs Nan Belle
Townsend.

State vs Albert Nixon; pleads
guilty to larceny of \$5000 in cash
from Southern Express Co. This
money was in transit from Nor-
folk to a bank at Laurinburg, but
was stolen by Nixon; he was ar-
rested, and practically all the
money recovered. Nixon de-
clined to make a statement to the
Court when asked if he had any-
thing to say, and the Judge sen-
tenced him to the pen at hard la-
bor for ten years.

State vs Carl Crouch and Fred
Morgan; plead guilty to gambling;
Crouch fined \$15 and half the
costs, and Morgan fined \$7.50 and
half the costs.

State vs Ida Chavis and Helen
McLee; two negro girls from
Hamlet; they plead guilty to an
affray; Ida fined \$10 and all the
costs; judgment suspended upon
Helen.

State vs William Douglis,
pleads guilty to retailing, fined
\$50 and costs.

State vs Henry Smith; charged
with distilling; jury finds him
guilty. Jury composed of F. B.
McLester, John McDonald, Robt.

Dobbins, J. T. Sears, John Cov-
ington, J. A. Wilson, John Hines,
B. F. Thomas, Barney Criscoe,
R. B. Hutchinson, M. M. Cope-
land, D. T. Covington. Sentenced
to the pen for 3 years. Files
notice of appeal; appeal bond
fixed at \$1200, which will hardly
be given.

Dave Reynolds appeared and
showed good behavior.

State vs Olin Rainwater; charg-
ed with distilling; jury finds him
not guilty. When he was dis-
charged from custody Tuesday
morning, the Judge had him ap-
pear before him in open Court
and soundly lectured him upon
the evils of blockading and ad-
vised him to mend his ways.
"The jury has found you not
guilty, but it looks to me like
you are," said the Judge. "How-
ever they have so decided, so
that is the end. But I want to
warn you to right-about-face;
next time you may not get off so
easily." The jury was composed
of Barney Criscoe, Joe Howell,
John McDonald, D. T. Covington,
Ben Swink, M. M. Copeland, John
Covington, J. A. Wilson, J. T.
Sears, S. B. Smith, A. D. Dumas
and R. B. Hutchinson.

State vs Marvin Grant, charged
with retailing; jury finds him
not guilty. Jury composed of
Henry McDuffie, W. A. McIntosh,
John Cockman, George Smith,
B. F. Thomas, S. B. Smith, A. D.
Dumas, F. B. McLester, Duncan
McKay, J. H. Huggins, John
Hines, J. A. Wilson.

State vs Arch White; pleads
guilty to operating auto for hire
in town of Rockingham without
license; fined \$10 and costs.

State vs Lee, Claude and Will
Diggs, and Clarence Burnett;
four white youths; they plead
guilty to stealing Ford car on
Dec. 30th. Judge sentenced Lee
Diggs and Burnett to 3 years
each in the pen. Will Diggs be-
ing only 14 years old, the Judge
suspends judgment. Motion for
judgment in Claude Diggs' case
continued for two years on con-
dition that he show good behav-
ior and pay all the costs in the
entire case.

State vs Willie Morrison; col-
ored child; pleads guilty to tem-
porary larceny of a mule. Sen-
tenced to four months in jail,
with leave to be hired out to
some responsible party.

State vs Ned Jeter; pleads guilty
to c. c. w., gambling and lar-
ceny; sentenced to four months
on roads on the larceny charge;
motion for judgment continued
for two years in other two cases,
conditioned that he show good
behavior.

State vs Walter Thomas; pleads
guilty to gambling; judgment
continued to April term; pays
costs and gives \$200 bond to
show good behavior between
now and April term. Judge
directs that he report once a
week to Chief Braswell, Hamlet,
and show him that he is regular-
ly employed and of good behav-
ior.

State vs Jim Smith; pleads
guilty to gambling; it appearing
to the court that Jim was con-
ducting a gambling house, he
was sentenced to roads for four
months.

State vs W. R. Davis; a junk
dealer at Hamlet; charged with
buying railroad brass. This
case was tried last year, result-
ing in a mistrial. After the
State's evidence was in, the de-
fendant's attorneys moved for a
non-suit, which the Judge allowed.

State vs Will Reddick; pleads
guilty to attempting distilling;
fined \$50 and costs in one case;
in other case judgment continu-
ed on condition of good behav-
ior for 2 years, and required to
give bond for such of \$300; bond

given by R. L. Nichols, Jr.

State vs Tom McEachern; con-
tinued to April term by consent.
Charged with causing death of
woman by poisoned whiskey.

State vs Sol Brigman; pleads
guilty to felonious slaying of
Tobe C. McKay. Motion for
judgment continued for three
years, defendant to appear at
each criminal term to show
good behavior and that he has
abstained from using intoxicants
in any form, and to receive such
punishment as the Court may
see fit to impose. He is required
to pay into the Clerk's office \$600
cash at once, \$600 cash Jan. 1,
1920, \$600 Jan 1, 1921, \$600 Jan.
1, 1922—all said moneys to be
held by the Clerk for benefit of
Mrs. McKay and her children.
No part of this can be paid her
except upon order of Court.
The Court further directed
that the Clerk pay to Mrs. Mc-
Kay \$30 cash, and \$30 the first of
each month until the April term.
Defendant was required to pay
costs of this action. He plead
guilty to c. c. w. in another ac-
tion, and was fined \$50 and costs.

State vs Charles Nivens;
pleads guilty to gambling, keep-
ing whiskey for sale and retail-
ing. Sent to roads for six
months for keeping for sale;
motion for judgment continued
for 2 years showing good behav-
ior, in gambling case; and judg-
ment suspended in retailing case.

State vs Peter Tulston, charged
with retailing; case continued
to April term. Cash bond reduc-
ed from \$350 to \$250.

State vs Enoch Luther; Grand
Jury failed to find a true bill on
charge of retailing.

State vs Mat Wall; jury finds
her guilty of retailing. Judge
sentenced her to jail for six
months and required her to pay
a fine of \$100 and costs. She
plied her trade at Hamlet.

State vs Dan Nicholson; prayer
for judgment continued until
April term.

State vs Earl Landon. Landon
shot and killed C. C. Ingle Dec.
27th in front of the Entwistle
store, and plead the "unwritten"
law. The committing magis-
trate had him sent to jail with-
out bond to await trial. The
court-room was filled Wednes-
day afternoon when his attor-
neys submitted to a plea of man-
slaughter. Thereupon, testi-
mony was offered for the infor-
mation of the judge. The State,
through attorney W. R. Jones, re-
tained by the brothers of Ingle,
introduced evidence as to the
killing. The defense was repre-
sented by Bynum & Thomas, H.
S. Boggan, Caudle of Wadesboro,
and D. J. Cashwell. The defense
introduced testimony relative to
a dance held at Mrs. Dawkins on
Christmas night, during which
the 16-year-old sister of Earl
Landon, Miss Sallie Landon, dis-
appeared for half an hour or so.
Mrs. Landon testified to state-
ments made her by her daughter,
and then the girl herself was
placed on the stand. She testified
that she went to the back door
of the house shortly after 8
o'clock to rinse snuff from her
mouth, when two men, Ingle and
Arch White, grabbed her and
forced her across the street into
the Entwistle store, in which
Ingle clerked. And that in the
store she was criminally assault-
ed by Arch White, aided by
Ingle. Upon the conclusion of
her testimony the defense placed
the defendant, Earl Landon, on
the stand; but before he was al-
lowed to testify, the Judge inter-
rupted proceedings to announce
to the attorneys that unless evi-
dence could be adduced by the
prosecution to controvert the

evidence of the girl, and wit-
nesses, he would not punish the
defendant. Arch White, who up
to that time had been a specta-
tor, was offered the opportunity
of making a statement should he
so desire, and this he did; he
denied most emphatically that
he had had anything to do with
the girl; that he had not carried
her into the store; that he had
not been in the store; and that
he was not connected in any way
with the matter in question. He
introduced several character wit-
nesses to show his good charac-
ter. At the conclusion of this,
the Judge directed that Landon
be allowed to give bond in the
sum of \$1000, with judgment
continued until the April term.
He directed that Arch White be
held till the April term under
bond of \$400 to answer at the
April term to what charges the
Solicitor make bring against him.
Both men gave the required
bonds.

Supt. Baldwin this (Thursday)
morning carried to the chain
gang three prisoners—Ned Jeter,
Jim Smith and Chas. Nivens.

Court adjourned Wednesday
night about seven o'clock for the
term.

The next term of civil court
begins March 17th, and criminal
term April 7th.

Sheriff McDonald will Friday
morning carry the following to
Raleigh to the pen: Clarence
Burnett and Lee Diggs, white, 3
years each; Albert Nixon, col-
ored, 10 years; Henry Smith, 3 yrs.

Grand Jury Report.

January Term, 1919.
To Judge Thos. J. Shaw:

We the Grand Jury respectfully
submit the following as our re-
port:

We have passed on all bills
brought before us and returned
true bill or not a true bill as the
evidence in each case warranted
same.

We, by committee visited all
the offices in the Court House
and found them as clean and as
well kept as the conditions of the
old Court House would permit.
We want to recommend right
here that the County Commission-
ers build a new court house, just
as soon as conditions will permit
and in our opinion conditions will
permit this to be done this fall.

We, also by committee, visited
the county home, chain gang
and jail. We find all well kept
and in first-class condition, the
inmates well fed and well cared
for, with the exception of the
chain gang, which should have a
mattress and comfort for each of
the convicts, and we ask that the
county commissioners see that
same is furnished at once, for
the convicts, in our opinion, are
not warm enough, though there
was no complaint made by any
of the convicts. We found at the
chain gang 12 good mules in good
condition. We also recommend
that the furnace at the jail be re-
paired so that more heat can be
gotten from it.

C. H. Teague,
Foreman.

We extend you
Greetings
for the New Year
and trust that

1919

will bring you happi-
ness and success.

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