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Richmond County Soldiers

The difference between the Allies and the Germans is that the Allies want a just peace, and the Germans want just peace.

Only one more big war loan drive is planned by the Treasury. This new one will be known as the Victory Drive to be floated the last three weeks in April. The loan will be for six billions.

Geo. P. Entwistle, Jr.'s is "Co. 385, Battalion R, Paris Island, S. C." He says the "leathernecks" are being put through just as strenuous training as the war was still going on.

Henry C. Jenkins has sent home a German officer's helmet. He is in the overseas forces, in the cooking department; he has formerly overseer the spinning and spooling room of Pee Dee No. 2.

Sam R. Carter spent from the 11th until Tuesday here with his sister, Mrs. D. M. Stogner. He has just been given his discharge from the service. He was in France for six months in the Naval Reserves, aviation section, in constructing radio stations. He has now returned to the Wise Granite & Construction Co., with which company he had worked for ten years.

Those business men who sometimes hesitate as between ordering 500 and 1000 sheets of stationery should bear in mind a recent order placed by the Y. M. C. A. in France. One item of the expense calls for one hundred million letterheads and one hundred million envelopes for free distribution to the American soldiers and sailors over there. Some little order, that. The job offices of Smith and of the Post-Dispatch shudder at the very thought.

E. V. Carter, of Greenville, but who was a druggist at Maxton for some time, spent Sunday night here aviating (?), en route to Greenville from being mustered out at Camp Greene. He was overseas in the 30th division, front medical detachment, and shrapnel hit him three times, the last piece being so hot that it not only seared his meat but set fire to the clothes. The piece of hot iron was bedded in his hip, and the odor of burnt flesh was ascending to high heaven before he managed to yank it out of his anatomy.

Marshall Foch, the Allied Supreme Commander, in an interview last Friday at Treves stated that had the Armistice not been signed on Nov. 11th, the Germans would have been completely whipped a few days later, and they knew it. He was preparing to launch on Nov. 14th an offensive on the Lorraine front with 20 French and six American divisions, supported by other movements in Flanders and in the center; and these 650,000 men would most certainly have caused the Germans a colossal disaster. No wonder the Huns surrendered when they did.

One of the first of the Richmond county boys who saw service in France, to return home is Leroy Zeigler, a step-son of Dave Jenkins, of Roberdel. Zeigler (who will not be 18 until March 21st) volunteered on May 7th, 1918, was sent to Ft. Thomas, and early in September his replacement regiment was sent across and he was assigned to Battery C, 52nd heavy artillery; this artillery regiment was one of the first to be sent across in 1917, and therefore was one of the first to be sent back. The men landed at Newport News, Jan. 3rd, and Zeigler was given his honorable discharge from Camp Eustis last week and came to his home on the 16th.

MARKS OF SERVICE.

As the Soldiers come back it will be of interest to distinguish the meaning of the various chevrons which they wear upon their sleeves. We subjoin a list.

A single red chevron signifies "discharged with honor."

A single blue chevron signifies less than six months' service abroad.

A single gold chevron for each word received in service is worn on the forearm of right sleeve.

A single gold chevron for each complete six month's service abroad is worn on the forearm of left sleeve.

A single white chevron for each complete six month's service in the United States is worn on the forearm of left sleeve.

There is generally a mere question of opportunity, not of willingness or ability between this service marks. Often the man who would gladly have served abroad has been retained in this country simply because he has shown superior ability and therefore was better qualified to instruct others. The man who displays any one of the chevrons above described has done his full duty by his country and is worthy of honor.

The war department stated Wednesday that the 30th division would be home before the end of February.

Walter Covington came from naval training station at Charleston Sunday for a few days' visit; he returns Friday.

Calhoun Hiram Usery, better known as "Coon," who volunteered in 1916, is in the 105th Engineers, with the Army of Occupation. He is a son of R. L. Usery, chief of police of Red Springs. Mr. Usery, (Senior), by the way, spent Monday and Tuesday in the county.

Lonnie C. Cole is expected home either tonight or Friday, to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole. He joined the army Nov. 11, 1916, and one month later was on his way to the Panama Canal Zone, where he has now been stationed for over two years.

The hospital unit to which Dr. Burney Garrett is attached has been in Germany for some weeks now, being stationed at Prum, which is about 18 miles east of the Belgium border and about 75 miles from Coblenz, the headquarters of the Third Army, on the Rhine.

Capt. Nathan W. LeGrand, who received his discharge from Camp Travis two weeks ago, has started in the furniture business at Hamlet, the firm being known as "Nathan W. LeGrand & Co.," successors to Hunter L. Land. He and W. R. Land went to High Point last night to personally select a supplementary stock; the firm has a quarter-page announcement in this issue.

R. L. McDonald received a letter Wednesday from Billy McDonald, of Headquarters Co., 56th Pioneers, dated Christmas Day. He was then at Winingen, Germany, on the Moselle river. His Christmas box had not then arrived, but he was expecting it daily. Par took of the boxes of more fortunate ones, however. Says they are billeted in the German homes, and he now sleeps on a real feather bed, the first since leaving home. He says on the long hike into Germany Neal Hicks had to drop out on account of his feet and go to a hospital.

Here is an item about a Richmond county soldier—of the Sixties.

Mr. W. R. Covington, of Roberdel, paid the Post-Dispatch office a visit Wednesday, and subscribed for the paper. He served the Confederacy for over three years, and is probably the only resident veteran in the county who was a Confederate commissioned officer. His company, the "Richmond Boys," was organized here in the fall of 1861, and for three weeks they were encamped and drilled at Ellerbe Springs. The company, under command of Capt. (later Lt.-Col.) Oliver Dockery marched from the county, 86 strong, Dec. 17, 1861.

Mr. Covington will be 78 Dec. 2nd.

Cotton Wild.

Cotton demonstrated its uncertainties again today, as indeed it has almost every day since January 1st.

The government ginning report issued this morning placed the cotton ginned to Jan. 16th at 11,051,845 bales; this was bearish, so the market made a big break from the opening. The general list declined today an average of 159 points, with spots closing at 25.60. January futures had a drop of 164 points, March 195 and May 185.

On January 2nd spots closed at 32.40; on the 9th they closed at 31.85, on the 16th at 28.85, and today 25.60. This shows a drop of 680 points in spots since January 2nd, and 325 points since Thursday of last week.

Mayor's Court.

The Mayor fined Will Spencer Saturday night for being drunk, \$5, and the costs amounted to \$3.05.

Zeb Locklear and Harrison Rainwaters were fined \$5 each and costs, \$2.50, Monday for being drunk. This drunk was from Noah's Bitters and Noah's Ginger.

Scotland Men Freed.

James Gainey, white, and Frank McCulloch, colored, of Scotland county, were given a hearing before Commissioner Guthrie Monday. They were arrested in Scotland county last fall on the public road and in their car was found a still. After hearing the matter, the Commissioner released the two men, but deputy marshal Morrison held the car for disposition by Judge Connor.

HEALTH SITUATION

22 Deaths in County the Past Week from Flu. Quarantine Still On for Four Townships.

The total death record for the county from influenza to date is 136, 22 having died during the past week. Viewing the county as a whole, the conditions appear to be better, fewer cases occurring, as compared with two weeks ago.

The situation around Hoffman is improved, the Hoffman school opening last Monday, though with a greatly decreased attendance.

The conditions in Rockingham are much improved. The Board of Health permitted the 11th grade to resume work last week, and permitted the 10th grade to start again last Monday. These are the only two grades operating. 10 pupils are in the 11th, and 17 in the 10th grades, attending. Those teaching are Prof. Bell, and Misses Finlay and Groves. All the other teachers, with this exception, and exception of Miss Wortham, have returned to their homes, until the full school is allowed to resume.

There are still a large number of cases at the two Pee Dees, but even there the conditions show an improvement. Soups and other nourishment are still being prepared at the city school building for the sick of these two villages, and the city, and elsewhere when needed.

Ellerbe also shows an improvement, and it is likely the school there will start again on Feb. 3rd.

The Little's Mill school will begin again next Monday in Steele's township.

The Board of Health will allow any community to have its school started, provided the school committeemen of that district deems it safe, after consultation with the chairman of the Health Board.

The conditions in Hamlet are better. The Hamlet authorities Monday decided to close the picture show, schools and forbid public gatherings there. The picture show was closed, however, for but one night, and, on Tuesday was allowed to reopen. The Hamlet school this week is closed, but will reopen next Monday. There have had 9 deaths from flu in Hamlet the past week, 4 whites and 5 colored.

The Board of Health still has the quarantine on the townships of Rockingham, Mineral Springs, Black Jack and Steele's. No picture show, church service or public gathering can be held in these townships until the order is rescinded.

The list of deaths over the county for the past week can be seen on page eight.

The weather so far this month has been in striking contrast to that of last January. During January of last year the mercury dropped below the freezing point on 25 days, and part of the was near zero. So far this month the mercury has touched freezing but on nine days. Touch wood.

New W. U. Operator.

E. Mack Phillips, manager of the Western Union office here for the past seven years, has resigned as such, and Wednesday began work with the Seaboard freight office here. Mr. W. H. Hobgood is acting as relief operator. Wilson Hasty is messenger boy.

Vital Statistics.

There were 67 more births in Richmond county during 1918 than deaths, according to the figures compiled by the Post-Dispatch from the Record Books of the various vital Statistics registrars. These books are now on file with the Register of Deeds.

The reports show 452 deaths to 519 births. Rockingham and Rockingham township lead the county with life over death, having 108 to die against 199 births. Marks Creek and Hamlet show 137 deaths to 136 births. The city of Rockingham over doubles the births over deaths—72 births to 33 deaths.

The records of each township are as follows:

Rockingham Township:
 Deaths: 17 wh. males, 23 females; 22 colored males, 13 females; births: 48 wh. males, 42 females; 15 colored males, 22 females. Total deaths 75, births 127.

Rockingham:
 Deaths: 9 wh. males, 8 females; 8 colored males, 8 females; births: 31 wh. males, 26 females; 9 colored males, 6 females. Total deaths 33, births 72. Total for Rockingham city and township: 108 deaths, 199 births.

Black Jack Township:
 Deaths: 3 wh. males, 1 female; 4 colored males, 6 females; births: 5 wh. males, 1 female; 9 colored males, 7 females. Total deaths 14, births 22.

Steele's Township:
 Deaths: 7 wh. males, 3 females; 5 colored males, 9 females; births: 11 wh. males, 8 females; 20 colored males, 12 females. Total deaths 24, births 51.

Mineral Springs:
 Deaths: 12 wh. males, 6 females; 7 colored males, 10 females; births: 22 wh. males, 23 females; 9 colored males, 6 females. Total deaths 36, births 60.

Beaver Dam Township:
 Deaths: 2 wh. males, 3 females; 9 colored males, 8 females; births: 11 wh. males, 7 females; 14 colored males, 7 females. Total deaths 22, births 39.

Wolf Pit Township:
 Deaths: 36 wh. males, 26 females; 17 colored males, 32 females; births: 41 wh. males, 39 females; 15 colored males, 16 females. Total deaths 111, births 112.

Marks Creek Township:
 Deaths: 37 wh. males, 22 females; 20 colored males, 27 females; births: 26 wh. males, 40 females; 13 colored males, 18 females. Total deaths 106, births 97.

Hamlet:
 Deaths: 6 wh. males, 11 females; 5 colored males, 9 females; births: 5 wh. males, 4 females; 15 colored males, 15 females. Total deaths 31, births 39. Total deaths for Hamlet and Marks Creek township 137, births 136.

Registrars:

The Vital Statistics Registrars for the county are: Rockingham and Rockingham township—Dr. A. C. Everett. Marks Creek—W. H. H. Bagwell. Hamlet—Dr. I. McPhail. Beaver Dam—G. C. Baldwin. Wolf Pit—Mrs. John Sandy Covington. Mineral Springs—O. G. Reynolds. Steele's—S. F. Key. Black Jack—B. F. Meacham.

Under \$1200 Bond.

Henry Smith, convicted in superior court two weeks ago of blockading and sentenced to the pen for three years, stayed only a couple of days in the pen. When sentenced, his attorneys gave notice of appeal, the Judge fixing appeal bond at \$1200. This was raised, and he is now at liberty pending appeal to the Supreme Court in April.

Watch Your Plowing.

On some of the roads of the county there appears to be a tendency to plow not only into the ditches but almost to the crest of the road itself. Supt. Baldwin requests the paper to ask the people to refrain from plowing into the ditches.

Hamlet Postal Receipts.

The gross receipts of the Hamlet postoffice for the year 1918 were \$16,175.36, as compared with \$12,908.64 for 1917. This is a handsome gain for 1918 of \$3,266.72.

The War-Savings Stamps sold by the Hamlet postoffice for 1918 amounted to \$50,784.65. Amount sold by the district offices through the Hamlet office was \$25,483.12.

The amount of War-Savings Stamps sold by the Rockingham postoffice was \$112,589.97. This, added to the \$76,267.77 sold through the Hamlet office, makes a total for the county of \$188,857.74.

Negro Buncoed.

A negro from near Gibson was "worked" for about \$400 here Jan. 10th by two slick negroes who from their method of "steering" were evidently professionals at the game. The negro had sold his cotton and received a check for it; but the banks being closed, he could not get it cashed just then. The two strangers "made up" with him, put up a sick tale, had him cash his check at Levin's, and took the money; they were to meet him next morning at the postoffice with the full amount, and other moneys; the victim appeared at the postoffice as per agreement, but the two strangers of course were far away, doubtless working some other gullible person in some other town. Their identity is unknown.

The picture shows, churches and schools are closed tight this week at Sanford, on account of flu. Also, the same at Fayetteville.

Convict Force.

The convict camp will probably be moved Friday or Saturday to Osborne, and the roads radiating thence will be worked. The force this week has been completing the short-cut road from the corporate limits of Hamlet to the main Hamlet-Rockingham road, which is an extension of one of the Hamlet streets.

The force now consists of 17 prisoners, all colored. The sentence of one of these, a colored man named Funderburk, sentenced from Hamlet Recorder's court for theft of \$10 from a preacher, will expire Feb. 3rd.

Supt. Baldwin now has three dogs at the camp, and these are given practice daily; it would be a difficult matter for a prisoner to throw them off the track.

Seventh Still Captured.

Sheriff McDonald, with J. B. Reynolds and C. C. Shores, Sunday captured the seventh blockade still since his induction as Sheriff Dec. 5th. The still was in a swamp between the houses of Wheeler Jacobs and Henry Hatcher, and was within 300 yards of a still captured by the officers the Sunday previous.

Marriage License.

Only one marriage license issued the past week here, that to a colored couple, Bliston Thomas and Ethel Strong the 23rd.

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10c Club Payments		
1st. week 10c	2nd. week 10c	3rd. week 10c.
Deposit 10c each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$5.00.		
25c Club Payments		
1st. week 25c	2nd. week 25c	3rd. week 25c.
Deposit 25c each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$12.50.		
50c Club Payments		
1st. week 50c	2nd. week 50c	3rd. week 50c
Deposit 50c each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$25.00.		
\$1.00 Club Payments		
1st. week \$1.00	2nd. week \$1.00	3rd. week \$1.00
Deposit \$1.00 each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$50.00.		
\$2.00 Club Payments		
1st. week \$2.00	2nd. week \$2.00	3rd. week \$2.00
Deposit \$2.00 each week for 50 weeks you'll have \$100.00.		

JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS you will receive all the Money you have saved with interest added if all payments are made regularly or in advance.

Keep up the Christmas Spirit for the sake of the little folks. Keep it alive that the world will be better and brighter for everybody.

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