

Hear Judge Stephenson at the Auditorium Monday Night

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CAMP CHATTER.

(By Dan Tompkins)

Christmas at Camp Sevier was given added cheer by the coming into Camp of a small party of very lovely and gracious ladies who elected to leave their homes and spend the day of days with the soldiers, here in the various Y. M. C. A. huts, entertaining with their smiles, their songs and the charm of their presence, as well as distributing apples and other tokens of good will and fellowship to those in quarantine and the few who are in the stockade.

The Y. M. C. A. at the Field Signal Battalion was fortunate enough to be the first to receive a visit from these ministering angels. We all gathered in the tent and the secretary introduced us first to Mrs. Alder, the good lady under whose auspices the entertainments were being given. She is the wife of a soldier and the mother of soldiers; her husband being a Major in the American expeditionary forces in France, one son an ambulance driver in Flanders, and still another son a member of the Machine-gun Battalion at Camp Sevier. She was accompanied by her daughter, Miss Alder and by Misses Simms and Smith. Miss Simms is a young lady with a wonderful voice and a gracious smile, who, I firmly believe, would be willing to sing and smile for the rest of her days if it gives pleasure to some one else, and it does.

The folks of Greenville and the Piedmont Section of South Carolina got together and decided to give the soldiers at Camp Sevier a Christmas party that would be remembered for many a day. They secured the large hall of the Southern Textile Building for the base of their operation.

They raised a sum of money running into the thousands to provide the entertainment and refreshments. They had a choir of 200 girls, three military bands volunteered their services. A bottling concern offered to give all the soda pop needed. So the Junior Woman's Service League went to work, with the cooperation of the other folks and had a Christmas tree, as was a Christmas tree and invited all soldiers of every rank and degree to come to their party and bring a bunch of friends. The festivities started at 4

o'clock in the afternoon and continued until 1 the next morning.

Your correspondent being unable to get home for Christmas, HAPPENED there at 4. As I walked in the band was striking the first note of the first tune, and a number of couples were out on the floor beginning to swing to the rhythm of a one-step. In the center of the floor was a large tree, lighted with many colored lights and at the top a large star. The floor around the tree was cleared and a negro was busy sprinkling it with corn meal. The stage, upon which was the band, was decorated with American and Regimental flags and to the delight of every tar here present, a large North Carolina flag. The galleries were suitably decorated with evergreens and patriotic decorations. Two negro boys were busy trucking in crates of Orange Whistle and other bottled goods of brands that would meet with the approval of the Military Police, a Congressman from a prohibition state, or William J. Bryan. A number of ladies were engaged in handing out bananas, oranges, apples, cake and in otherwise spreading joy. The band was playing, and soon the boys and girls were getting acquainted well enough to crowd the floor with dancers, and the biggest Christmas celebration ever held in South Carolina was under way.

Later in the evening the dancing gave way to the choir of 200 girls who favored the gay crowd with The Star-Spangled Banner, The Marseilles, Little Town of Bethlehem, Hark The Herald Angels Sing, It Came Upon a Midnight Clear, Come All Ye Faithful, Silent Night, Joy to the World, and other appropriate selections, each with a band accompaniment. Altogether it was a most enjoyable occasion.

Mr. O. B. Coward of Webster was here and spent Christmas with his son, Sergeant J. O. Coward of the Wire Co., of the Field Signal Battalion, and his other friends and neighbors who are encamped at Camp Sevier.

Master Signal Electrician C. A. Bales and Sergeant 1st class Ben W. West of the Radio Company have gone to the Signal Officers Training Camp at Leon Springs, Texas.

"Top" Sergeant John H. Morris, Sergeant Elsie Dillard, Harry Buehanah, Sergeant C. L. Rhinehart and a few others from the Signal Bat-

Weekly War News Digest

Stories of Activities and Conditions Throughout the United States and on the Battle Fronts, from Washington, D. C.

Crosses of Army Nurses Must be increased nearly 1,000 per cent in year.

According to estimates based on an Army of 1,500,000 men, 37,500 nurses will be needed. The present strength of the Army Nurse Corps of the Medical Department is about 3,800. To increase this number by nearly 1,000 per cent in a year is the task faced by the corps.

Hospitals at Army camps and cantonments still need nurses to bring the quota for each up to the minimum of 65 considered necessary, although since the urgent need for nurses was made public in December nearly 2,000 requests for application blanks have been received.

In order to get the enrollments up to the needed number some of the requirements heretofore imposed have been waived. According to estimates there are between 80,000 and 90,000 registered nurses in the country and about 200,000 other graduate and practical nurses.

Call for Bricklayers for work in France Goes to Boards

The first requisition under the new selective-service regulations is for bricklayers. In sending the call the Provost Marshal General asked for 1,000 men to fill an urgent need of the army in France.

Only white men are wanted. They report to the aviation section, Signal Corps, Kelly Field, San Antonio, Tex.

Federal loans to Farmers reach nearly \$39,000,000.

Up to December 1, \$29,824,635 had been paid out to farmers on 5 per cent long time loans, according to a report covering the operations of the 12 Federal land banks.

The total of loans approved, including those closed and those awaiting verification of title and other formalities, is \$105,136,529.

The interest rate under the farm loan system has been increased

tation had the pleasure of spending Christmas at home, but are back now hard at work on the old job, trying to learn how to lick the Kaiser.

Griffith Morgan, Bailey Hatcher and Bill Ashe are spending a few days in Sylva.

Miss Lena Ashe was here at Christmas time visiting her two brothers, Bunyan Ashe of the Engineer Train and Bill Ashe of the Radio Company. She was accompanied by a friend, another young lady who is a teacher in the Wake County schools.

Camp Sevier, December 31.

FROM CAMP SEVIER

To The Jackson County Folks:—As the old saying is: we are here because we are here. But we are not in the many camps because we are here, but for a great cause for you and me. The quiet streets in old Sylva will tell you so. When you read of our brave deeds and our driving on you can say "yes, they will soon be home." But we can't do this unless you folks back home back us up. Now is the time, not after we are dead and dying.

This is not man's war. Read the Bible and it will tell you so. We are getting on in this war. Why? Because one nation after another is finding out and getting lessons of Germanism. German influence must and will stop and we are going to stop it. If we can't, who can? We

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From 5 to 5 and 1 half per cent to all applications which have not yet been approved.

Borrowing is done through cooperative farm loan associations organized by farmers, each association being composed of 10 or more farmer-borrowers and each group borrowing at least \$20,000. Up to December 1 the farm loan board had chartered 1,830 such cooperative associations.

School children to tag coal shovels January 30

The fuel administration expects school children throughout the country to do the tagging work on "Tag Your Shovel" which has been set for January 30, planning to make it a school holiday.

In this extra effort to save coal for war purposes the Fuel Administration will try to get a tag on every shovel in the country. On the face of each tag are the words: "Save that shovel full of coal a day for Uncle Sam." On the reverse side are hints for saving coal.

Various materials used to provide equipment for fighting men

Raw materials of many kinds are needed for the equipment of United States troops. Jute, silk, and linen, all find their way into the uniform of an infantryman in addition to the wool and cotton, which are used in greater quantities.

A half ounce of silk is used in the standard yellow gloves and a slightly larger quantity in the riding gloves. Silk is also used in the service cap.

Muslin, pearl, ivory, nut, and bone form the buttons on different articles of the uniform. Aluminum is used in the bayonet scabbard, canteen, cup, knife, and meat can in the slicker are 9 and a half ounces of rubber.

Horse hide and leather, wood iron, steel, bronze, brass, zinc, copper, tin and lead are used in various articles.

can and will. We are all after the Kaiser and his rules and he is ours. Some people don't think we are at war, but sooner or later they will find it out, if they don't wake up and do their bit. Did you dream of our being in the world war? No, nor did the other fellow. We are in it. When we are sent Germany will wish there had never been any United States. We know fathers, mothers, wives and sisters are looking to us—not only to us soldiers, but to all America. We have no time to waste. God help us on to a finish and we are victorious.

JOHN RUBLE ROGERS.

LITTLE HERBERT HAMPTON INJURED.

Last Thursday afternoon while Herbert Hampton, about 6 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hampton, and James, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones, were playing a hot little game of tag in the woods near J. W. Sheppard's residence, the boy, finding that an operation was necessary, removed the eye.

Herbert is now getting along fine and seems to be suffering but little inconvenience on account of the accident.

Both families were almost prostrated with grief, but Herbert tells them that a "wooden man cannot be hurt" and is now going on with his play and studies like a veteran of many battles.—Pauls Valley, (Oklahoma) Enterprise.

JUDGE STEPHENSON TO SPEAK AT SYLVA AND CULLOWHEE

Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, Field Secretary of the War Savings Fund for North Carolina will visit Jackson county, Monday, January 14th. He will speak at Cullowhee at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon and at the Sylva auditorium Monday night at 7:30.

The War Savings campaign is now on in Jackson county. On next Monday, the 14th, Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson of Winston-Salem, who is Field Secretary for the War Savings Campaign for North Carolina, will make his first official visit to Jackson county. He is opening his campaign in this county and we should do all in our power to make it a success.

On Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock, he will speak at the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial, School and all are invited to attend. Let every man, woman and child in the community and also in the adjoining communities be present and hear his address. He is a splendid speaker and will give us all a vivid insight of the great task we are up against. It has simply come to the point in this great war in which we are engaged that we are going to have to make sacrifices, and it will soon be a question as to whether our sacrifice will be MONEY or BOYS. Hear Judge Stephenson and he will tell you how you can serve your country in winning this war without sacrificing either beyond the point absolutely necessary to sustain our National Honor.

At 7:30 o'clock that night, he will address a mass meeting at the auditorium at Sylva to which every citizen is invited. It is desired that in school children be present, as well as the members of the Red Cross and other kindred organizations. The people at home will be as much a factor in winning this war as the soldiers abroad, if each will understand his place and do his bit. Come to these addresses and learn where your place is in the ranks.

ALLOTMENTS EXPLAINED

To the Local Exemption Board,

Gentlemen:—Complaints are constantly coming to me that indicate that dependents of soldiers do not fully understand what is necessary to be done in order to secure the allowance made by the Government to such dependents.

In the case of a wife or child the law compels an allotment of a portion of the soldier's wages and this is supplemented by a schedule of allowances with which you are familiar.

With respect to dependents other than wife or child it is necessary for the soldier himself to make a voluntary allotment of his pay and then request the additional allowance made by the Government; in other words the dependents must speak through the soldier. I have no doubt that in many instances soldiers are collecting their entire wages and sending a portion of these to their dependents. This is not the way for it cuts the dependents off of receiving anything from the Government, if the soldier will go to the officer in camp and make an allotment of his wages and ask that the additional allowance provided by the Government be sent to his dependents this will be done. Please give this the widest possible publicity and call this information to the attention of all dependents of soldiers in your county.

Very truly yours,

T. W. BUCKERT, Governor.

SHALL I RAISE MORE HOGS?

Many are thinking about producing more pork, but are still undecided because of the high price of corn and fencing material.

As to the former the U. S. Food Commission has given assurance that the price of our 1918 crop of hogs shall be 13 to 1, that is 100 pounds of pork will sell for the same price as 13 bushels of corn. In other words it seems that the price of corn is to be the governing factor in regulating the price of pork.

It will soon be time to select a piece of land and prepare it for hog pasture. This land should be plowed as early in the winter or spring as possible. After thorough preparation, 5 pounds of rape, 6 pounds of clover and 1 bushel of oats should be seeded per acre very early in the spring. The hogs should be turned on the crop as soon as it is 8 to 10 inches high. A good acre of such pasture will supply 15 spring pigs for the rest of the year. About 2 pounds of grain fed per 100 pounds of live weight in addition to the pasture will keep the pigs in a thrifty growing condition.

Another piece of land should be planted in soy beans May 20-June. The soy bean thrives on quite a variety of soils even this land if planted in rows and cultivated. Digger found the soy bean gave better returns than any other forage crop for hogs. This crop will be ready for pasture about a month before it matures or when the first leaves begin to turn brown. If the hogs are allowed to run in the woods a few weeks to consume the acorns and other nuts going to waste much corn will be saved when the hogs are ready to fatten.

Economy is of prime importance in any enterprise. When we "hog off" crops the hogs do their own harvesting hence we save labor. The Min. Experimental Station found that the ratio of the cost of fencing for hogs compared to husking the corn was 1 to 2.1-2. That is the cost of husking the corn is 2.1-2 times the cost of fencing.

Some one said that every hog produced is as essential in winning the war as a shell. The world's shortage of swine is 6,000,000. A government employe recently stated that we consumed 96.4 per cent of our hogs in the U. S. during 1917.

Those interested in swine are referred to Extension Circulars 25, 42, 24 and Farmers' Bul. 411 U. S. Dept. Agri. Both may be procured at Exp. Sta. West Raleigh, N. C.

Remember the hog is the most economical producer of meat and more profitable than any other domestic animal. Moreover the swine breeder does not require large capital.

The writer will be glad to confer with any one interested in swine, either at his office in Sylva or elsewhere.

Don't forget the Farmers' Meeting, January 12th, at the Court House.

J. M. McCUNE, Co. Agt.

DILLSBORO RED CROSS

The ladies of the Dillsboro Red Cross did their first real work at the meeting held Tuesday afternoon. Several hospital shirts were cut out and work begun on them.

The business men of the town were very successful in the Christmas drive. They reported seventy new members.

They were also kind enough to prepare a place for the ladies work room, also to furnish a supply of coal.

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