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**CAMP CHATTER.**

By Dan Tompkins

Well folks, it has been quite some time since I had the pleasure of telling the people at home what the boys are doing down here, through the Journal. And I don't know that it is necessary for me to write this, as my very good friend, X. Y. Z., of Speedwell, has been in this neck of the woods recently, and I am sure that he can tell the story much better than I shall ever be able to do.

I noticed in the Journal of last week, that it carried the story of Capt. Dorsey's resignation. His successor has arrived and is now in command of the Radio Company. He is an excellent gentleman, and from all accounts will make a good commanding officer, and best of all, he is very much liked by the boys of the Radio Company, as well as of the other Companies of the Battalion.

The Radio boys have bought a Victrola, with part of their Company Fund, and now we have music with all our meals, and in between times, when anybody gets a chance to wind the thing, the notes of "Oh Johnnie, Oh Papa" and other rags, with an occasional change to "Joan of Arc They are Calling You," may be heard coming from the general direction of the Radio street.

Most of the boys took advantage of the beautiful weather Sunday, and went to Greenville or some nearby town, and took in the sights. Your correspondent tried it one Saturday not long ago. He went to Greenville, and being there at mess time, hid himself hither to a cafe, and ordered a supper of half a fry, an order of hot cakes, and a cup of coffee; a very reasonable bill of fare for a hungry soldier. When the bill came in the charge was 80c. How the cashier arrived at such a conclusion has been a puzzle to me until a few minutes ago, when I decided that she looked me over, guessed that I had exactly one dollar (which was correct) and figured to leave a dime for car fare back to Camp, and ten cents with which to buy enough stamps to write to three friends and try to borrow enough to keep me in cigarettes until payday.

This kind of weather is mighty nice, but it is certainly putting the pep into the work for the training, which is going steadily forward, almost every minute during the day being devoted to learning something that will come in handy "over there," or in practicing what has already been learned, that we may be able to do the right thing, do it right, and do it at the right time.

The health of the boys from Jackson has been very good, except for the few isolated cases of mumps—a thing every fellow should have had years before he was old enough to join the Army.

Sergeant Elsie Dillard of the Radio Company and Corporal Fred Bryson, of the Wire Company spent the week-end in Asheville.

County Coroner J. R. Dillard was here the last of the week, from Webster, visiting his son Will, and other Ratio boys.

Lieut. David Lee Hooper was here last Sunday to see his brother, Oburn.

Theodore Buchanan and Harry Buchanan stopped over for a visit at Camp a few days ago, as they were returning to Sylva from Atlanta.

George Sprinkle was here Sunday and Monday, visiting his brother, who is a member of the Military Police, and shaking hands with the boys from Jackson.

Zeb V. Watson and Lee Hooper of Speedwell were here for the week end with the boys. I think both would have enlisted had it not been for the fact that they are slightly above the draft age, and think they

can be of more service raising hog and hominy, than they would be in the army. And by the way, men, get it into your heads that grub is what is going to count in the long run in this war. I see that the County Farm Demonstrator is on the job, and is making efforts to arouse the farmers to the danger, as well as to the absolute necessity for old Jackson, to raise every pound of food that is possible to produce in the county this season. Jackson is not a slacker county. More men volunteered from that county for this war, in proportion to the population, than from any county in the State. She furnished her full quota for the draft, and perhaps more, when the fact that she got no credit for the volunteers is taken into consideration, without a murmur the boys coming forward when the nation called. And I know that the farmers will redouble the splendid efforts of last summer. The boys in the army are counting on the people of the home county to back them up. And we are sure we shall not be disappointed. Get behind that Farm Agent. I have never seen him, but from his articles in the paper, I think he is starting a good campaign. So grab on to anything good that comes along. The only way to carry this conflict to a speedy and successful termination is by concerted efforts of the nation. We can have no slackers. Now is not the time to stop and wrangle about things. When the house is afire is not the time to stop and count the cost of cutting a hole in the roof. The only question any man worthy of the name of man will ask himself now, is "Can I be of more service in the army or outside? Can I serve best in my present position, or had I better try something else?" American soldiers are holding a section of the western front. Americans have made the supreme sacrifice on the battle field. American boys have gone under on the high seas, the victims of cowardly attack of the assassin submarine, and rest the honored sleep of heroes, as the waves of the Atlantic gently rock them to and fro in the cradle of the great deep. Hundreds of thousands of others are training in the camps, waiting the call to service over seas. The boys, are in the fight. The baptism of fire is just beginning, and to carry it on to a successful, honorable, lasting peace, they must have the backing of the nation, and any man who tries to hinder or who tries to dodge the issue of service, should not be tolerated in the society of decent men and women, now or hereafter when peace shall have come. Each one must do with his might whatsoever his hands find to do, and with a firm faith in God and the righteousness of our cause we must battle on until the strains of Dixie on the Unter Den Linden sound the knell of autocracy and the Stars and Stripes are run up on the palace of the Kaiser, by the boys from the Carolina mountains, as a token that Democracy and Christianity are triumphant throughout the world.

Camp Sevie, February 11.

**TROY ALLISON DIES SUDDENLY**

Troy Allison, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Allison of Barkers Creek, died Friday morning at the Sylva Collegiate Institute, of which he was a student. He had been sick for only a few days and his death was quite a shock to his relatives and friends. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family. The funeral services were held in the S. C. I. auditorium Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Henry Buchanan of Green's Creek was in the city Tuesday, on business.

**Weekly War News Digest**

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

**GEN. CROZIER DISCUSSES AGE LIMIT ENLARGEMENT OF SELECTIVE SERVICE LAW**

Discussing enlargement of the age limit for selective military service, Provost Marshal General Crozier said:

"A pronounced majority of the boards favor some enlargement, but there is great diversity of opinion as to the proper age limit. Nineteen and 35 are perhaps the limits most frequently suggested; but some recommend 40 or 45 years as the upper limit. There is a distinctly stronger demand for raising the maximum age than for lowering the minimum."

Gen. Crozier estimates that 1,389,388 acceptable single men would be made available by an increase in the age limit to include men up to 45 years. The estimate places the number of acceptable single men between 18 and 21 years at 1,546,283. The number of probably acceptable single men already registered but not called is 1,321,845. According to these figures should the age limit be enlarged to include men of from 18 years to 45 years, inclusive, 4,257,516 physically and otherwise qualified unmarried men would be open for call to service.

**LICENSE IS REQUIRED TO SHIP GOODS ABROAD BY PARCEL POST**

The War Trade Board is calling attention to the fact that license is required to ship abroad goods on the conserved list, even when sent in small quantities by parcel post. In many cases this has been by persons ignorant of the President's proclamation concerning exports, or who do not know of many articles which may be exported only under license.

For violation a fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than two years, or both, form the penalty. Licenses may be applied for at the Bureau of Exports, Washington, D. C., or any of its branches which are located at Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Nogales, El Paso, Eagle Pass, Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, St. Louis, Chicago, Boston and New York.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE OPEN FOR MEN WHO "KNOW" HORSES**

Men not of selective service age who are accustomed to handling horses have opportunity for specialized service in the enlisted Veterinary Corps, enlistments for which are now being taken. The 2,000 men wanted include veterinary and agricultural students, farmers, stablemen, and others who have had experience handling horses. Pay ranges from \$30 to \$56 a month, with clothing, food, and quarters.

Application for enlistment may be made at any Army recruiting station.

**MEN IN MILITARY SERVICE AT CAMPS AND CANTONMENTS MAY WRITE FOR NEWSPAPERS**

Persons in military service are permitted, under certain restrictions, to write for publication in newspapers and magazines. They may not receive payment for material furnished by them.

All letters containing matter for publication written by men in service must be sent through officers who will delete all references capable of furnishing important information to the enemy.

Regular newspaper correspondents not in military service are not required to submit copy for censorship, being guided by the request for secrecy published by the Committee on Public Information. If these are ignored the privileges of the camp may be withdrawn in the discretion of the camp commander.

None of these rules apply to troops in France, where the commanding general of the Expeditionary Forces will establish such regulations as are necessary.

**THE GOVERNMENT WANTS TO KNOW WHERE YOU STAND**

The Government asks each man to register with the local registrar, M. Buchanan, in what particular branch of industry he is most apt, so that when the government needs men to help build ships, construct buildings, manufacture airplanes, and any other work that the government may need they will know just where to find the men.

This is not compulsory, they only ask that you voluntarily do this as one of your patriotic duties. In the next issue of the Journal we will give full particulars.

**BARACCA-PHILATHEA SOCIAL AT CULLOWHEE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL**

One of the most enjoyable socials of the year was when the Philathea Class of the Cullowhee Sunday School entertained the Baracas of that place Saturday evening Feb. 9. More than a hundred being present.

The spacious parlors and reception hall of the girls' dormitory which are so admirably arranged for large social gatherings, were thrown open. The front of the building was made to represent a railway station and guests were given tickets to the observation, parlor, and dining cars where progressive conversation and contests were carried on Miss Margaret Flintom winning first prize in "A Trip Through North Carolina." Those in charge of the contests in the observation car were, Mrs. H. C. Bryson, Miss Mary E. Wells and Miss Essie Norton, Parlor car, Mrs. H. B. Jones, Miss Emma Johnson, and Miss Ruth Proffitt, Dining car Mrs. Flintom, Miss Maude Worley and Miss Annie Coward.

Delightful refreshments were served in cafeteria style of chicken mousse, angel food and coffee by the Domestic Science girls under the direction of their teacher, Miss Myrtle Keller.

**INCREASING THE PRODUCTIVITY OF THE SOIL**

The roots of farm crops feed in soil that has been plowed. Hence deeper plowing the larger the feeding area. The greater advantage of deep plowing is that it enables the soil to hold more water. The productive power of soil is determined very largely by ability of soil to hold water.

On heavy land one should plow ten to 12 inches deep. However this depth should be reached gradually by increasing the depth of plowing one inch each year till the maximum depth is reached. Deep plowing requires large plows and heavy horses. Deep plowing will increase crop yield, reduce the fer-

tilizer bill and help to prevent erosion.

Deep plowing requires large plows and three good horses weighing from 1200 to 1400 pounds each. Too often one finds light plow teams turning the soil 3 to five inches. The former type of plow and team not only does better work, but more work in a day. This is an exceedingly important point to consider under our present circumstances, when labor is so scarce. Because of the evolution of this principle namely: More horse power, less man power, America has been enabled to produce a greater number of crop acres per man than any country on the face of the globe.

There is an old adage that pulverizing the soil is equivalent to fertilizing it. This is true because the roots of plants can use only that plant food which is in solution, that is what plant food has been dissolved by water and the sap of the plants in question. Obviously the finer the soil is pulverized the more surface there is exposed to the dissolving power of water. Consequently the finer the soil is pulverized the more feeding surface there is for roots. The plant food in lumps and clods is of little value to plants because it is inaccessible to water. Hence it is easy to see why fertilizer spread upon clods fails to be profitable and why one should commence cultivating a crop before it has been planted.

Usually it is advisable to plow land for corn in the fall or as early in the winter as possible in order that the soil may aid as a reservoir to catch the winter rains and hold the water for use in summer by the crop; to facilitate decomposition of vegetable matter and destruction of insect pests.

The supply of humus in the soil is a very important factor in determining crop production. Virgin soil or land from which trees and brush have recently been removed usually produce larger crops, but if systematic rotation is not followed, the crops soon begin to dwindle because the supply of humus becomes exhausted. Plowing under a sod or an application of manure furnish humus which is partially decomposed organic matter.

If deep plowing is resorted to and the supply of humus is maintained erosion will be checked except on the steepest land which should be in grass and never plowed.

**TELLS OF THE HORRORS OF THIS WAR.**

One of the largest crowds that ever assembled in Sylva to hear a lecture was that of Monday night to hear Major John D. Beveridge, a Canadian who has seen active service in France for the past two and a half years. He is not an eloquent speaker but speaks in simple terms and usually in an ordinary voice but at times when he is relating some of the cruelty of the Huns he raises his voice to a high pitch, as though he was angry. This man has had experiences that but few have had being wounded nine times, five times in his left leg and foot. The last wound that he sustained was when his shoulder and arm were blown to pieces and his leg broken, and was buried alive in this condition when he was rescued by some Red Cross workers.

He told his audience of some of the cruelty that he saw at the hands of the Huns in Northern France, he said that he had "seen little children with their hands cut off and old men laying all along the road side, whole towns wiped out and all of the savage work of the Germans.

He also told of the valuable work that the American Red Cross was doing and said that he spoke from experience as he had spent several months in their hospitals, and had seen some of the comforts that they furnished the wounded soldiers.

Mr. Beveridge remarked on the street just before train time that he was not able to fight the Germans in the trenches and across No Man's Land but he felt that he was doing the next thing to fighting them by going around where called and telling the people of their cruel acts.

**THRIFT STAMP SOCIETY DOES GOOD WORK IN SYLVA**

On February 1st Mrs. E. L. McKee organized the girls of Sylva into a Thrift Stamp Society with Miss Lura Sullivan as president and Miss Ashcraft as secretary.

It would be hard to find a more enthusiastic band of workers and many were surprised to learn on Monday night that up to that time these girls had sold more than \$13,000 worth of Thrift and War Stamps, the most of this amount having been sold in only two afternoons. They have gone about their work in a systematic manner, the town having been divided into sections and two girls appointed to canvas each section weekly.

To show the spirit of the girls it might be added that each of them has pledged herself to buy a certain number of stamps each week or month during the year.

**WHAT HAPPENED TO BELGIUM**

The ASHEVILLE TIMES begins the publication Sunday morning of a series of exclusive articles written by Brand Whitlock, United States Minister to Belgium. This will be the first complete, authoritative, official record of that devastated country, whose martyrdom has called the civilized world to arms. Brand Whitlock has seen. He knows. And he will tell—powerfully—in illustrated installments, the TRUTH to the readers of this paper. Watch for and be sure and read the first story which will appear in the ASHEVILLE TIMES next Sunday, February 17th.

You can get The TIMES seven days in the week, three months for \$1.00. If you live on a rural route The TIMES makes a special rural route rate. Be sure and get next Sunday's TIMES and read the first Whitlock article. It is a stupendous story, magnificent, astonishing, pitiful, inspiring, horrid—sensational, too for the whole account of ravished Belgium is there.

**ENSLEY-HARRIS WEDDING.**

The following was taken from a Nashville, Tenn. paper. "Chester Ensley is well known here, this having been his home until he left here several months ago for Nashville. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ensley. Mr. Ensley is one of Sylva's leading business men. Chesters many friends will learn with pleasure that he has finished school and is now making good in the business world, and that he married a very popular young lady.

Saturday evening, January 5, in the study of Dr. Carey E. Morgan, who officiated, the marriage of Miss Katherine Lee Harris and Mr. Chester Erwin Ensley took place quietly. A few relatives and intimate friends were guests at the ceremony.

For the occasion the bride was charmingly attired in a street costume of brown broadcloth with which she wore a hat in corresponding tones. The flowers that she wore on her corsage were lilies of the valley and Brides roses.

Mr. Ensley formerly made his home in North Carolina, and during his residence in the city has made many popular connections in business and social life. The couple was remembered by their friends with many handsome gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Ensley will make their home at 118 Seventh avenue, North.

The Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be organized at the Graded School Auditorium, Tuesday night, February 19. All the Red Cross workers in the county are cordially invited to be present.

The many friends of James A. Madison, U. S. Marine Corps, will be glad to learn of his safe arrival in France, Feb. 7th.