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CAMP CHATTER.

By Dan Tompkins

Today, Sunday, is Father and Son Day, and every fellow is supposed to write a letter to his Dad, or better still, his Dad is supposed to come to see him, if possible. Due to this fact there have been a number of visitors at Camp Sevier today. An invitation was extended to Governor Bickett to come down and talk to the boys from Carolina, but he was unable to accept the invitation. So I went up to the Y. M. C. A. at Paris and heard Governor Manning deliver a speech to the South Carolinians. He has five sons in the service, and made us a fatherly, heart-to-heart talk. After the Governor's speech, General Faison made a few remarks, in which he said that he could give us no better advice than that contained in a story, which was related by Governor Bickett. The Governor said that a young man was leaving his home in the mountains of North Carolina and that his father was telling him goodbye. "Well," he said, "Goodbye John. Give the Germans hell and remember your Ma."

The other night I heard some privates talking about what they were going to do to the Germans when they get over there, and how hard they are going to be with them. One fellow said that he is going out in the woods and hug a panther to death to get his hide to make him some saddle pockets, fill 'em full of wild cats and saddle up a Bengal tiger and ride him into Berlin, whipping him with a rattle snake. Some hard boys, that.

Charlie Reed, formerly of the Radio Company, who was discharged a few weeks ago, was down here today seeing the boys.

John Dillard, of Webster, was here the last of the week to see his brother, Will Dillard, of the Radio Company.

Sergeant Erastus Battle went to Asheville Saturday.

Due to the quarantine in Greenville, the Paris Theatre has become quite an amusement place. The Keith Vaudeville acts, which are booked for the Grand, in town have been moved to Paris as long as the quarantine lasts, and on top of that they have the regular program which has been booked ahead. So the boys are taking advantage of the fact that they can get to see two shows for one.

Guy Watson and I went up there yesterday afternoon. The show started at two and when we came out of the theatre it was after supper time.

Sergeant Andrew W. Murray spent Sunday at home.

Corporal Frank C. Morrison spent the week-end in Gastonia.

Fred McCoy is spending a few days at home.

Burke Evan is at home for a few days.

Harley D. Fowler and Bedford Ensey spent Sunday in Asheville Camp Sevier, February 17.

WAR SAVINGS CLUB ORGANIZED

A War Savings Society was organized in Dillsboro on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Alice Dills, the following young ladies being present: Misses Cleland, Frizzell, Talbot, E. Fisher, Sarah Bell, Buchanan, Sherrill, and Annie Dills, with Miss Beulah Dills as president and Miss Dorcas Fisher as secretary. A thorough canvass of the town will be made each week and splendid results are expected from so enthusiastic a band of workers.

SEED CORN FOR SALE—I have a very early variety of corn that I sowed the last of August, and the corn is well matured. It is extra large corn and will yield more than most any other corn. Price \$2.00 per bushel.
S. P. Wilkes, Sylva, N. C.

THRIFT GARDENS FOR 1918

Raleigh, N. C. Feb.—Because of the present world shortage of food supplies and the urgent call from Europe to this country for such supplies as can be shipped it is imperative that every one on the land in this country do his utmost to grow all the food possible. Every pound of food produced, even if it may be used at home, releases that much more for shipment abroad. The object, the more of "Thrifty Gardens" is two-fold, first, to promote thrift and encourage the production of home supplies, and second, to release food for shipment to our Allies in distress in Europe. A well-planned, well-managed garden can be made to produce an abundant supply of fresh, wholesome fruits and vegetables that will meet the needs of the family the year round and often, in addition, have some to spare for those who cannot enjoy the luxury of a garden of their own.

The size of the garden in town need be limited only by the size of the lot, while the garden in the country should be limited to the supply of labor available to insure its being well cared for. The hand labor in the country garden can be reduced to a minimum by spacing the rows wide enough apart to admit of the convenient use of the horse cultivator. In the town garden hand labor may be greatly facilitated by the use of a wheel-hoe. **GARDEN SHOULD BE PROTECTED**

It is useless to plant a garden unless it is protected against the depredations of poultry and other live stock. One or the other must be fenced in. In the country, where the poultry usually has free range, the danger to the garden from this source is not so serious; but in town, where the range is limited, poultry must be confined. The garden in town then becomes a valuable source of green food necessary to profitable poultry keeping.

A well planned garden should include a fairly wide range of crops, at least wide enough to satisfy the varied tastes of all members of the family, and sufficient to provide a bountiful succession of produce throughout the whole year.

BULLETINS AVAILABLE

Detailed information regarding the culture of different garden crops can be obtained from the bulletins of the Agricultural Extension Service which will be sent out free to individual growers. Farmers' Bulletin No. 647 of the National Department of Agriculture, on "The Home Garden in the South," is especially suited to country gardening in the South. Farmers' Bulletin No. 818, on "The Small Vegetable Garden," with suggestion for using limited areas, will be of special interest to people in town who want to get the most out of their back yard gardens. These latter publications will be sent free of charge by writing to Mr. Joseph A. Arnold, Chief, Division of Publications, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Let us make everything count in our thrifty gardens this year in both country and city. By autumn we hope and believe they will become victory gardens.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to the public that I will apply to Governor T. W. Bickett for a pardon for Edward Bryson who was convicted at the October term 1917 of the Superior Court of Jackson County on the charge of retailing spirituous liquors.

This 18th Feb. 1918

Mrs. Vira Bryson.

Weekly War News Digest

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

CLANDESTINE CIRCULAR ISSUED IN GERMANY ATTACKS RULERS

A copy of a broadside forbidden in Germany has reached the Committee on Public Information. It is a single sheet of foolscap size, printed on both sides, and bears a coarsely executed woodcut representing a soldier in arms, a workman in a blouse, and a woman shoving a rock off a precipice, beneath which is seen the head and bust of the Emperor, crowned and sceptered and mustached, looking up in terror at the fate impending. The last paragraph of the text is as follows:

"Man of toil awake from slumber! Recognize thy growing might. All the wheels will lose their motion Without thy strong arm's devotion Down with the war! Down with the Government! Peace! Freedom! Bread!"

NAVY GETS 6,000 GLASSES BY APPEAL THROUGH PRESS NEEDS MANY MORE

Over 6,000 glasses of various kinds have been received by the Navy in response to its call through the newspapers for binoculars, spy-glasses, telescopes, sextants, and chronometers. There is urgent need for many more. Heretofore the United States has been obliged to rely on foreign countries for a portion of its supply of such articles. These channels of supply being closed, it has been necessary to appeal to the patriotism of private citizens for help for the Navy.

All articles should be tagged with name and address of the donor and sent to Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, care of Naval Observatory, Washington, D. C. Those not suitable will be returned to senders. Careful records will be kept of accepted glasses so they may, if possible, be returned at the termination of the war.

As the Government under the law can not accept services or material without payment \$1 will be paid for each article accepted.

1,800,000 WOMEN ARE ENGAGED IN AGRICULTURE IN UNITED STATES

According to a report of the 1,800,000 women engaged in agriculture in the United States, 1,500,000 are under 20 years of age and 1,050,000 are negroes. A majority of the women workers are found in the Southern States.

The lines of work in which women will be likely to increase their farming activities, according to the report, are vegetable gardening, poultry raising, butter making, hog raising, etc. It is suggested that women who know how to operate motor cars may wish little additional training operate tractors.

SMOKELESS POWDER PLANTS WILL HAVE CAPACITY OF MILLION POUNDS A DAY

Plans and contracts are completed for the construction of two smokeless-powder plants, each to cost approximately \$50,000,000. The estimated capacity of each is 500,000 pounds of powder a day, and from 10,000 to 15,000 men will be employed at each plant.

The initial output at each factory is expected not later than next August. Much of the product will be available for the allied nations.

AUTOMATIC INSURANCE COVERS MEN LOST ON TORPEDOED TRANSPORT

Any American soldiers lost on the torpedoed transport were protected by the United States Government compensation. Those who had not applied for insurance were covered by automatic insurance which is payable to a wife, child, or widowed mother. The automatic insurance aggregates about \$4,300 netting \$25 a month for 240 months. Insurance that had been applied for is payable for a much larger class of beneficiaries and can go as high as \$10,000, netting \$57.50 a month for 240 months.

The compensator in case of death, given by the Government without charge and regardless of rank or pay, ranges from \$20 to \$75 a month, based on the number of dependents. Payments under the compensator feature of the military and naval insurance act in case of death are payable to a widow, children, or dependent widowed mother.

The automatic insurance ceased on February 12, but the compensation feature of the act is a separate provision. The scale of compensation in case of death follows:

- (a) For a widow alone, \$25.
- (b) For a widow and one child, \$35.
- (c) For a widow and two children, \$45, with \$5 for each additional child up to two.
- (d) If there be no widow, then for one child \$20.
- (e) For two children, \$30.
- (f) For three children, \$40, with \$5 for each additional child up to two.
- (g) For a widowed mother, \$20.

The amount payable under this subdivision shall not be greater than a sum which when added to the total amount payable to the widow and children, does not exceed \$75.

WARNING ISSUED AGAINST SCHEME TO SWINDLE FARMERS

Another scheme for swindling the farmers of the United States has been discovered by the Federal Farm Loan Board. A man advertising himself as an authorized organizer of national farm loan associations is sending out advertising matter emblazoned with the national flag, stating that he will organize such associations at \$500 each, and will teach others the trick for a certain sum of money. His advertisements have reached farmers and business men over a large part of the United States. He claims to be so busy organizing national farm loan associations that he needs help, but will take time to teach others for a monetary consideration.

All such representations are fraudulent. In order to borrow under the farm-loan act, it is necessary for farmers to organize co-operative national farm loan associations in local communities. It is a violation of a ruling of the Federal Farm Loan Board, published more than a year ago, for a national farm-loan association or a joint-stock land bank to spend any money for promotion purposes. Associations thus organized will not be chartered by the Federal Farm Loan Board. Farmers are warned therefore against anyone asking a fee for his proffered services in connection with applying for a loan under the Federal farm-loan act.

FARMERS OF JACKSON COUNTY ORGANIZE

Sylva, N. C. Feb. 18, 1918. Meeting called to order by County Agent, J. M. McClung.

County Agent McClung explained the importance of the meeting and the importance of farmers organizing for mutual aid. He also outlined the proposed work of the Farm Demonstration Agent.

Mr. J. S. A. Gray, District Agent of Western North Carolina, gave an interesting address and outlined what is being done in Swain county and in other counties. Mr. Gray showed the necessity for farmers to produce more than heretofore, showing that if we fail to produce our necessities we must suffer.

Mr. Gray further showed that we can produce staple farm crops and hogs more economically than the Northern States. He emphasized the value of soy beans as a forage crop for hogs.

He showed in a forcible way how farmers can accomplish most for the Nation and themselves by thorough organization. Mr. Gray briefly explained the methods of organization adopted by some counties when different townships are units of the county organization. The speaker showed that the Farm Bureau improves the social life of a community.

Mr. Gray showed that farmers and merchants are not competitors as often considered. Moreover, he showed that schools, churches and other interests are benefited.

Prof. Rhodes briefly exhorted all farmers to cooperate with the County Agent, go home and urge their friends to cooperate in every way.

DILLSBORO RED CROSS

Interest is being shown in the Red Cross work here. The ladies are enthusiastic and at each meeting there are several new members to help in the work.

The first shipment has been made. The box consisted of hospital shirts, sweaters and pillows.

Our Chairman, Mrs. S. W. Enloe, visited the Red Cross work room, while in Asheville last week and brought back several new ideas and plans about the work.

Quite a nice little sum was realized from the Box Supper, given Thursday evening for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The time of meeting has been changed from Tuesday to Wednesday afternoon. All members and other ladies who will help are requested to meet promptly at 2 o'clock.

RED CROSS CHAPTER ORGANIZED

The Jackson County Chapter of the American Red Cross was formally organized Tuesday evening February 19, by Mrs. O. K. Morgan of Johnson City, Tenn. Short talks on Red Cross work were given by Rev. J. A. Cooke, who acted as temporary chairman, M. Eugene Ward, of Asheville and Mrs. Morgan.

The following officers were elected: M. Buchanan, Chairman; T. O. Wilson, Vice Chairman; A. J. Dills, Secretary; M. D. Cowan, Treasurer. Executive Committee: Rev. J. A. Cooke, Dr. D. D. Hooper, Dr. A. A. Nichols, Mr. E. L. McKee, Mr. T. J. Powers, Mr. W. J. Morris, Mr. J. W. Keener, Prof. J. C. Ingram.

The work room will continue under the direction of the chairman, Mrs. Mary C. Brinson. Much credit for the success of our Chapter and in our workroom is due to Mrs. Brinson's untiring efforts.

MRS. JACK MORRIS, Retiring Secretary.
Fred McCoy of Camp Sevier, spent the week here with friends.

THE AMERICANS IN FRANCE

"The sector in Lorraine where our forces are in contact with the enemy continued relatively active throughout the week. The artillery duels took place intermittently, but fog and heavy rains prevented infantry engagements. The Germans attempted no further raids, and settled down to systematic sniping and bombing of our positions.

"Our sharpshooters gave a good account of themselves, keeping the enemy parapets well cleared of Germans.

"One stretch of our line is very close up to German positions.

"German aeroplanes have made repeated attempts to push their reconnoitering sallies over our lines, were invariably met with a hot fire from our anti-aircraft guns.

"Our forces engaged have shown themselves well fitted for their tasks in the trenches, and are rapidly becoming accustomed to the routine of trench warfare. The welfare of our troops, whether in the trenches or in rest depots, is the object of the immediate personal concern of all our commanders. The rations for the men in the trenches, in spite of the enemy's attempts to break up our transport columns, have been regularly assured. The care of our wounded at our field dressing stations, as well as at our base hospitals is being carried on with scientific skill.

"Here in America at our cantonments, the training of our new armies is proceeding methodically.

PEOPLE OF STATE NOT SAVERS

That something is wrong with North Carolina in that she has the lowest per capita wealth of any State in the Union, except Mississippi, is the conclusion reached by Gilbert T. Stephenson, Director of War Savings Committee of North Carolina, after a close study of the figures which represent North Carolina's accumulated wealth compared with the value of her annual production. According to Mr. Stephenson, North Carolina's wealth is \$2,000,000,000 while she produces every year the sum of \$500,000,000. This means he says, that the State produces every four years as much wealth as she has been able to accumulate in 250 years.

That we are a people who waste and spends unnecessarily Mr. Stephenson doesn't hesitate to say. He has facts to prove it. The average wealth per family in North Carolina, he says, is \$845, or \$169 per capita. Recent surveys show that a fair standard of living calls for 709 per family or \$142 per capita. This leaves a surplus of \$136 per family or \$27 per capita which is far above that required by an efficient standard of living.

"If every individual," says Mr. Stephenson, "will save his \$27, this year and lend to the Government only \$16.72 of that amount, which he has been asked to do by the Government by purchasing War Savings Stamps, United States Government Bonds, North Carolina then will have no trouble in raising her \$50,000,000, the amount apportioned her for financing the War." This, Mr. Stephenson thinks the people will do, and believes that from this year on North Carolina will become a State of savers and will leave her unenviable position at bottom of the list of savers."

The Red Cross wishes to take this means of thanking M. H. Morris for a bolt of material for the use of making garments and bandages.

Frank Jones of Camp Sevier was in the city this week.
Miss Carrie Gribble of Savannah is visiting her sister Mrs. Charlie Wild.