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## WHAT JACKSON CO. RED CROSS IS DOING

The women of Jackson county will be pleased to know that their County Chapter is meeting with remarkable success. We have now ready for shipment 339 bandages, 125 hospital shirts, 56 comfort pillows and 25 suits of pajamas.

We wish to acknowledge with thanks, a box from our Cullowhee Auxiliary, containing 5 suits of pajamas, and 12 hospital shirts.

Auxiliaries to our Chapter are being formed in different communities of the county. All work passing through the Chapter, will be credited by the Atlanta Division to Jackson County.

The ladies are requested to bring their thimbles and scissors to the Red Cross work room next Wednesday.

## A MISTAKE

The report is being circulated in certain quarters that those connected with the Thrift Stamp movement in this county are working on a salary. Let it be said here and now, once and for all, that not one penny is realized in any shape, form or fashion from any one for this work, and everything which is being done is from a patriotic standpoint. Time is given and the local expenses are borne by the local organization.

## SECOND CALL

The following calls for men have been made on Jackson County:

Two white men on March 22 of first quota.

Six white men on April 1, to be credited on second call. Also ten colored men to be entrained on April 1.

Any man having special qualifications and desiring to get the advantage of being in the initial entrainment of the second call will be given this opportunity if he will notify the Local Board promptly to the effect that he wants to be entrained on April 1.

## NAMES OF SOLDIERS AND SAILOR WANTED.

To the Relatives and Families of Soldiers and Sailors—The War and Navy Department here maintains a Bureau where a Roster or Register is kept of all officers and enlisted men in the Army and Navy.

I am addressing this open letter to you who have near relatives or loved ones in the service to ask you to write me giving the full name and address of the Soldier or Sailor near to you. Give me the number of his Regiment and Company, the branch of the service he is engaged in, and the name of the Camp, Cantonment or Vessel where he is located.

Do this and in case of emergency I will get first information concerning them and notify you so as to relieve your anxiety.

I want to do all I can for the noble boys who have answered their Country's call to the Colors and I want to impress on the loved ones that are left behind that this office is ready to do all in its power to serve them and welcomes any correspondence and will give any matter prompt attention. When you send me the names I will list them in a book kept for that purpose in my office and be thereby ready to render any aid that they may desire.

ZEBULON WEAVER,  
Member Congress 10th N. C. Dis.

## "HOW WILL YOU EXPLAIN?"

Winston-Salem, March 9:—"What will you tell your children and your grandchildren you did to help win this great war?" Col. F. H. Fries of Winston-Salem, State Director of War Savings is asking men and women of North Carolina. "When our veterans return after the war," he says, "and pass for the grand review by the President, and later by the Governor of the State, who is going to feel a thrill not of joy, but of shame at the part he played in bringing the soldiers home again? Who is going to feel satisfied with his 'bit' in the presence of those who gave their all?"

Colonel Fries again asks: "What are you going to say when you are asked in later years what part you played in winning the great war if you are within draft age, and did not fight, how can you explain it? If you are beyond draft age, and did little or nothing—made no sacrifices—how will you explain it? A young man who was recently called to the colors, but who apparently had grounds to claim exemption, said to me recently, 'If I don't go, never in a lifetime could I explain when it is all over, why I didn't go.'"

"It is true," says Colonel Fries, "that not everyone can go and fight, and not everyone can spend large sums of money to send soldiers to fight, but a way has been provided for the people of America by which everyone of her citizens can have a part in winning this great war, a part that will not give him a tinge of shame when our soldiers return triumphant. This way is through the War Savings plan adopted by the Government.

"Through it, a person can save regularly and invest safely, and thereby lend his savings to his Government with interest to pay the expenses of the war. It seems such a little thing," says he, "to lend our surplus money to the Government, as our part, when there are thousands of our young men giving their lives as their part to protect our homes and save our country."

## WHO IS JACKSON COUNTY'S BEST MATHEMATICIAN?

The department of mathematics of the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School is mailing to the public school teachers of Jackson county a test in arithmetic to be given to their pupils next Monday afternoon, March 18. This test consists of six problems. The papers will be sent to the County Superintendent where they will be graded on the following basis: skill of interpretation 50 per cent, accuracy 20 per cent, speed 20 per cent, neatness 10 per cent. Prof. A. C. Reynolds and Prof. E. H. Stillwell will act as a committee with the County Superintendent in grading these papers.

A Scholarship at the Cullowhee Normal and Industrial School yielding \$50 will be given to the student making the highest percentage in the examination. The results of the contest are looked forward to with great interest by the boys and girls, as Jackson county's best mathematician will be brought to light.

## NOTICE.

The Beta Graded School will close on Thursday night and Friday night, March 21st and 22nd.

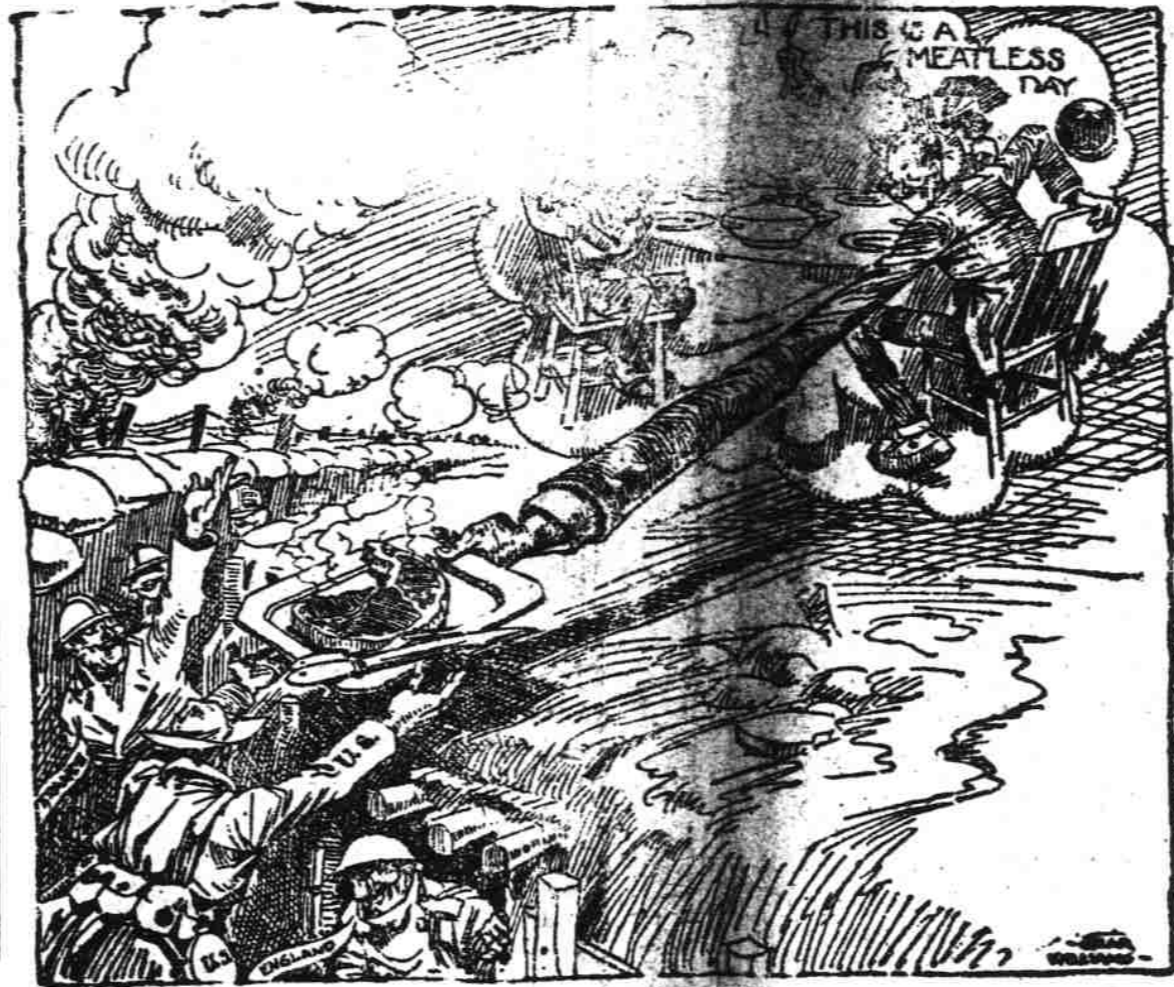
On Thursday night seven girls will recite. A gold medal is offered the winner. This contest promises to be exceptionally good.

Friday night the final entertainment will take place. A very interesting and entertaining program is being planned.

A small admission will be charged the last night, to all except the patrons who have children in school, in order to pay the expenses connected with the entertainment.

Everybody is cordially invited to be present at the closing.  
O. S. DILLARD, Prin.

## THE ARM THAT REACHES "OVER THERE."



## JACKSON COUNTY "OVER THE TOP" IN WAR SAVINGS.

### State Director Asked For Ten "Limit Members This Week And Eleven Have Crossed "No-Man's Land."

Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, of Winston-Salem, State Director of War Savings, made his second official visit to Jackson County this week, and the results were most gratifying. While he was here, \$11,300 in pledges were taken. This morning he met with the "War Savings" Committee in the Auditorium and went over plans in general. At this meeting, a committee composed of M. Buchanan and T. J. Powers was appointed to get subscriptions from men who would "go the limit"—subscribe for \$1,000 worth of stamps, and have them secured before the morning train left on Wednesday.

On Wednesday morning Judge Stephenson visited Cullowhee, and in his own words "Cullowhee gave the most beautiful response of any place in the State" for the number present. \$5600 was subscribed, \$5000 of this being pledged by five members of the faculty. It is now up to the other "Thousand Dollar" men of the county to finish the line. One hundred such men are wanted in the county. "IT CAN BE DONE."

Below is a list of those who have subscribed the limit at the time of this issue: C. J. Harris, T. J. Powers, M. Buchanan, J. F. Freize, J. N. [unclear], A. [unclear], H. B. Jones, F. L. [unclear], [unclear], [unclear], [unclear]. These "Thousand Dollar" men who organize the "Limit Club" for this County in Sylva, on Saturday at 3 o'clock P. M. Who will be the next to qualify?

## CAMP CHATTER.

By Dan Tompkins  
The effect that the exceptionally fine weather of the past few weeks has had upon the manifold activities of the Camp is to speed things up to the top notch. What with the work of drilling and instruction during the day, at hours and the schools of various character during the evening, the boys are kept busy all the time, and as the spring advances the students of the schools are beginning to ask if the authorities have forgotten the time-honored custom of having commencement exercises, or if we will continue to go on to school the balance of the year after the other students in the schools and colleges are enjoying the fruits of a vacation. Personally I am convinced that Uncle Sam doesn't intend to have any commencement in his schools, and if he gives his students a vacation it will be in the nature of an European tour.

Master Sign Electrician Clarence A. Bayles has returned from Leon Springs, Texas, where he has been for the past two months taking a special course in the Signal Training School at Camp Samuel F. B. Morse.

Sergeant John C. Rucker is spending a few days with his parents at Union Church Hill.

Sergeant W. F. Dillard was at home for a few days last week.

Last Saturday there was a really good exhibition of base ball on the drill ground of the 105th Field Signal Battalion, when the Signal Battalion took its first game of a series from their next door neighbors, the Ordnance Depot to the tune of 11 to 8. The game was much better and faster than the score would indicate. The three Radio Company players on the team were Thomas pitcher; Warren, catcher; and Morris, third baseman.

Mrs. M. Buchanan and Miss Lucy Dyer were here for the week-end with Battalion Supply Sergeant M. Buchanan Jr.

I see by the papers that the young ladies of Sylva made a drive for the War Savings Stamp the other day and sold some \$1300 worth, and that those of Dillsboro and other points in the neck of the woods are doing good work. It is very encouraging for the people to be awaking, to some extent, to the seriousness of the situation and the absolute necessity for everybody to do his utmost for the cause.

In view of the fact that the present conflict is a clear-cut fight to the finish between right and wrong, between democracy and the most arrogant autocracy that has ever misruled a people, between Christianity and savagery, and with it a matter of record that the enemy has committed every crime in the catalogue, and added a few to the list that the mind of man nor devil had ever before conceived, it is a matter of wonder how any body can calmly pursue his peace-time selfish way without a thought of his millions of fellowmen who are in deep distress, and with the cloud of misery darkening his own door. America has a war to win and a world to feed, and every man wasted in idleness is a crime against humanity. The idlers must be put to work, the wasted energy must be put into its proper channel, America must throw every ounce of toil, money and men that she has, if need be, into the balance to turn the scale to the side of righteousness. Silently, surely, the steady stream of boys from the camps toward the western front is flowing on, gathering momentum as it goes. They are looking to the folks at home for the necessary backing.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO RUSSIA

The President's message, telegraphed to the American consul-general at Moscow for delivery follows:

"May I not take advantage of the meeting of the congress of the soviet to express the sincere sympathy which the people of the United States feel for the Russian people at this moment when the German power has been thrust in to interrupt and turn back the whole struggle for freedom and substitute the wishes of Germany for the purpose of the people of Russia. Although the government of the United States, is, unhappily, not now in a position to render the direct and effective aid it would wish to render, I beg to assure the people of Russia through the congress that it will avail itself of every opportunity to secure for Russia once more complete sovereignty and independence in her own affairs and full restoration to her great role in the life of Europe and the modern world. The whole heart of the people of the United States is with the people of Russia in the attempt to free themselves forever from autocratic government and become the masters of their own life."

(Signed) "WOODROW WILSON"

## Dept. of Farm Demonstration.

### POTATOES.

The farmers of the U. S. made a generous and patriotic response to the appeal for increased production in 1917. The necessity of again securing large yields from farms this year has already been strikingly emphasized by the President.

Last year we had a bumper potato crop. Notwithstanding this fact prices prevailed good till February. Up to this time potatoes brought \$4.50 to \$5.00 per barrel in some of the eastern markets of this state. Many farmers held their surplus potatoes expecting a repetition of the high prices of last spring. Examination of the January Crop Reporter shows that nearly three times as many potatoes were held in storage last January, as January a year ago.

The Crop Reporter is published monthly. Every farmer should take it. It costs only a postal card. Write U. S. Bureau of Crop Estimates, Dept. Agri., Washington, D. C.

Perhaps one of the best investments for the farmer having surplus potatoes on hand now would be to plant a large acreage next spring. This may seem foolish to some. However, many farmers will plant a very small acreage, fearing a repetition of the present prices next year. In fact, under production is much more likely than over production during the war.

The writer knew a successful truck farmer to plow under a crop of radishes and plant again to radishes because prices were too low to justify him in harvesting the crop. His reason was that when the next crop was ready for market prices would be higher as other growers would be discouraged. The same logic holds true in the case of potatoes.

Potatoes furnish one of our best substitutes for wheat. For this reason it is patriotic to raise potatoes. Again, potatoes help the distribution of our labor.

J. M. McCLUNG,  
Co. Agent.

## FROM A JACKSON COUNTY BOY

Dear Editor—Will you please spare me a little space this week for a few words?

We are having nice weather here now and we are having a good time also.

I like this place much better than South Carolina, for we have more privileges than we had at Camp Sevier. We have no certain time to go to bed here.

Old Jackson, I think, has furnished her share of men and boys for the army, compared to what the other counties of North Carolina have done, and I am proud to say I am from Jackson county.

I hated to leave the Signal Corps at Camp Sevier, because there were so many Jackson county boys there that I had known and been with for some time.

The boys in the Radio Company hated to see Capt. Dorsey leave for he was good to them. They were sorry, also, when Lieut. Cox left; he was a good Lieutenant and the boys sure did like him.

The aeroplanes are going up here every day now and it looks good to see them up in the air, but you know, I wouldn't like to be in their place.

We put our first Pontoon life saving boat together last Wednesday evening.

We haven't got our guns yet, but I think we will get them soon; I hope so, for it is much nicer to drill with guns than without them.

We have boys from almost every State in the Union and they are good boys here. They seem to be pretty anxious to get started to France, for they want to get in the battle.

I am glad Mr. Jess Moss takes the Journal, for it is just like getting a letter from home to read the Journal. FLELLX H. MONTEITH,  
Washington Barracks, Washington, D. C.

## LOAFERS TO BE DRAFTED

If there is anything in rumblings that come from the direction of Raleigh and Washington, a labor "slackers" in Jackson county have a shock coming to them. The full utilization of all labor is just as essential to the winning of the war as the work of engineers and the fighting of the other branches of the army in France. This, at least is the opinion that government officials are coming.

The rumblings from Raleigh are in the form of letters from State Food Administrator Henry A. Page to local authorities urging the rigid enforcement of the law against vagrancy. The State Food Administrator states that it is highly desirable that labor in each community should be utilized for the production of food in that community and that the local farmers are first entitled to the labor of able bodied men and boys who have not been regularly employed or who are filling positions which might just as well be filled by women and girls.

Labor is needed, however, in shipyards, munition plants and other industries and the presumption from the Food Administrator's letter is that able bodied men and boys who do not secure employment upon the farms and in the industries of the respective communities are likely to be drafted for the more strenuous and more dangerous services mentioned.

—W. S. S.—

ON ALL DAYS  
WITH EACH PURCHASE OF WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOME USE YOU MUST RECEIVE AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF GREEN CORNMEAL