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"MOUNTAIN TIMES" AT NAVAL BASE

Dear Editor:—Please allow me space for a few items regarding my very limited experience in Uncle Sam's Navy.

I was called to service Sept. 14, 1918. When I started from my home among the beautiful hills of old Western North Carolina, I was thinking that I would meet with some of the boys who enlisted with me, but I haven't seen any of them yet. When I arrived here I joined in with thirty thousand sailors, all strangers to me. I had never seen one of them before. You readers can imagine how often I thought of my friends among the beautiful hills of old North Carolina. Soon I learned that we are all for one and one for all. I see no strangers in the Navy now. When you see a sailor call him "Jack."

The writer would be delighted to see some Jacksonians visit the Naval Base. I am sure any of you would find it a pleasure to visit a navy training station. I hear of quite a number of Jackson folks visiting army camps, but never did hear of any visiting navy camps. In many ways I find it a pleasure to be in the service of our country, while others like another. Some of the boys are regretting that they did not go to the army, but I like the navy. I do enjoy going out on the drill fields with sixteen thousand other sailors, all dressed alike in every way, all walking in a military manner. While four brass bands are playing we march over the drills. The six thousand thousand drilling, with the bands playing, all carrying guns, is enough to arouse the patriotism of any American citizen.

Now I will tell you how we sailors eat and sleep. When the bugle blows for chow we line up in front of our barracks and when the next bugle blows we march single file to the chow hall; every boy waiting for his turn, we march by a large table where each man gets a knife, fork and plate, marches on to the next table, where his plate is filled with the best kinds of eats; if he doesn't get enough at the first helping, he can go back for a second, keeping in line. If one steps in front of another he is made to go back to the rear of the line. One hundred and fifty men eat at the same time, in one chow hall. We sailors certainly get good eats and a large quantity, also. Everything is kept clean, all cooking utensils are sanitary in every respect. You readers can imagine how much it takes to feed thirty thousand men, then think of all the navy and army camps! It surely does take some food for each meal.

Regarding our sleeping arrangements, we have large bungalows, more than one hundred men sleeping in one bungalow. We don't have beds like we did in civilian life; we use hammocks tied up five feet from the deck. At night, when the bugle sounds at nine o'clock, every man must be in his hammock—not fifteen minutes after nine, but nine. Sometimes when we climb into our hammocks they begin to swing and upset, throwing us out. We always have a big laugh when anyone falls out. At five-thirty, not five thirty-five, we must hit the deck, fold up our hammocks and carry them out where we hang them on racks to air during the day. We sailors have to do all our washing and laundering.

Sorry to say I haven't received but one copy of our dear old county paper, but it was just like getting a letter from home. Hope I will get the Journal more regularly hereafter; would also like to hear from more correspondents from the various sections of Jackson. Come on,

give us the news; you can't realize what a pleasure it is to read a home paper until you get away from home. Someone will say I am homesick by the way I am writing. I am not, but I do love the name of Jackson County. Below you will find a few of my thoughts of my state.

—w. s. s.—

THE MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

Raleigh, Nov. 20.—The approaching session of the Baptist State Convention at Greensboro, Dec. 3-6, gives promise of being the most notable one in the long list of its 88 annual sessions. The Convention will face the many and multiform problems growing out of our new relationships to the world, chief among which will be that of training leaders to help shape the civilization of the future. The educational question, therefore, will occupy the center of the stage at this session, one whole day, in the middle of the Convention, being devoted exclusively to a discussion of its various phases.

It is expected that the Million-Dollar Campaign for the Baptist schools in the State, which was projected a year ago at its session in Durham, will be brought to a successful conclusion at this time. However, on account of the continued distressing conditions in some sections of the State brought about by the influenza epidemic, it may be necessary to extend the time limit for a short period until the churches can resume their regular work.

The intensive drive scheduled for October and November in all the Baptist churches of the State for the million dollar fund has been greatly handicapped by reason of the unparalleled conditions. However, from the mountains to the sea most encouraging reports are daily coming to the central office. In every case where anything like a thorough canvass has been made, the churches have "gone over the top" with an increase of from 50 to 100 per cent over their allotment.

WALMER M. GILMORE,
Publicity Director.

—w. s. s.—

MR. AND MRS. WATKINS' BODIES TAKEN HOME

The body of Mrs. F. H. Watkins, who died Friday at the Meriwether hospital, was taken yesterday to her former home in New York for funeral services and interment. The remains of Mr. Watkins, who died Thursday at the Watkins home in Logan park, West Asheville, were accompanied yesterday by relatives to his former home in Dillsboro. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins had resided in West Asheville two years and had made many friends here.

The late Mr. Watkins is survived by his mother, Mrs. F. J. Watkins, of West Asheville, one sister, Mrs. J. C. Cannon, of Dillsboro, and four brothers, C. C. Watkins, of Westwood, Cal., J. D. Watkins, of Asheville, C. A. Watkins, of Asheville, and B. T. Watkins, of Stockville, Ga.

Mrs. Watkins' mother, Mrs. Primrose Appleton, and her sister, Miss Lillie Appleton, of New York, arrived Friday, and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cannon have been here from Dillsboro, the latter having been ill since her arrival. Mr. Watkins' mother, Mrs. F. J. Watkins, also has been ill. Mr. Watkins was twenty-eight years of age.—Asheville Citizen.

LOST—Between Sylva and Cullowhee, one blue silk dress and one brown lady's coat. Finder please return to Sylva Pharmacy and receive reward.

ORDERS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO DEMOBILIZE TROOPS HERE

Washington, Nov. 16.—Orders have been issued. General March announced today, for the gradual demobilization of all troops now in this country.

Demobilization will be in the following order. First, development battalions, 71 in number and comprising 98188 men. Second, conscientious objectors not under arrest.

Third, spruce production division; fourth, central training schools for officers with some modifications; fifth, United States Guards, now numbering 135 men; sixth, railway units; seventh, depot brigades; eighth, replacement units; ninth, combat divisions.

There are now in the United States 1,690,000 men under arms, General March said. Orders which will result in the immediate demobilization of 200,000 men are already issued, and these men will be at their homes in the next two weeks.

When the reduction plan is under full operation, the chief of staff explains, 30,000 men each day will be released from the army.

Regarding the return of the troops in France, General March said the order in which the divisions will be withdrawn is being left to General Pershing. It is the intention of the war department, however, so far as is practicable, to return each division to the locality from which the majority of its men came, and to parade the division in the adjacent cities so that the people will have a chance to give fitting welcomes.

Orders have been cabled to General Pershing to begin the return at once of all casuals, sick and wounded who can be moved, and convalescents. A steady stream of these men should begin immediately to cross the Atlantic.

Camps at home will be cleared out to prepare for the return of the expeditionary forces, and the General indicated that the process would be expedited. A unit of regular troops will be left at each camp to guard police it in preparation for the arrival of the overseas units.

Because of its composition, General March said, and its brilliant record at the front, the 42nd (Rainbow) division will be given special consideration in the demobilization plans. The purpose of the department was not outlined specifically, but the impression was gained that the division will be paraded in Washington before it is mustered out.

Steps already have been taken toward the organization of the permanent army. All men now in the army have been or will be offered an honorable discharge from the emergency enlistment and an immediate re-enlistment in the new forces. A furlough of one month will be given as an incentive to re-enlistment.

It was announced that congress would be asked to give each man discharged from the army, regardless of whether he re-enlists, a bonus of one month's salary. General March pointed out also that all soldiers are entitled under law to wear their uniforms for three months after discharge. This will make less difficult the immediate task of supplying civilian clothing to the demobilized army.

The return of commissioned personnel of the army to civilian life, General March said, will be affected by dividing the present list of officers into three classes, those who desire commissions in the regular army, those who desire honorable discharge from the service.

Instructions have been issued to the army staff corps to carry out reduction in their commissioned and enlisted personnel lists, keeping pace with the reduction of the line forces.

—w. s. s.—

WORLD RELIEF WEEK PLANNED

Raleigh—"World Relief Week" will be observed Dec. 2-7 throughout the United States under the direction of the Food Administration, according to State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, who today called a conference of all County Food Administrators to be held in Raleigh the afternoon of November 21st.

At the prospective conference Mr. Franklin T. Fort, of Mr. Hoover's staff, will deliver a message from Mr. Hoover himself, and Mr. Page and Executive Secretary John Paul Lucas will direct the discussion and planning of the intensive conservation drive which is to be made during World Relief Week. Incidentally, of course, the changes in the policy of the Food Administration, will be discussed in detail.

The keynote in the new conservation campaign is the transition from "war conscience" to "world conscience" in the obligation and opportunity for service in preventing starvation and restoring public health in Europe.

County Food Administrators have been requested to appoint a woman campaign chairman and to ask her also to attend the conference here next week.

The week of November 25th will be spent by County Food Administrators in organizing groups of local speakers to take the message into every corner of their respective counties during World Relief Week, and in "getting over" to these local speakers the message they themselves will receive at the conference here from Mr. Hoover and State Food Administrator Page.

The program for Conservation Week is as follows:

SUNDAY—Conservation Sunday; Hoover message to be read in all churches.

TUESDAY—Community Day; Local mass meeting.

WEDNESDAY—Womens' organization.

FRIDAY—School Day; Elaborate program for school children.

E. E. BROWN,
County Food Administrator.

—w. s. s.—

RED TRIANGLE MAN O. S. T. CANDIDATE

Below is an article taken from the Greenville Daily News, which no doubt will be of much interest to our readers:

C. C. Buchanan, "Y" secretary at Unit 251, left this week for Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Ga., where he will enter the officers' training school on November 15. Mr. Buchanan is a native of Sylva, N. C. His departure from the "Y" service is the cause of much regret on the part of the soldiers in the area of the camp where Mr. Buchanan served.

Before coming into the "Y" war work, Mr. Buchanan had a large law practice in his home city. He graduated at the University of North Carolina and completed his law course at Wake Forest College, North Carolina.

Mr. Buchanan came to Camp Sevier last April and was assigned to outpost work in the "Y" for the first six weeks of service. He was then stationed permanently, being assigned to building 261, where he served with Dick Thrush as business secretary until Mr. Thrush's departure when Mr. Buchanan became the building secretary. Hundreds of soldiers have learned to respect and admire Mr. Buchanan for his unselfish service.

[Since Mr. Buchanan left Camp Sevier, the war coming to a close, caused the war department to stop the training of new men and he has gone back there to resume the Y. M. C. A. work, and will doubtless remain there until the boys all get home.]

—w. s. s.—

POSTMASTER GIBSON COMMITS SUICIDE

W. A. Gibson, postmaster at Bryson and well known in Western North Carolina, committed suicide by hanging himself yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock, according to information received here Saturday night. Mr. Gibson, better known as "Mann" Gibson, left no explanation, it is said, for his act, but relatives and friends last night stated that he had been in ill health and was threatened with a nervous breakdown.

During the various war work campaigns that have taken place while the war was in progress, Mr. Gibson worked actively and did especially good work, it is said, in the last Liberty Loan campaign, although he was not very strong. Friends also stated last night that while Mr. Gibson was absent from the office the postoffice accounts had become somewhat mixed up and that the postmaster, worried not a little over that, although nobody in Bryson City, it is said, considered that there was any cause for criticism of Mr. Gibson.

Mr. Gibson who was sixty years old, formerly lived in Asheville and was connected with the Slayden, Fakes company, wholesale grocers. He was a brother-in-law of Joel Gibson, of Bryson, who is manager of the Slayden, Fakes branch office in that place. His wife died some years ago. Two sons, Edgar and Joel, are now in France with the American forces; two daughters, Mrs. Harry Carter and Mrs. A. R. Messer, live in Bryson City.

—w. s. s.—

TAKE CARE OF THE SOLDIERS

(New York Times.) The armistice does not end the work of our soldiers and sailors, or the need of taking care of them. It increases that work. The idea that they are coming right home is a mistake, and if they were it would take a long time to transport them. But in truth they have many and various tasks still confronting them; for one thing, they will furnish their quota of the military occupation of the Rhineland. Nor must it be forgotten that the terms of the armistice with Austria provide that the Allies shall have the power not only to use her territory for military purposes, but to maintain order there. As for our sailors, the menacing attitude of the German fleet under its new commanders may indicate that even the fighting is not over for them.

It is well to cheer the armistice, but it is not well to tighten the purse-strings. Now, more than ever, the soldiers and sailors need the protecting care which has been extended over them by the loyalty of the men, women and children at home. It is no time to withdraw or lessen it. All the great organizations, Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, and secular, have united in an appeal for \$170,500,000, which, however, is the very minimum of what is needed. To give the men the physical care, the social opportunities, and the moral backing they ought to have, \$250,000,000 would be the full figure. The demand made by the Government for service among the troops have greatly increased in the last few months, instead of lessening, and they must be met.

In the Liberty Loan campaigns you lent to the Government, and lent at a good rate of interest. Now is the time to give!

"No American May Refuse," Cardinal Gibbons Says

James Cardinal Gibbons, the leading Catholic churchman in America, has issued a strong appeal in support of the United War Work Campaign.

"It is an American campaign," he said. "Its appeal is one that no American may refuse. America's answer will be another triumphant announcement that we are in this war as one people and as one nation to see it through to victory. Into the splendid work of sustaining the morale of our fighting-men the great social organizations of America have thrown themselves. The American people will raise the sum they ask—generously and gladly."

CATHOLIC BOYS JOIN WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

Girls, Too, Will Stand With Them Behind Every Fighter at the Front.

To put behind every Catholic fighter in France the support of one boy or girl in every parish throughout the United States is the plan of the National Catholic War Council for backing the Victory Boys' and Victory Girls' "Earn and Give" Division of the United War Work Campaign to raise \$170,500,000 "for the boys over there" during the week of November 11-18.

Through diocesan, county and parish organizations, the rallying of one youngster for every man who has gone to war in every community is already under way. By their own earnings, and not by contributions, it is expected that these sturdy little sponsors for the boys abroad will each raise at least five dollars for the joint welfare work of the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., National Catholic War Council, including the Knights of Columbus, War Camp Community Service, Jewish Welfare Board, American Library Association and Salvation Army.

Boys and girls in every Catholic parish throughout the United States are already being picked to represent each fighting man who has left their church for the front. In every home that flies a service flag little brothers and sisters, sons and daughters, are eagerly volunteering to look out for the share of their family fighter in the huge joint welfare campaign for all the boys abroad.

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS SUPPLIED BY A. L. A.

English Camp Shows the Good Work of That Organization for Our Boys.

Something like 13,500 pieces of stationery are distributed daily among 4,000 enlisted men by Uriah B. Brubaker of Iola, Kas., as librarian at the Y. M. C. A. writing tent, Woodley Rest Camp of the American Expeditionary Forces in southern England. The number of troops at this camp varies from 3,000 to 9,000.

This single detail indicates why it is necessary for the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., National Catholic War Council and K. of C., War Camp Community Service, Jewish Welfare Board and Salvation Army have to furnish 125,000,000 sheets a month for soldiers' letters.

Hundreds of books are taken out in this small camp, books furnished by the American Library Association and handled by the Y. M. C. A. Most of the demands are for a good class of fiction. Thirty American newspapers are received there daily. One hundred and fifty magazines are in use daily and 400 pieces of athletic equipment furnished by the Y. M. C. A. are put to good use.

FLORIDA NEWSPAPERS PLEDGE ASSISTANCE

Representatives of Florida daily and weekly newspapers in attendance at a luncheon held in connection with a conference of United War Work Campaign workers, pledged themselves to concentrate behind the big drive to open on November 11.

Their action puts the full strength of the Florida newspaper fraternity in the field, and in every section of the state the public will be informed through the columns of the press just what the aims and objects of the seven great war work agencies are in this coming campaign to raise \$170,500,000.