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CHEERING SOLDIERS LAND FROM THE POW- HATAN IN QUICK TIME

The rain at the port terminals this morning dampened everything except the spirits of 2,420 officers and men who debarked from the transport Powhatan, and the spirits of the war workers and others who were assembled at the terminals to greet and take care of the returning troops, who, after the usual preliminaries entrained for Camp Jackson and cheered as their trains left the port which had so cordially received them. Long before the Powhatan reached the terminals the usual delegations of welfare workers and military, naval and other officers were on hand including Major Gen. Sharpe and as the vessels approached the docks resounding cheers came from the troops that lined the ship's railing, and these on shore responded in like tune. The event was enlivened by music from three bands—the ship's band, 120th infantry band, and the Navy Yard band F. Varilla bandmaster.

The Powhatan going up Cooper river this morning was docked at 9:15 o'clock amid the usual scenes of a debarkation—cheers and shouts from those aboard, responses from those ashore, flags waving, the three bands vying with one another to cheer up the troops, auto trucks moving, officers and enlisted men ashore busy with the details of debarkation. The Southeastern department headquarters were represented by several officers—Gen. H. G. Sharp commanding officer; Col. H. C. Merriam chief of staff; Col. Calvin Titus assistant; Col. Rolfe, department quartermaster. As soon as the Powhatan docked Gen. Sharpe and Col. Merriam went aboard, and soon came off with Col. S. W. Minor, ranking officer aboard the ship, and Col. Don E. Scott, executive officer.

This was perhaps the most efficient debarkation which has as yet taken place at the port terminals, due greatly to the fact that the units aboard had thoroughly prepared for the event, and little time was lost and very slight confusion occurred. Col. Lawrence Brown, debarkation officer, stated that a record was made in getting the men off the ship, only 47 minutes being required to get the 2,420 off, breaking the previous record of 50 minutes.

A favorite piece played by the bands was "Smiles" and it was evident that "smiles that make you happy" were the kind of smiles that seemed to be parts of the faces of the returning troops, from Colonels to privates. Owing to the fact that the tide was low the gangplanks were not sloping as sharply as on previous occasions, and it was a cheerful sight to see the alacrity with which the men, weighed down with heavy packs, stepped down the gangplanks to their native land. There were only 2 or 3 Charleston men aboard the Powhatan, but the troops all seemed so delighted that one might think Charleston was their home. Proceeding promptly from the docks to their stations in the compartments of warehouses No. 5 and 6 they remained at ease, and willing workers dispensed cheer and comfort in the shape of refreshments, cigarettes, chewing gum post-cards, and other articles. Four trains were used to transport the troops to Camp Jackson.—Charleston Evening Post.

There were several boys on this ship from Sylva and Jackson County of which a large number have reached their homes and the others will be at home within the next few days.

SOMEWHERE A VOICE IS CALLING.

Our Country calls for a four and one-half billion loan—the last war loan—the Victory Liberty Loan, bonds exempt from state and local taxation, and bearing 4 3/4 per cent interest—the best investment ever offered by the strongest, richest country in the world—the safest investment of today. The two million boys still in France to be cared for, paid, and brought home; the thousands of wounded lads in French and American hospitals—suffering in your stead; the thousands of claims to be paid yet to the boys and their relatives; the honest debts of your Government, and hence the honor of your great country—all these call in heart searching, man-testing tones to you. Those of you who have answered before pull together to finish the job! Those of you—Americans—who have turned a deaf ear, listen now this is your last chance to pay your debt in this great struggle and save your honor and self respect.

The Lord of men's souls calls for His followers to finish their job. He has cleared the way for a great work in His name throughout the world. There is more work plainly shown us to do for Him, and better opportunities to accomplish it than ever before. The way is prepared and the path being made straight for the coming of His Kingdom as never before in our day. Millions of the heart-hungry in darkness—Africa, China, India, Japan, Korea, and South America and the islands of the sea—with hands outstretched to us pleading for the Gospel which we enjoy (the liquor oracles, defeated here, are planning to make drives in these heathen lands shall they put to shame the people of God?); the millions of suffering Europeans in France, Belgium, Italy, Serbia, Russia and even in Hunland who may be reached for Christ now as never before, if the church of God helps bind up their wounds, "heal the broken-hearted" with the Gospel, and help restore their homes and civilization; here in America the thousands of pastorless and churchless communities, many thousands who have not even an opportunity to hear preaching, the millions of foreigners with their wild false notions which cannot be changed by force, the neglected Indians, the millions of starved and ignorant in the slums of our cities—all these call us—Christ calls us in tones of Divine love to save the lost! It may be your last call, your last chance to save souls. Is it worth while?

"ANGALOS"

THE TRAILING ARBUTUS.

Have you seen the wild arbutus—
Like a bed of living pearls—
Nestling close against the hillside
Ere old winter's pennant furls?
For when woodland seems the drear-
est
And no hint of bloom is near,
You may find its lovely blossoms
Peeping up, your heart to cheer.
When the autumn's leafy showers
Dainty blankets o'er it spread,
Then the snow so soft and fluffy,
Laid a comfort on its bed.

Thus, the trailing sweet arbutus,
Loveliest of earth's gifts to men,
Fit to grace the grandest places,
Blossoms in a mountain glen!

By ROBENA WILBAR EDWARDS
Dewey, Okla., March 12th, 1919.

Mrs. M. Buchanan and sons, Harry and Ralph, and Roy Leatherwood motored to Asheville Tuesday to meet Marcellus Buchanan, Jr., who has just returned from France with the 105th Field Signal Battalion, and who came, with the others of the party, to Sylva Wednesday.

DETAILS VICTORY LOAN

Dated—May 20th, 1919.
Payments:—10 per cent with application on or before May 10th.

10 per cent July 15th
20 per cent August 12th
20 per cent September 9th
20 per cent October 7th
20 per cent November 11th
with accrued interest on deferred installments.

Payment in full can be made on May 20th, the 10 per cent required with application having been duly paid on or before May 10th. Payment in full will also be allowed with application but without rebate of interest, but there may be a limitation as to the maximum amount of notes upon which such full payment will be accepted. Payment can also be completed on any installment date with accrued interest, but no completion of payments can be made except on installment dates.

First coupon on the notes will be payable at a sufficient time after the last installment date to allow for completing delivery of notes. Denominations of notes as heretofore.
E. L. McKee
Co. Chm.

POLICY OF THE NEW STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION

(From Greensboro Daily News, Sunday, April 6, 1919.)

Following the first three days sessions of the new State Highway Commission, Chairman Frank Page, tonight announced the extent to which the body has agreed upon a policy. The Commission agreed to build hard surface roads where traffic conditions demand it in counties applying for the same, making appropriations for such roads "as a due regard for the entire State System will justify." By many people this will be construed as a declaration of intentions in favor of hard surface roads for North Carolina much, of course, depend upon traffic conditions and the wishes of the people of the counties.

The following resolution, proposed by J. C. Stikeleather and seconded by J. K. Norfleet, was adopted: "That we shall first consider and approve the application of these counties applying for aid on unimproved links of the present Highway System of the State, and the further improvement, or the construction, of such roads in these counties that are at present isolated or practically shut off from the rest of the State. This recommendation provides that we consider these two classes of the same relative importance."

"The Commission will be glad to consider application from any county where the traffic conditions demand immediate construction of hard surface roads, and will make such appropriations for building these roads as a due regard for the entire State System will justify."

Another resolution proposed by Mr. Norfleet and seconded by Mr. Stikeleather was adopted: "To inaugurate immediately an effective plan of maintenance." The Commission agrees to appropriate from its funds an amount not exceeding an average of \$50 per mile per year for maintenance for the State Highway System, provided the counties through which these roads have been built will appropriate an amount equal to that appropriated by the State Highway Commission for immediate use in repair and maintenance. The work is to be done by or under direction of the Commission, the County authorities co-operating.

DIVIDE STATE INTO DISTRICTS.

The resolution also provides: "That the State shall be divided into four districts, to each one of which shall be assigned a member

of the State Highway Commission, whose duty it shall be to visit, without delay, all counties in his district, inspecting roads and inaugurating plans for maintenance of the same."

It is contemplated that the division of the State into four districts will probably be effected by the commission early next week in session here, after which the four men will go into their respective districts, get in touch with county authorities and people of all the one hundred counties, with a view to early maintenance and construction activities.

For the present there will be no change in personnel of the engineering department, in fact, all employees of the Commission are to be retained for the time being.

The new Commission ordered one survey. This is to be made in Beaufort county, a stretch of two and one-tenth miles between Washington and Chocowinity. The road is said to be impassable.

Twenty-three road projects were provided for by the old Commission, by agreement with the Federal Government. Chairman Page stated, estimated Federal aid to be obtained therefor being \$291,000. Then 18 surveys were made and these projects are being considered by the present Commission, for which it is estimated Federal Aid would total \$223,900. In addition there are pending eight project allotments—applications without surveys—for which it is calculated Federal Aid would be \$11,000. Another amended project contemplates about \$40,000 from the Government, so the total Federal Aid for projects approved or pending is about \$720,000.

Then a grand total of about three and one-half millions will be available from the Federal Government within the next 15 months, it is estimated, and the Commission announces that every dollar of it will be utilized for road work in North Carolina.

GIVE THE RETURNING SOLDIERS A BIG TIME

If you are in favor of giving the boys who served in Uncle Sam's Army or Navy a good time, add your name to this list with the amount you are willing to contribute opposite your name. This celebration is being planned to be given some time in June. The exact date will be announced in the near future. Send your contributions to the Journal, or send in your subscription and pay later.

Below is a list of those who have already subscribed to this fund.

SYLVA.

- T. J. Powers, 15.00, A. S. Nichols, 5.00, Sylva Millinery Co. 5.00, M. D. Jowan, 5.00, Wilson Bros. 10.00, M. J. Morris, 5.00, A. M. Simons, 5.00, Sam Higdon, 5.00, Jackson County Hardware Co., 10.00, I. H. Powell, 5.00, J. W. Keener, 5.00, Sylva Supply Co., 5.00, F. L. Hooper, 5.00, Billy Davis, 5.00, Barber Shop, 10.00, E. L. McKee, 15.00, W. J. Morris, 5.00, M. Buchanan, 15.00, G. L. Allison, 10.00, H. E. Buchanan, 5.00, J. S. Calhoun, 2.00, O. E. Varner, 3.00, H. Stein, 3.00, J. F. Freeze, 2.00, P. E. Reed, 2.00, W. Mike Brown, 2.00, A. B. Enslay, 2.00, A. L. Farley, 2.00, Jane Coward, 1.00, Sam Allison, 3.00, J. T. Gribble, 2.00, W. E. Henson, 2.00, L. P. Allen, 2.00, J. L. Dillard, 5.00, C. H. Henson, 2.00, F. N. McLean, 5.00, R. J. Early, 5.00, B. R. Morgan, 5.00, R. A. Campbell, 1.00, R. H. Dillard, 2.00, John V. Ashe, 2.00, D. C. Stump, 2.00, Jim McKee, 2.00, Claude Allison, 5.00, J. H. Deitz, 2.00, I. E. Franklin, 2.00, Newell Ward, 5.00, Maurice Ver Helst, 2.00, Floyd Sumner, 2.00, H. C. McKee, 2.00, W. G. Mashburn, 2.00, Geo. L. Painter, 3.00, Dan Sprinkles, 2.00, H. M. Bumgarner, 2.00, J. A. Long, 1.00, Homer Raburn, 1.00, L. F. Piercy, 1.00, Dr. C. Z. Candler, 5.00, Dr. A. A. Nichols, 5.00.
- BETA.
D. G. Bryson, 10.00,
WEBSTER.
Walter E. Moore, 5.00,
DILLSBORO.
J. C. Patterson, 5.00, R. L. Cunningham, 1.00.

MAPLE LAWN ENTERTAINS

The most enjoyable event that the writer has witnessed in a great while was the supper given Saturday evening, April 12th by Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fowler at their home, Maple Lawn, Glenville, N. C., in honor of the soldiers who have returned from the service.

Written invitations were sent out to all who were present and all came in wearing a broad smile of appreciation and a word of thanks on their lips to their entertainers for their kindness. After a brief reception each boy and girl drew divided pictures from a box and matched to see who their partner should be to supper. In due time supper was announced, each young man escorted his lady partner to the large dining room which was very artistically decorated with gaily and jingly as well as the parlor and space hall; Japanese lanterns lighted the hall and porch. The dining table was laden with such good things to eat as only seems a fairy dream in a soldier's life; everything was home cooked and served in the good old fashioned way the girls even buttering the boys' biscuits for them. The remainder of the evening was spent in playing games with music selections, intervals and descriptions of adventures and experiences of the boys who have seen actual service on the front.

All the soldiers who have thus far returned were present and are Messrs. Joel Bently, Jones Fowler, Ed. Bumgarner, Charlie Monteith, Thomas Moss, Ernest Pressley, Norman Pressley.

The evening was so greatly enjoyed that it was with deep regret the party bade their hostess good night at a late hour. We all wish to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Fowler; not only for the supper, but for their untiring efforts in Red Cross work, Liberty Loan drives and in every way that would be of help to the boys in the service.

NORMAN D. PRESSLEY.

CROIX DE GUERRE HERO GIVES FIRST DONATION FOR S. A. DRIVE.

The first quarter out of four million quarters to be raised in the South by the Salvation Army, for their Home Service Work, was contributed today by Sergeant James Thompson, of Birmingham, Ala., who is back from France after eighteen months service with the Rainbow Division. He was awarded the Croix De Guerre for exceptional bravery.

When told that the Salvation Army was planning to raise a half million dollars in this section, Sergeant Thompson asked to have the honor of making the first contribution to the fund, stating that he had resolved never again to miss an opportunity to help these "real folks," as he termed them.

"For the number of workers that they had," said Sergeant Thompson, "the Salvation Army rendered a greater service to the boys in the fighting lines than any other organization. But the boys just naturally loved the Salvation Army lassies and the whole-souled men that helped them in their work.

"They are what we fellows call 'real folks.' They met the boys on their own ground and they knew just what it took to make a fellow feel better when he was tired and dirty and ready to quit from pure exhaustion. But when the Salvationists would meet the fellows with hot coffee, doughnuts and pie—things that they hadn't had for months, probably—it chirped a fellow up, I can tell you. And they weren't 'preachy' about it either, even if their real work is religious. But then, nothing could possibly seem more religious to a doughboy than a sweet-faced Salvation lassie ministering to his body and at the same time cheering him up with her smile and her encouragements. Boy, they were great."

JULY 4TH DATE FOR CELEBRATION FOR SOLDIERS

July fourth is the date set for the celebration for the returning soldiers, at which time the committee expects to have a brass band, a speaker of note, baseball, picnic dinner and several other amusements. This of course will all depend upon the amount of money raised. Elsewhere in the Journal is a list of those who have subscribed to this fund and the Journal is open to receive other subscriptions. Send in the amount you wish to contribute to this fund at an early date, so the committee will know what to depend on. It will take something like \$500.00 to carry out the plans. If you wish to help give the soldier boys a good time let us hear from you.

PROF. R. L. MADISON COUNTY SUPT.

Prof. R. L. Madison, who has been principal of the Franklin High School this year, was elected County Superintendent of Public Instruction for this county and will enter upon his duties the first of May. Prof. Madison served for several years on the County Board of Education and did a great work while so doing. He has been re-elected by the trustees of the Franklin school, but declined the offer in order to accept the office of Superintendent for this county.

ADENOID CLUBS

The records of the North Carolina State Board of Health prove that there are not less than forty thousand school children in this State between the ages of 6 and 12 years who seriously need an operation for the removal of diseased tonsils and adenoids. Many of these children are in tubercular families. Many of them belong to families of which members have defective sight or hearing. Not more than 25 per cent of them are able to pay the fees charged by specialists. Fully 25 per cent of them are unable to pay anything at all. Thousands of them live from 50 to two hundred miles to a good specialist. While all of the first class specialists of the State are willing to help meet this condition, they cannot afford the sacrifice of time in operating on these children, one at a time at irregular periods.

To solve this problem, the Bureau of Medical Inspection of Schools of the State Board of Health, after about five years study and experiment, has adopted the club plan of several children being operated on at the same time. The operation is safe when performed by a skilled specialist, and only the best bona fide throat specialists will be recommended for this work. All preliminary arrangements will be made in a county by a special registered nurse from the State Board of Health. The operations will be done at a selected point in each county, generally the county seat town.

There are certain requirements which must be met before this service is available to the children of a county. Such conditions are simple, and will be explained fully to anyone interested, by the Director of the Bureau of Medical Inspection of Schools.

Jas. M. Gray, District Manager, will speak at Qualla Graded School Tuesday night, April, 22, Glenville, Wednesday night, 23, Tuckasee, Thursday night, 24, Cullowhee School, Friday night, 25, Sylva, Friday, 25, at 1 o'clock P. M.