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MRS. BICKETT TALKS TO COUNTY AUDIENCE

Major Graham, Lieutenants Delo and Palmer Also Talk War Work.

Numbers of interested Warren people filled the Court House here Monday evening to catch under the inspiration of words a higher consecration to the great purpose still before Warren in the oversubscription of its United War Work quota.

To convey this essential enthusiasm the audience was fortunate in having Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett, Major W. A. Graham, Lieut. Delo and Lieut. N. M. Palmer, all just back from across.

Chairman Peck called the meeting to order and heard the report of J. Edward Allen, county treasurer, showing Warren approximately \$1300.00 below its ten thousand assessment.

Hon. Tasker Polk, at the request of Col. Peck, made an urgent personal appeal for an oversubscription. The co-ordination of relief was as necessary to success as was the co-ordination of arms which has given the victory, he declared.

Major Graham, next to speak, told of the hard fight before the men Over There, that now was the time, more than all other, at which they thought of home. He urged that Warren not disappoint its men who are looking with faith to the folks back home.

Major Graham introduced Lieut. N. M. Palmer who saw service with the 4th Army at Chateau Thierry, at Verdun, in the Argonne and was a member of Pershing's "shock division" Lieut. Palmer testified to the worth of all the organizations whose one aim is ministering to the need of the soldiers everywhere.

Amid applause Lieut. Palmer was seated and Major Graham called upon Lieut. Delo. Lieut. Delo, a friend of Lieut. Palmer, hales from Washington State. He saw service with the R. R. Engineers and was a member of that division which, to meet the acute situation, had to hold a section of line against the Germans at Cambrai. These men, who were constructing railroads behind the British advance were caught unarmed in a counter attack and but for their heroic defense, a bright page in history, the whole line of defense would have suffered. Though armed only with picks and shovels and later with bayonets the Americans held at the cost of 60 per cent of the forces engaged. Lieut. Delo was gassed here and wears another chevron for the wound which brought him home.

Lieut. Delo stated that he had seen and been benefited by the work of these organizations. "They build morale—the difference in victory and defeat. I don't think it is over yet—America must keep an army of occupation in Germany for some time to come, and now is the time the fellows need support," he declared. Continuing, he said, "France is not the United States—all the men are away from home, liquor can be obtained and the boys, if the people at home to whom they look do not look to their moral welfare, and fail to evidence interest by oversubscribing, the boys say, 'O, what's the use; they don't care, why should we?' The answer will be the evidence of how much the folks care and Lieut. Delo begged the support by hard earned dollars for hard fighting men.

Chm. Peck, in the light of this speech, pleaded for the cause. "To be killed in action, or to become home maimed, is an honor; to be a victim of vice is disgrace, and I hope money will come under the agency of these organizations to protect the boys who have protected us" was the concluding remark.

Beginning "kinfolks and friends" the genial smile and bearing of Mrs. T. W. Bickett won the heart of her audience. Mrs. Bickett, who was introduced by Mr. Peck, has just returned from a resume of conditions at the Front and of the work of the Relief Organizations in France. Referring to Major Graham's, Lieut. Palmer's and Delo's talks she told of a little boy at public speaking, exclaim-

ing, "Ma, I can't hear what he says what he does makes so much fuss" That's the situation with the man in khaki, and with this bit of humorously interwoven local color Mrs. Bickett made her appeal in heart to world manner.

"In the old days, we use to have big dinners—some time at Thanksgiving and at Christmas and upon Birthdays and always when it was over a basket was fixed for those less fortunate than we. It is in this vein, I think of those Over There. Here we have plenty and to spare and the world is in need There. We must, as of old, look to the welfare of those who can't comfort themselves."

Mrs. Bickett spoke of her trip in this manner, "We went across on an old French boat. It was an awful boat, smelly, full of rats, and bugs. With me were representatives of all seven organizations allied in this campaign, and at night these representatives were looking to the welfare of the people aboard. We were unable to stay below deck and for 14 nights slept only beneath the stars. In the forced silence, the opaque darkness we crept on. The air waves only from time to time conveying the faint whispering of a number of men gathered around a Y-M or Salvation Army representative. From these groups often personal testimony would come as 'I'm a better man for that talk.'"

"These organizations follow with love we cannot carry. "Landing in France, we went right up to the front and saw these organizations at work. The French women are doing a heroic work in the munition factories and here also the organizations are performing a work of love."

"These women work for hours, under all conditions, and when endurance calls a halt they find a home like, christian atmosphere in the rest rooms.

"Let me tell you of the French people. 'A worker in one of the factory after toiling hours, was asked if she wasn't tired and implored to rest, 'what, me stop, making shells to kill dem Germans'; another girl from the streets of Paris, an employee, was told that if she didn't stop work the acid would kill her, 'I'll stay, perhaps God has given me a chance!'; a girl from a sheltered home came for employment and was subject to temptations, she told, 'I felt I must go, but now I know I will be a good girl on account of you (the Y. W. C. A.)'."

Mrs. Bickett was in twenty six hospitals and tells us, "There had been a hard days fighting at the front, the wounded were piled in the corridors and to aid the overworked Red Cross nurses we aided the doctors. One bright faced American lay upon one of the cots, shattered and torn, calmly awaiting his turn. At last, he was approached. 'Take John, he's worse than I!' The doctor took John because this was what the boy wanted. The next day, the news came that the hero had paid the cost with his life."

"At a cemetery we can across French children praying for American soldiers; we saw presents come to the American wounded and in each package cruelly scribbled 'To our dear American brothers from their little French sisters!'"

Not one in the audience but who was moved by the still small voice, "how can we break faith with these!"

Mrs. Bickett returned on ship with 326 wounded men, but all cheerful. Following the speech, pledge cards were distributed and every one asked to perform the work nearest at hand and answer the boys with the good old money from home.

Services On Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving service will be held at Sulphur Springs church at 2:30 p. m. The community cordially invited.

T. J. HARRIS, Pastor.

GEORGE VERNON DUKE



Son of Mr. Stephen Duke, of Mar- maduke, who served four years with Company H. before this body was mobilized. Was called into service on May 20th, went to Camp Jackson, then to Camp Johnston, Fla., then to port of debarkation. Now "somewhere in France".

Conservation Of Tin Foil and Puter Asked

Mr. W. N. Boyd, Chm., Red Cross Chapter, Warrenton. My dear Sir:-

Your letter of November 14th addressed to Mr. Andrews, has been received. I beg to advise that it is no longer necessary to collect fruit stones and nutshells, as the Government has a sufficient supply for their needs.

It is necessary, however, that you continue the collection of tin foil and pewter, as the Government needs five thousand tons of tin a day to keep its plants running.

From time to time you will be called upon to conserve articles in connection with the Labor Division of the War Industry Board, who will have a committee on General Salvage which will watch out for the needs of this country and will call upon the Red Cross and other agencies to co-operate in the conservation of waste materials.

With best wishes, I am Very truly yours, EMERY D. PHILIPS, Assistant Director, Bureau of Conservation.

Branches and Auxiliaries are requested to send their collection of tin foil and pewter by the 28th of each month to Mr. W. H. Dameron, Chairman Conservation Committee.

A monthly report of this work should be sent to him and a copy put on file by each organization.

Dr. J. N. Thomas Answers Last Summons

Warrenton learned with particular regret of the death of Dr. J. N. Thomas which occurred in Norfolk Monday.

Dr. Thomas was a son of Dr. C. A. Thomas and was two years ago engaged in the Drug business here. Interment was made this afternoon in Fairview from the home of his sister Mrs. Kate A. Macon. Rev. E. W. Baxter, of the Episcopal church, officiating.

Dr. Thomas is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Kate A. Macon and Mrs. H. N. Walters; by his mother, Mrs. C. A. Thomas, by his wife and their children: Sergt. George N. Thomas, Mary Elsie Thomas, William Thomas and Kate M. Thomas.

The sympathy of loving friends are extended to the family in this hour of grief.

ANOTHER SON OF WARREN DIES FOR U.S. IN FRANCE

Many friends learn with pain of the death of Mr. George P. Overby, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Overby, of Warren Plains and brother of Mr. Walter Overby, of Ridgeway, which occurred in battle in France on November 9th. Mr. Overby was thirty years old and almost escaped the draft. He was killed just one day before hostilities ceased.

The sincere sympathy of a host of friends is extended to the bereaved relatives.

PASTORATE AT RIDGEWAY

REMEMINISCENCES OF HAPPY DAY ON THIS CIRCUIT

Quarterly and District Conferences; Deaths In the Church; The Resolution; Other News 23 Years Ago.

The North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, convened in its fifty-ninth session in the good town of Elizabeth City, N. C., Wednesday morning December 11th, 1895, at 9:30 o'clock with Bishop A. W. Wilson in the chair. An even one hundred of the clerical members answered to the first roll call. To this Conference the fortunate pastor of the Ridgeway Circuit made an excellent report, and at this Conference this writer was returned to the same delightful charge for another and final year.

The first Quarterly Conference was held at Ridgeway February 22nd 1896, with Dr. W. S. Black in the chair. As stated in a former article, Dr. Black had a habit of asking embarrassing questions of officials who were absent at the preceding Quarterly Conference. Dr. Black claimed that failure to attend the Quarterly Conferences was just cause for complaint, so when the question "Are there any complaints?" was asked in the Conference, he called upon every one present who was absent at the then last Conference to state what his excuse was. Some of the good brethren did not especially like such questioning, but it certainly did serve to greatly increase the attendance. At the first Quarterly Conference for 1896 twenty-six of the official members were present.

On the 2nd Sunday in May, 1896, Dr. John C. Kilgo, then President of Trinity College, now a Bishop in our great Church, preached at Tabernacle at 11 o'clock in the morning, and at 7:30 in the evening at Ridgeway. Bishop Kilgo is one of the greatest living preachers, but he probably never surpassed the sermon he preached at Tabernacle that Sunday morning in May. At that time the whole country was greatly agitated over the "silver question." "Sixteen to one" was the slogan of the Democratic party, and he who could not subscribe to it was looked upon with suspicion. Well, Dr. Kilgo was heterodox on that question and some of us did not especially appreciate his views on that question, but every one did recognize and appreciate his courage and eloquence.

Early in the year 1896 W. H. Brown now a valuable member of the North Carolina Conference, transferred his membership to Ridgeway, was recommended to the District Conference for license to preach by the 2nd Quarterly Conference for the Ridgeway Circuit, held at Zion church. The license was granted by the District Conference, and Ridgeway Circuit should be proud that he made his start from that charge as a preacher of the gospel.

During the year 1896 an even dozen valuable members of the church in that charge were claimed by death, as follows: Jennie Robinson, Louis D. Rose, John H. Taylor, John E. Wright, Saluda A. Kimball, Amelia Johnson, Mollie B. Gholson, John E. Rose, Mary Tally, Parthenia J. Duke, Mary G. Burwell, Silas Hicks. At the time of their deaths John H. Taylor's name headed the roll at Tabernacle, and John E. Wright's name stood first on the roll at Union Chapel.

Good revival meetings were held at the different churches in the charge during the year, and quite a number united with the church. During the four years—1893, 1894, 1895 and 1896—there were two hundred and twenty six accessions to the churches in the charge.

At the 4th Quarterly Conference for 1896, held at Union Chapel, October 3rd, twenty-nine official members were present. Under the question "Is there any miscellaneous business?" this writer arose and began reading a resolution he had scribbled off, calling upon the General Conference to so change the law of the church that the pastor of the Ridgeway Circuit might remain as pastor after the expiration of the fourth year. I still have vividly mirrored in my mind the look of surprise on the face of Dr. Black, and many of the brethren, as the resolu-

LESLIE BLACK HORNADAY



Leslie Black Hornaday, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Hornaday, left Warrenton early in June of this year for Dunn, N. C., from which place he went to Camp Jackson. From Camp Jackson he was transferred to Camp Sevier, and from that camp to Camp Mills in New York, from which camp he was sent across to France. A letter from him to his parents recently informed them that he had been appointed a Sergeant. His address now is "Sgt. Leslie Black Hornaday, Headquarters Department, 306 Supply Train, U. S. A., P. O. 791, France."

was read. But before I could quite complete the reading, the good doctor and the brethren "caught on" to the fact that it was meant to be humorous, and their looks of surprise were swept away by broad smiles. Dr. Black told me after the Conference he thought I had gone crazy when I began to read their resolution.

So far as I could judge my fourth year on the Ridgeway Circuit was the best, certainly it was equal to either of the other years, and it was with genuine sadness that we came to the time of parting.

With your permission, Mr. Editor, I shall have something more to say about some of the good people of that delightful charge at some future time.

Sincerely, J. A. HORNADAY.

Mrs. Adele Jones Appointed Chm. Knitting

The Red Cross Chapter is glad to announce that Mrs. Adele Jones, who in such a successful manner filled this post last year, has accepted the chairmanship of the Knitting.

The allotment of knitting is at this time small and it is expected that the work will be done quickly.

Mrs. Jones announces that she will be at the Red Cross room from 10 to 11 o'clock Wednesday and Friday of this week at which time patriotic knitters are asked to come forward. The garments knitted must be returned within four weeks. Instructions can be received at these gatherings.

W.S.S. PEACE

Our anxious, wearied, waiting hours Are numbered with the past, For Peace now calmly sits enthroned A Peace that's come to last.

The ruthless battle are ar cover Which valiantly were fought But we know with deadly carnage Each victory was bought.

E'en now when radiant Victory Is perched on banners bright Hearts are grieved for those who fell Heroically for the right,

And with our songs triumphant Are paens of deepest woe Although the saddest heart is glad We've crushed the cruel foe.

We're glad "our boys" did well their part To gain a righteous cause And each sacrifice supreme was made To bring surcease of wars.

To make the world a "fit place" In which to safely live; And with Peace reigning the world Praises to God we'll give.

Glory to God in the highest, To Him glad hearts we'll raise To thank him for his mercies— To ascribe to Him all praise.

V. L. PENDLETON.

TIME LIMIT NOVEMBER 30

CHRISTMAS BOXES CAN BE SENT TO THIS DATE

Labels Must Be Procured From Red Cross Chapter; Not Over One Box To Any Soldier; Instructions to Sender.

American National Red Cross Southern Division, Atlanta, Ga. To All Chapter Chairmen:

Confirming my day letter this morning, the War and Postoffice Departments have issued the following instructions governing the handling of Christmas parcels for American soldiers overseas:

1. The mailing date has been extended through November 30th.

2. The War Department has authorized the American Red Cross to have printed sufficient additional labels, exactly similar to those received from abroad, to be furnished on request by Chapters to individuals who have not received labels from abroad, or whose labels have been lost or destroyed.

3. Applicant for label is required to make affidavit similar to that required for parcels addressed to war relief organization workers, and file it with Chapter official issuing label.

4. This arrangement is effective November 21 and thereafter. The rule of one box to a man still holds good, and Chapter officials are requested to see that the spirit as well as the letter of the request of the War Department is obeyed.

A supply of labels which we deem sufficient to meet your needs will be sent to you within the next few days, together with printed forms of the affidavit. If you need additional labels they will be supplied on request. We urge your close cooperation and urge that you take every precaution to see that two labels are not issued for one soldier. Be sure that affidavits are on file in your Chapter offices for every label issued.

This arrangement has been effected at the request of the War Department to prevent disappointment to those persons who have not previously received labels, and is intended that every soldier in the American Expeditionary Forces receives his bit of Christmas cheer from home.

Cordially yours, GUY E. SNAVELY, Assistant Manager.

The committee on Inspection and Wrapping of Christmas boxes will receive the filled boxes on Friday November 29th at the Warrenton Red Cross work room.

W. N. BOYD, Chairman. W.S.S.

Vast Scope of Red Cross Work Increased

The coming of peace merely shifts the Red Cross problems and doubles the Red Cross burdens; Red Cross workers in every line of endeavor are needed today even more than at any time during the months of offensive warfare. Now the battle is defensive and it means protection from want, from suffering, from disease and even death itself. Not only among our own troops overseas and their families on this side, but among the nations devastated by the awful ravages of war, whose endurance in the early days of the conflict insured the victory for us today.

In proportion as Surgical Dressings are reduced, Refugee Garments are increased. The fact that Peace is near, does not relieve the Red Cross of its obligation to the war ridden countries and much of the civilian population is dependent on the Red Cross for clothing. Do not let your Chapter Members, Branches or Auxiliaries lose interest or think their services are no longer needed. The work is still urgent and we will have more to do than we can possibly accomplish unless we continue to have the full cooperation of every Chapter.

Buy WSS Cotton Ginned In Warren County Nov. 14th, 1918—6112 bales. Nov. 14th, 1917—5557 bales. T. E. POWELL, Special Agent Bureau of the Census.