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CAMP BREAKS THE RECORD

Charlotte Expects Camp to Be Enlarged Because of Low Death Rate.

Charlotte, N. C., Special—Camp Greene may soon become a much larger city than Charlotte, and the military population of 27,000 may become 60,000 or 80,000 if reports apparently well substantiated are correct.

There has been a rumor for some time that three major generals are to be sent to the camp and that three divisions instead of one will be built around the skeleton units now here. There is trustworthy evidence that the camp is to get more attention from the War Department and become one of the biggest in the country. It may be the remarkable health record that is influencing the War Department. During a period of three months, with an average population of 20,000, the death rate has been almost negligible. Official reports show only five deaths to date, or an annual rate of only one to the thousand, a figure that is 15 or 20 times better than the death rate in Charlotte or any other town in the South Atlantic States.

There has been sickness and at times many patients were in the big base hospital, but the staff under Major Sheep, originally a North Carolina doctor, aided by a corps of graduate nurses, has kept the deaths so low that the camp is a far safer place to reside than any city in the Carolinas. Only four deaths from pneumonia have been recorded since Camp Greene was occupied by the first company of Tarheel troops in August.

Wives Work in Cotton Mills

A most interesting story is being told of the fidelity and devotion of several young wives of soldiers, who have taken jobs in cotton mills in the city in order to be near their husbands.

It is also known that not a few wives of soldiers are securing positions in local dry goods stores in order that they may be able to supplement the salaries of their soldier-husbands and help pay for rooms, groceries and fuel during their stay here.

"We husbands simply can't stand the prices for things. They are so high," wives of Camp Green officers and soldiers are saying.

Christmas Celebration Planned

Over $3,000 has been raised by a committee of citizens who plan for a great Christmas celebration for the soldiers on December 24. A four-hour program will be put on, beginning with a contest between 15 or 20 regimental bands, followed by free vaudeville, till dark, and then the huge Christmas tree iluminated by thousands of electric lights. Charlotte girls, stationed in booths in every regimental reservation will hand out to each of the 25,000 soldiers a Christmas gift of cigars, cigarettes, candies and fruits.

A silver offering cup will be presented by the citizens of Charlotte to each regiment at Camp Greene.

Dr. R. M. Gidney, Cleveland's farm demonstrator, is arranging to take a census of the farms of the county, in January, through the public schools. Questions as to acreage, yields, live stock, canned goods, etc., are being printed in blank forms.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Shull, Jr., and two children, formerly of Gaffney, S. C., spent several days here last week with Mr. Shull's father, before leaving for their new home in Birmingham, Ala.

The Cade Mfg. Co. is building two of its "Compotype" line-casting machines for demonstration purposes—one by the Penn Pressed Metal Co. at Camden, N. J., and the other at the shops of A. Nacke & Son, Philadelphia. Mr. Cade, the inventor, is superintending the construction work in Camden. Mr. M. A. Turner, president of the Bank of Gastonia and E. B. Capps of Wilson have been added to the directorate.

First Lieutenant B. P. Caldwell and Mrs. Caldwell of Cliffside have been spending a few days in Laurinburg, guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. and Mr. and Mrs. Jno. L. Caldwell. Lieut. Caldwell entered the second officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. and was recently commissioned first lieutenant. He has been assigned to the staff of Col. Pickering, U. S. R., at Chickamauga Park, Chickamauga, Tenn., and has been ordered to report there December 15.—Laurinburg Exchange.

A civil service examination will be held here January 12th for the postmastership of Belwood. The office paid $223 the last fiscal year. Those wishing to stand the examination can procure blanks from thepostmaster at Belwood or from the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

It's a cold December, but the weather is never too cold for the real friends of The Highlander to send us in some subscription money. Every dollar sent in will be used to make the paper better.

OHIO PEOPLE FREEZING FOR LACK OF COAL

Governor Cox Asks for Authority to Confiscate Coal.

Governor Cox of Ohio has wired the Coal Administrator at Washington, asking permission, similar to that given the State of Michigan, to confiscate some of the coal which is lying in box cars on side tracks throughout the State, the coal being shunted to one side because of the great congestion of freight on practically all lines of railway.

"If you don't do something like this people will lose confidence in the government, because they believe your order is tinctured with injustice if it is carried out arbitrarily without any flexibility."

Thousands of Ohio homes have been without a particle of coal this winter, and during the last few days of below-zero weather reports from over the state indicate untold suffering and several deaths. The homes of the wealthy as well as the poor have been affected.

State officials have reports showing that thousands of tons of coal are standing on railroad sidings in Ohio, the railroads being unable to move it because of congested transportation facilities due to war and to the cold weather.

Force Closing Schools

Many schools over the state have been forced to close down, including Ohio State University, and many churches are holding union services in order to conserve the little coal they have on hand. Many office buildings are without heat, and in some places business practically has been suspended.

Cincinnati was the coldest place in Ohio today, the minimum temperature there being twelve degrees below zero. It was nine below at Columbus, eight below at Dayton, two below at Toledo and two above zero at Cleveland, the weather bureau announced.

Many trains have been annulled because of the cold weather, and those that are running are hours late. Telegraph and telephone communication is still seriously interfered with.—Washington Star.

THE SNOW MAN COMES

The Biggest Snow in Years Falls on N. C. Sell.

North Carolina, along with the northern half of the Southeastern States, was visited by a big snow storm on Tuesday evening, which left a blanket of fine white snow to a depth of from 4 inches in Asheville to about 10 inches in Eastern Carolina and Virginia. It was 7 inches deep in Shelby, covering an already frozen ground.

Wednesday showed no signs of a thaw, leaden clouds for the most part obscuring the sky.

Thursday morning looked ominous of continued snow and that afternoon it peppered to a further depth of about half an inch. The indications are as The Highlander goes to press that it will be one of those rare snows which lie for weeks on the ground.

The "cold spell," beginning on Sunday, the 9th, King Winter drove the thermometer down to 19 degrees, with a high keen wind to enforce his decrees. Monday was a still day, but the mercury crawled down to 12 in the early morning. The snow season has ranged in temperature from around 19 to 31.

Old citizens remark upon the dry, fine snow and the early approach of severe weather, making them think of "old times," and they prophesy the hardest winter yet, with Shelby coal dealers minus coal and water pipes in hundreds of homes are frozen "bone dry."

Waterworks superintendent Julius Weathers has worked all night for several nights at the river pumping station to save Shelby's water supply from a "freeze-up"

This is the "sunny south," say the soldiers from the North encamped in these parts.

Lady Welfare Worker is at the Cliffside Mills

The Cliffside mills, of Cliffside, have employed Miss Jennie Y. Fleming as community welfare worker. Miss Fleming has been on the ground for several weeks, meeting the people and laying out plans for her year's program of work.

This program will embody many varied activities which will be regularly reported in this department.

Among the many improvements made about the millsd uring the year has been a large addition to the office building. A second story has been added and this has been cut up into a number of beautifully appointed offices. The whole building has been done over and with fresh coats of varnish and paint it presents a very attractive appearance. — Charlotte Observer.

Mrs. Susan Borders Austell, widow of the late Hon. Wm. G. Austell of Gaffney, S. C., died at her home in that city on Friday night of last week, at the age of 74 years.

Mr. J. L. Poteat paid The Highlander a visit this week and incidentally subscribed for the paper, remarking that it was "the best paper he ever read."

GOOD FRIENDS OF PAPER

Come In to See the New Manager and Pay Their Subscriptions to This Paper

The following good friends of The Highlander have renewed their allegiance to the paper since Dec. 1st

RENEWALS

C. G. Richards
Z. T. Brackett
S. T. Poston
Zero McNeils
J. B. Horn
Jno. M. Bowen
John Hamrick
D. Parker
Mrs. A. C. Branton
L. L. Scism
J. R. Wright
F. C. Champion
S. H. Sain
J. A. Sain
L. H. Baumgardner
J. F. Davis
J. L. Poteet
A. Y. Patterson
W. T. Eaves

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P. A. Wright
H. A. Hartman
J. H. Downs
A. A. Pruett
W. C. Fortenberry
W. J. Lail
J. L. Poteat

There is room here for your name—Can we enroll you next [illegible]

We thank the above gentlemen for their consideration and kind words for the paper.

HENRIETTA PROGRESS

Henrietta, Special—There is no doubt but that the people of Henrietta are wide-awake, in doing their bit, in social work, in raising still higher the standard of hospitality, and along with all this they do not forget their duty patriotically.

You will find that they are coworkers in all progressive movements.

The superintendent made a good move when he had a theater constructed at this place, the machine being one of the best that could be bought. It opened up Friday evening, showing five reels to an audience of about five hundred. This will be helpful along the line of education for new ideas can be grasped easier when seen by the actual eyesight. Along with education is the moral side. It brings the boys and girls into a social gathering for some good purpose which has been carefully planned by the superintendent and others in selecting the very best pictures.

There was a box supper given at the hall recently for the benefit of night school, and partly for day school in which the people responded cheerfully and raised the sum of $61.43 in all. The prize cake brought $33. Miss Eula McMahan was the winner of the cake.

The authorities are planning to equip a building for the welfare of the people of Henrietta mill, including shower baths, library, etc.

A committee was appointed to canvass the town to raise money as a contribution for the benefit of the brave, enthusiastic soldiers now in the camps and battlefields of France.

The Sunday schools are progressing nicely, with an enrollment of about 600. Good Sunday schools are an indication of future prosperity.

The president of the mill, Mr. S. B. Tanner, presented to the public school a nice lot of good beneficial books for the library, which the school very highly appreciates. The school has also received a number of good books through the kindness of the county superintendent, which is equally appreciated.—Charlotte Observer.

Don't Overlook

that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for

the MONEY

"LITTLE AB" POSTON IS FATALLY SHOT

Boy of 14 Killed by Young Griffin Using a 22-Rifle—Latter Jailed

Another [illegible] due to alleged [illegible] guns, was that [illegible] Shelby Wednesday [illegible] little Ab Poston, [illegible] of Mr. and Mrs. Ab P[illegible] by Ralph Griffin, of about [illegible] age.

There are several stories [illegible] tragedy. It appears that [illegible] was walking along with young A. D. Favel, son of Mrs. S. P. Favel, and were approaching the home of Jackson Dickson, back of A. C. Miller's, Ralph Griffin was standing on the porch with a rifle, which he had borrowed from Spurgeon Cabaniss, to hunt rabbits.

Young Favel states that the Griffin boy shouted to Ab, "Give me that!" And that little Ab may not have heard him, but walked on, whereupon young Griffin leveled his gun and fired, the shot taking effect in the temple of the Poston boy, who took fourteen steps forward and dropped in the snow. This was about 2 p. m. At six o'clock he breathed his last, without ever having regained consciousness. Interment was at Zoar church Thursday afternoon.

The Griffin boy was arrested, taken before Recorder Falls and then lodged in jail. A further hearing is expected to take place today (Friday).

The young prisoner states that he asked young Poston to hold out his air rifle for him to shoot at, and when little Ab held out his gun, Griffin fired with the unexpected tragical result.

The eighth grade children, with whom little Ab was a favorite, went in a body to his home to pay tribute to their dead companion.

Young Griffin's mother is dead and he has been living at the home of his uncle, Will Rippy. His father, Buck Griffin, summoned by wire, came to Shelby Thursday from Winnsboro, S. C., where he is working at the carpenter trade with Mr. Julius Branton.

WOULDN'T LET SOLDIERS HAVE THE POTATOES

Bennettsville, S. C., Special—In response to the request for potatoes to be sent to the soldiers, about 75 bushels were left at the clerk of Col. Hamer's [illegible] Marlboro. Col. Hamer [illegible] inform[illegible] that the boys wanted [illegible] potatoes, but when he wrote to the camp that the potatoes were ready to be shipped, he received the following reply:

"Camp Jackson, Nov. 26, 1917.

"Mr. Tom C. Hamer, Bennettsville, S. C.

"Dear Sir:—I am in receipt this A. M. of your letter of Nov. 24th advising that you had collected 75 bushels of sweet potatoes which you had desired to donate to us here. This is a handsome present and I appreciate the sentiment which prompts it. Army regulations, however, do not permit the acceptance of presents of this kind. I am therefore compelled to decline it with thanks.

"Very truly yours,

"E. A. Lyon,

"Capt. 323rd Inf."

Those who contributed potatoes for this purpose may call at the clerk's office before noon Saturday and get them. If not called for by that time they will either be sent to the orphanages or sold and the proceeds given to the Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. Pee Dee Advocate.

PLEA FOR DEMOCRACY

Legare Circulates Petition Concerning Case.

T. Keith Legare, scoutmaster of the Boy Scouts in Columbia, is circulating a petition which will be presented to Maj. Gen. C. J. Bailey. The paper respectfully requests the commander in chief of Camp Jackson to adopt the same "Anti Caste Order" as Gen. H. A. Green of Camp Lewis, Tacoma, Wash., which reads:

"This is an army of democracy and it must remain democratic. Officers and men of my command may meet as social equals outside the cantonment."—Columbia State.

Hon. and Mrs. Zeb Vance Walser of Lexington have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Patsy Adderton, to Lieutenant Hiram Barricklow Turner of Indianapolis, Ind., the marriage to take place at Lexington on January 5th. The groom-to-be is a graduate of Wabash College, 1915, and is stationed at Louisville, Ky. Miss Walser is a graduate of Peace Institute, Raleigh, and a former student of the Cincinnati Conservatory. For two years she was teacher of music at the Boiling Springs High School and during the past year has had charge of the music department of the Shelby city schools. She is a daughter of a former attorney-general of North Carolina (1896-1900) and is a young lady of great charm, talent and attractiveness.

Lawndale's new hosiery mill, owned by W. R. Newton, D. Elmore and others, is starting up this week, with ten knitters and five loopers. Mr. Elmer McKinney, who secured his training in the north, is the superintendent. He expects to move his family to Lawndale.

CAVIOLFLAME IS ANCIENT ART

Experts [illegible] at Ea[illegible]

[illegible]

Mr. T. Scrpilonel

[illegible] He said one [illegible] weeks.

FATTENS MEN IN NEUTRAL LANDS

Kaiser Sends Conscripts Abroad Before Entering Into Active Service.

CUT DOWN RATIONS AT HOME

Germans Take Food From Invaded Territory and Export it to Scandinavia to Keep Up Pretense of Shipping Food.

London—New information of a highly interesting character concerning German food supplies has been obtained. Submarine crews are now the best fed of any of the fighting men in the whole German service. This has been ordered to attract men to it.

At the same time it is Germany's intention to do most of its submarine recruiting among the men of the merchant marine service, because of the high mortality in the undersea work and the necessity of saving the regular naval officers and men for the high seas fleet.

Food Camouflage.

In order to send 5 per cent of Germany's foodstuffs to Denmark and Sweden, this amount, it is stated, is being withdrawn from persons in occupied territories. It is considered vitally necessary as propaganda that Germany should be able to make a pretense of sending food outside.

To help counterbalance this exportation, it is known that in recent months Germany has been sending a considerable number of conscripts into neutral countries to fatten up, preliminary to active service.

The shortage in food in many big manufacturing centers has led to the return home of many highly skilled Dutch and Scandinavian workmen, despite high wages offered. Others periodically go home to put in a few weeks on better rations, returning again to obtain the higher wages.

The latest food statistics from Germany, which cover a period from August to the present time, indicate that new flour was placed in market in Berlin during August, whereas a year ago it wasn't done until November. This was imperative because of the shortness of the potato crop in some sections. Seven pounds weekly is the flour ration now, as compared with ten and a half pounds last year.

There has been a heavy increase in the price of condensed milk throughout Germany since August.

Causing Night Blindness.

The dearth of fodder is the most dangerous aspect of the food situation because Germany is trying to maintain a large amount of live stock. The ration has now been reduced from 250 grams to 200 and 150.

Germany's leading medical men are now more frank than ever before in statements that malnutrition, if continued long, will mean the elimination of the weakest and explain that night blindness is the disease now spreading in the fatherland just as it did in the wake of the famine in early periods of history.

Neutral doctors testify to the increase in cases of perforation of the intestines as a result of the lack of food. A report just issued by insurance companies declares malnutrition is exceeded only by military service as the cause of the greatest number of deaths.

Mr. W. G. Morrison has opened a jewelry and repair shop in the music store of W. A. Pendleton. They expect to occupy the former post office site, as soon as it is made ready for them.

SHELBY'S NEW POSTOFFICE OPEN

Magnificent $65,000 Structure Houses Uncle Sam's Property—One of Finest

[illegible] postoffice [illegible] government, has [illegible] this week, [illegible] fourth postmaster Monday morning. Postmaster Will J. Roberts and the clerical force worked all night moving the mail.

It is a fitting home, the finest structure in North Carolina located in a town having less than fifteen thousand population.

The original contract, about two years ago, was for a red brick building, like most of those being built these days. But The Highlander so stirred up public sentiment against the red brick design that protests went in to Congressman Webb and he held up matters with the treasury department until the white pressed brick material was substituted.

The building stands upon the lot at the corner of Warren and Washington streets which has located Shelby's first postoffice after the Civil War, when Col. W. W. Gregory was postmaster.

[illegible] shell was the contract of Dorsett Works in April, [illegible] the cement broke on month [illegible] and the heating company had [illegible] the work. This delayed matters greatly. Mr. Adolph Dietz was the local representative for Handler & Campbell. Mr. Sam Young of High Point was in charge for the government, and the supervisor of construction for "Uncle Sam."

A fuller write-up of the building and of its force will appear next week, when we will publish a nice cut—the first real photograph of the building ever to be published.

United States Civil Service Examination—First Grade or Clerical

January 91, 1918

The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competitive examination to be held on January 19, 1918 at any first or second class postoffice in the States of Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia, and the District of Columbia, where the Commission has a local Board of Examiners, to secure eligibles from which to make certification to fill vacancies in first grade or clerical positions in the various branches of the Field Service, unless it is found to be in the interests of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer, or promotion.

It is expected that a large number of vacancies in the Internal Revenue service will be filled from the first grade or clerical register.

The demand for male eligibles for clerical positions in the navy yard at Norfolk, Virginia, at $1.48 per diem, has been greater than the supply.

Competitors will be examined in the following first grade subjects, which will have the relative weights indicated on a basis of 100: Spelling, 10, arithmetic, 25, penmanship, 15, letter writing, 25, copying and correcting manuscript, 15, geography and civil government, 10.

The requirement that competitors shall receive a rating of at least 70 per cent in arithmetic and 65 per cent in report writing (now letter writing) to become eligible, has been omitted.

The scope and character of the examination and the rules governing certification are shown further in Form 1372, "Instructions to Applicants, Fourth Civil Service District."

Five hours will be allowed for this examination.

Age, 18 years or over on the date of the examination.

Applicants must submit to the examiner on the day of the examination their photographs, taken within two years, securely pasted in the space provided on the admission cards sent them after their applications are filed. Tintypes, group photographs, or proofs will not be accepted.

This examination is open to all citizens of the United States who meet the requirements.

For application blanks (Form 1371) address the Secretary of the United States Civil Service Board at the customhouse or postoffice at any of the examination points, or the District Secretary at the address below.

Applications must be properly executed and filed with the District Secretary at Washington, D. C., in time for him to arrange for the examination.

Secretary Fourth Civil Service District, Washington, D. C.

Testing Precious Stones.

The science of optics has in the last year or so given much aid to jewelers in making tests that are said to be absolutely conclusive as to the nature of a gem. The refractive index, or the power of bending light rays, is determined as to precious stones in the same way as that of the spectacle lenses which the opticians sell.