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MEN OF THE 119TH LAND AT CHARLESTON

Company C, 119th Regiment was on the Madawaska, which arrived at Charleston, S. C., Wednesday—Go to Camp Jackson to Be Mustered Out.

"More units of the 30th with Brigadier General S. L. Faison among her passengers, came in on the transport Madawaska, which arrived here this morning, coming up the harbor at 9 o'clock and docking at the port terminals above this city at about 10:30. Debarkation of troops proceeded at once, special trains taking the men to Camp Jackson.

"On the Madawaska came 96 officers and 2,307 men of the famous Old Hickory division composed of North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee troops. General Faison commands the 60th brigade of infantry composed of the 119th and 120th regiments of infantry and the 115th machine gun battalion. Thirty-three officers of the 30th division headquarters were aboard. They will go to Camp Jackson.

"Of the 119th infantry, which was commanded by Col. John Van B. Metts, there are 32 officers and 1,120 men on the Madawaska. They include regimental and first battalion headquarters, headquarters supply and machine gun companies, medical detachment first battalion, companies A, B, C and D and have been assigned as follows: Camp Jackson, 28 officers and 934 men; Camp Dodge, two officers and 122 men; Camp Lee, one officer and 27 men; Camp Funston, one officer and 37 men.

"Of the 117th infantry there are on the Madawaska 21 officers and 875 men, all assigned to Camp Jackson. They include headquarters second and third battalions, sanitary detachment, third battalion, companies G, H, I, K and L and M."

BETHANY NOTES.

Price's school came to a close Saturday, March 29th, after a term of four months. The exercises commenced by a song, recitations, declamations, drills and songs and an address by Prof. McArthur, of Kenly school were the program for the day. Dinner was served on the grounds. Excellent music was furnished by Messrs. Stancil and Finnell. The last was a game of baseball by Glen-Jale and Price's, the score being 23 to 9 in favor of Price's.

Several people from near Four Oaks were visitors to attend the closing exercises of our school.

The lower vocal union met at Bethany church Sunday. Some good singing is reported.

Misses Luanne and Alger Hare, of Stilleys, spent Sunday with Miss Sadie Creech.

Mrs. Nettie Knox, of Kenly, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ora Creech.

Mr. Clyde Stancil, of Center Ridge, spent Saturday night with Neville Stancil.

Mr. Zeb Atkinson, of Lucama, spent a short while Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Lena Creech.

The union meeting of the Primitive Baptist churches of this section was held with Beulah church Saturday and Sunday. A large crowd was present.

Several of the members of Bethany church attended the Missionary Baptist union meeting, which was held with Micro Baptist church.

The writer attended the closing of Plainview school, about three miles north of Selma, Friday. The Juniors of Selma Council presented the school with Bible and flag. Splendid talks were made by Rev. J. E. Dupree and Rev. H. W. Baucom, Prof. Moser and Mr. J. D. Parker. An abundant dinner was spread and after all had eaten plenty was left. Mr. Baucom talked after dinner and showed American, German and French helmets, a German hand grenade, a gas mask, a sword cane and some other things. The pupils of the school had exercises also.

The farmers are cutting their cotton acreage and holding their cotton. We could send to school longer if we could get a good price for cotton, as it would not take long to harvest a small crop.

Don't plant so much tobacco that it will hinder you from saving your fodder and hay, and you will have to buy feed.

Kenly, R 2, April 2.

Chicago women, 134,731 of them, voted Tuesday against the movement to oust the saloons of that city on May 1. If these women had joined their sisters and brothers who wanted the saloons to go out on May 1, Chicago would have been a saloonless city after May 1. The vote against ousting the saloons was 391,260; the vote for ousting was 144,032.

CLAYTON BUDGET OF NEWS.

Some One Borrowed M. Talton's Car. Baptist Pastor to Move Family to Clayton This Week—Dr. Bass May Be Buried at Clayton.

Clayton, April 2.—Miss Thelma Barbour spent the week-end at Kingston.

Mr. and Mrs. Gurney Edgerton and Mr. Foy Thompson, of Kenly, were here visiting friends Sunday and Monday.

Mr. E. B. McCullers went to Newport News, Va., this week to see his son, Warren, who has just landed there from overseas. He expects to be home real soon.

Mr. Ralph Austin, of Camp Lee, Va., spent five days this week here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vick Austin.

Mrs. R. C. Sears and baby, of Apex, are here on a visit to parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Boone.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Ellis gave a dinner last Sunday, to members of their families and a few friends, in honor of their daughter's third birthday. Catherine is small but enjoyed the day as much as any one present.

The Junior Music Recital given in the auditorium last Friday night was a great success. The children were very small, but showed excellent training.

Mrs. C. B. Turley and Mrs. W. F. Weathers returned Monday night from a visit to friends at Oxford.

Rev. A. O. Moore, of Scotland Neck, who is the new pastor for the Baptist church, will move his family here Thursday of this week. Mr. Moore has been coming each Sunday for some time, but as his children had whooping cough his wife could not come. We welcome them to our town and bid them feel at home and as one of us.

Last Sunday morning Mr. John T. Talton went out to get his car, an Oldsmobile, but it was not there. Some one had taken the privilege of going into the garage and taking it for their own personal benefit. It was found on the road near Auburn some time Monday without gas. The guilty party has not been found.

Dr. C. De L. Bass, of Raleigh, died at Rex Hospital Sunday morning at seven o'clock after a very severe attack of pneumonia following the flu. Owing to the condition of Mrs. Bass, who also had flu, she could not be told of his death. Dr. Bass was placed in the receiving vault at Oakwood cemetery until Mrs. Bass was better. Her physician hoped to be able to tell Mrs. Bass by the middle of the week, but on Tuesday she learned of his death, it is thought, through a newspaper which had been left in her reach. Mrs. Bass was, before her marriage, Miss Lois Massey, of this place, and both she and Dr. Bass were well known and were quite a popular young couple.

Mrs. Bass has the sympathy and love of the town as a whole in her dark hours. They made their home here until last fall, when they went to Raleigh, where he was practicing dentistry at the time of his death. They have been married two years in the coming June. He will probably be brought here and laid to rest in the Massey burying ground. Arrangements for the burial have not been made known yet.

Mrs. Hardee Horne visited friends at Franklin, Va., this week.

Baseball in Goldsboro.

Goldsboro, April 1.—Arrangements have been made by the Goldsboro Chamber of Commerce to have the American and the Brooklyn National Baseball Clubs play an exhibition game in Goldsboro on Wednesday, April 16. These two teams are on their annual playing trip south, and will make only one stop in North Carolina, as they will open the spring series in New York city on April 18.

To March 25, a total of 502,830 officers and enlisted men and nurses landed on American shores from overseas duty. The total number who returned last week was 59,395.

Sec'y Baker will sail for Europe Monday to look after the wind up of the affairs of the American army in France. With Secretary Baker away, the President and three members of his cabinet will be in Europe—Robert Lansing, Secretary of State, Josephus Daniels, secretary of the Navy, and Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War.

Why, the Ideer!

Mr. Newrich had purchased a country home and was posing as a gentleman farmer. He was showing Mr. Towne through the place, and Mr. Towne was admiring the chickens.

"I suppose you hatch all these chickens yourself?" said Mr. Towne. "Should say not," said Mr. Newrich. "I got hens here for that purpose."—Luke McLuke.

ANOTHER JOHNSTON SOLDIER HONORED

Corporal Carlton Stephenson, Member of Company B, 120th Infantry, Presented With the Distinguished Service Cross for Meritorious Conduct on the Field of Battle.

Corporal Carlton Stephenson, son of Mrs. Bedie A. Stephenson, of Clayton, has been awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for gallant conduct on the field of action. The order awarding the great honor is as follows:

"The Commander-in-Chief, American Expeditionary Forces, in the name of the President, has awarded and presented you with the Distinguished Service Cross for the act of meritorious conduct described as follows:

"Severely wounded, you remained with your automatic rifle section in



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an exposed position, covering the withdrawal of your company. Although almost surrounded, you inflicted severe losses on the enemy, and held your position throughout the day.

"The Division Commander wishes to convey his congratulations upon receipt of this decoration and for your gallant conduct while serving with this Division.

"By Command of Major General Lewis.

"Andrew J. White, Lieut. Colonel, Infantry."

Carlton Stephenson is a member of Company B, 120th Infantry, and took a most prominent part in the fighting in the latter days of the war.

Writing to his mother on March 3, from Le Mans, France, he says that a few days before the Clayton boys had a reunion. Those present were Aubrey and Elkie Gattis, Garland Young, Warren McCullers, Hunter Hamilton and Wilbur Barnes.

He writes of the Government awarding him the D. S. C. and says that only three men in his company were so honored.

The Thirtieth Division, of which Corporal Stephenson is a member is now on this side and the boys of Clayton, Smithfield and Selma, may soon be at home again.

New Goddard Rocket Powerful Engine of War.

Dr. Robert H. Goddard, professor of physics at Clark College, acting under the patronage of the United States War Department, the Smithsonian Institute, Clark University Worcester Polytechnic Institute, has invented a new rocket that is reported to be a terrible engine of war, with an altitude range of 70 miles straight up in the air and a distance range of at least 200 miles.

The rocket has been developed in a special laboratory at Worcester Tech, and the signing of the armistice prevented its being put to actual use in warfare against the Germans.

The Goddard rocket is propelled by a perfected gas engine installed in the lower part of the shell, the explosions that generate the power coming from cartridges that are fed into chambers by a clock-like time device. The rocket does not require a cannon to start it on its flight, the journey beginning from any point where a man can get. The feature of the rocket is in the head, where a chamber is filled to contain either high explosive or gas.—Worcester, Mass., Dispatch.

Lieutenant-Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who recently returned from France, has announced that he will retire from business and enter politics. He says that he believes strongly in the principles advocated by his father, the late ex-President Roosevelt. He says his present activities will be confined to the organization in this country of the World's War Veterans' Association.

NEWSY LETTER FROM THE TOWN OF SELMA

Selma-Smithfield Debates on Tonight at Both Towns—Selma Has Enthusiastic Town Meeting and Puts Out Ticket—Junior Order Growing.

The writer of these Selma squibs has been so busy recently that he has felt almost like throwing up the job until a more convenient season. But the town is taking on new life and this is giving every interested person in her borders more to do, so I am coming again with a bit of scattered news picked up here and there.

The first thing I want to say is this. Any reporter for a newspaper could do a better job if the people would give him the happenings, tell him the comings and goings of the people and report to him the special events that they would like to give out for publication. But this is not generally done. On the other hand, most of us wait until we read the paper and then go to the reporter and say I did so and so last week or such and such a thing happened. Why didn't you put it in the paper. These folks know the reason before they approach the reporter. They have not told him anything about it. Every newspaper in the land could be made more useful and readable if the people would get the habit of telling the reporters the things that should go in the paper. I want to say further that it is just as important—and more so—to write up a local exciting Sunday-school affair as it is a local shooting or stealing scrape. We need to educate our people to read and comment on the best things that happen.

Among the personal happenings this week are the following: Mrs. W. A. Edgerton, of Wilson, came to Selma for a few days' visit; Misses Rodwell and Brietz spent Saturday afternoon in Smithfield; Misses Folger and McKee spent Saturday in Raleigh; Miss Lena Johnston entertained the Fidelis class of the Baptist church in her home Tuesday night at a Tackey Party. All the young folks of the church were present and enjoyed the pleasant occasion immensely.

Sunday morning at the Baptist church a missionary program was offered by the smaller grades of the Sunday School. The program was interesting all the way through. Its success was due largely to Miss Kilpatrick and Mrs. Dupree for the excellent training they gave the children. After the program by the children Mr. C. R. Boone, of Raleigh, made an instructive talk on Missions.

Miss Esther McNeil spent the week-end with her parents in Rowland.

Mr. N. E. Edgerton spent last week in New York. Dr. I. W. Mayerberg's parents have been visiting the Dr. and Mrs. Mayerberg this week. Dr. Mayerberg's father is the Rabbi of the synagogue at Goldsboro.

Mrs. R. W. Etheridge spent Saturday at Wilson's Mills.

Mr. John Talton's family were visiting in Dunn last Sunday and Monday.

Monday night the town of Selma held one of the most eventful meetings perhaps ever held in the town. It was a mass meeting of the citizens to nominate candidates for the various town offices for the coming May election. It was harmonious and without out politics of any kind. Everything was open and above board. After a short talk by Mr. E. H. Moser on the intent and purposes of the meeting the convention was ready to nominate officers. W. H. Call was nominated for mayor. S. P. Wood, R. A. Winsten, W. W. Hare and J. N. Wiggs were nominated for commissioners. Each made a short talk and received a hearty response from the convention as he accepted the honor conferred. The mayor-nominee made a soul-stirring speech that rang true of the coming improvements that are due to Selma. Now that she is united and started somewhere.

Last Friday the Junior Order of Selma presented a flag and Bible to Plainview school. A big crowd attended and a big dinner furnished by the hospitable community was attacked in a vigorous manner but it was not all consumed. Councillor Wade Brown presided at the ceremony. E. H. Moser presented the flag, Rev. Mr. Baucom, of Smithfield accepting it. Rev. J. E. Dupree presented the Bible, which was accepted by Mr. Parker, of Smithfield. The occasion was a splendid one all the way through. It was fittingly received by the community too.

The Junior Order of Selma is making some rapid forward strides just now. More than forty applicants for membership were received at the meeting last Tuesday night. It looks like this good order is going to take the town for the principles of Americanism and good schools.

Tonight the Selma-Smithfield de-

COUNTY PILL ROLLERS GATHER

Druggists' Association of Johnston County Met Here Yesterday Afternoon—Entertained By Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Creech.

Yesterday, the fourth meeting of the Johnston County Druggists' Association was held in Smithfield in the Commercial Club room. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Clarence Harper, of Selma, president of the Association. There were sixteen members present. After the business was transacted, the entire association was invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Creech, who delightfully entertained them for a time. Music rendered on the piano by Miss Lalla Rookh Stephenson and also that furnished by the graffonola was much enjoyed. Delicious fruit and salad, wafers and coffee were served in the dining room. Those present will remember with pleasure this enjoyable feature of the meeting in Smithfield.

The druggists present at the meeting were: D. H. Hood and P. A. Lee, of Dunn; C. P. Harper and E. V. Woodard of Selma; R. T. Fulghum, of Kenly; Ralph Canaday, of Four Oaks; Moses Peacock and L. Gilbert, of Benson, and T. R. Hood, H. C. Hood and D. H. Creech, of Smithfield.

BENTONVILLE NEWS.

Rev. Mr. Midgett, pastor of the Methodist church, delivered a very able talk on Missions at Ebenezer church Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Flowers spent the week-end in the Poplar Springs section with their daughter, Mrs. John Morgan.

Mr. J. F. Westbrook and sons, of Newton Grove, attended services at Ebenezer Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. D. Stephenson and children of McCullers, spent the week-end in this section with Mrs. Stephenson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Beasley.

Mr. Stephen Westbrook left for Laporte, Indiana, Thursday, where he was called to the bedside of his son, Mr. Harvey Westbrook, who is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. Percy Smith and family, near Smithfield, were visitors in this section Sunday.

Mr. A. M. Rose spent the week-end in Wilson's Mills, where he attended the quarterly meeting of the Disciple church. He represented Mill Creek church.

We are sorry to note that Mrs. Herman Denning, of Wayne county, is very ill with typhoid fever. Mrs. Denning is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sanders, of our section.

Last Friday the news was spread over our section of the sad death of one of our oldest citizens, Mr. John Dunn, who was about ninety years old. He seemed to be in fair health except his age. He was laid to rest on Saturday afternoon in the Grantham burying ground beside his companion, who preceded him several years ago. He leaves one son, Mr. Elbert Dunn, and two daughters, Misses May and Laura Dunn, all of whom lived with him.

Mr. George W. Massey in a conversation with the writer told by several of the neighbors and himself that while digging a grave in the Bentonville cemetery for one of Mr. W. A. Massey's children, dug into the remains of a person supposed to be a soldier of the Civil War. They found a button representing a uniform of 1865. The remains showed that it was not put in a coffin or box of any kind when buried. A piece of lightwood about eight or ten inches long was found in the grave. No one in this country has any recollection of any one being buried in this spot.

The colored Disciples held their quarterly meeting with the Bentonville Disciples church last Friday, Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday afternoon Constable J. H. Mashburn, accompanied by Squire K. L. Rose were called on to serve some warrants on some parties who were at the church. Mr. Mashburn attempted to do his duty in serving the papers, when some forty or fifty colored men attempted a riot and stopped the officer by flourishing their guns and forbidding the officers doing their duty and threatening their lives. So many against the officer he was compelled to retreat. This seems to be the results of bullies armed with pistols and tanked up on monkey rum.

Bentonville, April 2.

debates take place, one at Selma, the other at Smithfield. Margie Benoy and Julia Winston Ashworth go from Selma to debate the Smithfield team. Jennings Talton and Emma Lucas Ward debate at home against a team to be sent here by Smithfield. These debates promise to be interesting and instructive. The question is a live one. Did you ask what it is? Well, go out tonight to the school building and find out. Go to Smithfield if you live in that town. Otherwise, come to Selma's school house.

Selma, N. C., April 3.

PRINCETON AND BOON HILL NOTES

Young Man Killed By Falling Limb. Death of Mr. Isaac Smith—Town Ticket Named—Woods Set on Fire and School House Burned—Mrs. J. W. Perry Seriously Ill.

Princeton, April 2.—Mr. Nick Polits, of Baltimore, has been spending a few days in town on account of the death of Mr. Isaac Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert M. Cox, from Bentonsville section, were visitors in town this week.

At the mass meeting of the citizens in town last Thursday night it was decided to present the following ticket at the general election in May for the town officers: For mayor, W. P. Sugg; for town commissioners, Messrs. C. G. Holt, Ed. A. Holt, J. L. Benton and J. H. Edwards.

Mrs. J. W. Perry is very seriously ill and is not expected to live but a very short time. She has been unconscious since last Saturday and apparently sleeping.

Some unknown person set the woods on fire near Mr. George Massey's home last week. This fire burned a school house and more than a thousand dollars worth of valuable pines belonging to Mr. Massey, also burned Mr. Alca Massey's tobacco plant bed.

Mr. Hubert Massey, from Raleigh, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. E. Ledbetter, this week.

Miss Estell Holt is spending a couple of days with friends at Wilson's Mills.

Mr. John Ledbetter was a visitor to Raleigh Tuesday.

Mr. J. W. Perry's condition has improved considerably since last week, although paralyzed and in a very serious condition he has been able to walk about his home.

Mrs. Eddie Woodard's condition has not improved any the past week, which at present is very serious.

Mr. Daniel Woodard does not improve and his condition is such that his relatives do not anticipate any improvement.

The Neuse river road to Richardson's bridge is in fairly good condition this week, automobiles are going through. The road force worked on this section one day, and this did lots of good.

The sermon to men and boys at the Methodist church Sunday night was well attended, and while the pastor, Rev. Mr. Johnson, says he was not feeling at his best on this occasion, we are sure his talk did lots of good.

Mr. Isaac Smith died here on the evening of March 27. He was 51 years old and had been in feeble health for many years. Several weeks ago he was taken with the influenza, and on account of his feeble condition he did not have sufficient strength to survive the dreaded disease. Mr. Smith was a member of the Methodist church and had always been a quiet citizen and a good man. He was buried at the Woodman cemetery at 4:30 Friday evening.

The heavy wind Thursday evening did considerable damage in this section, the top was taken off a tobacco barn belonging to Mr. Oscar Creech who lives about one mile from Holt's mill.

Over near Nahunta church the wind blew down a tree in the yard of Mr. Billie Wilkins, a large limb of the tree struck a grown son of Mr. Wilkins on the head, causing his death in about two hours. The young man had just arrived in the yard driving two mules to a wagon, and he was standing in the wagon talking to his mother (who was standing on the porch) when the heavy wind blew over the tree. It is supposed that the limb broke the young man's neck, as there was not a scar on him, except a small scratch on the side of the nose.

REVENUE COLLECTIONS LARGEST FOR ONE MONTH.

Internal Revenue Receipts for Statesville District for March Amounted to \$16,129,142.09 — Tobacco Tag Greatest Ever.

Statesville, April 1.—During March Collector Watts, of this district, collected \$16,129,142.09 internal revenue taxes as follows: Income and profits, \$9,028,092.06; tobacco, \$6,679,533.01; tobacco floor tax, \$366,369.55; admissions and dues, \$15,432.63; manufacturers, \$13,851.70; public utilities, \$11,868.82; insurance policies, \$4,282.24; documentary stamps, \$3,770.50; fines and penalties, \$3,170.37; emergency taxes, \$2,639.88; estate taxes, \$72.98; oleomargarine licenses, \$30; narcotic taxes, 27.45.

This is the largest amount ever collected in the district in one month and much the largest on tobacco. This month exceeds June, 1918, when most of the income and profits taxes for last year were collected by \$668.22.