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EMERGENCY HOSPITAL IS NEEDED

All of our doctors and Red Cross nurses are now being worked to the limit. One doctor alone has one hundred and fifty cases of flu and altogether there are about four hundred cases in this vicinity.

The need of a cottage hospital is much felt at this time. Take one case in particular: A family of 12 are living in two small rooms and the father and several children are down with the flu. The house is so constructed that ventilation cannot be given without causing a draft on the patients. Here is where a hospital would afford assistance. The sick ones could be removed from those who are well, the house cleaned up and the rest of the family prevented from taking the disease.

Why not we get together and either rent or build a menial hospital to Miss Daisy Nicholson the faithful nurse who lost her life in nursing the sick? I believe the home of Miss Sadie North could be either rented or bought for this purpose and Miss Sadie installed as resident nurse. I would suggest that the Hon. T. H. Galloway appoint a committee to solicit subscriptions for this purpose, correspond with Miss North, who is now in Florida and this building be rented right away. E. H. N.

THE PRAYER CORNER

Prayer takes on a new interest if it is realized as Jesus teaching daily in the soul. Each days prayer is the raising anew of the standard of Divine Holiness in the life. In prayer we enter afresh into the understanding of the Will of God. We lift up our hearts to Him. He reveals to us somewhat of the Divine purpose. We look at things with something of the Divine vision. We see things more as they are in the sphere of true reality. We see things in their true proportion; we see people in their true value as God loves and values them, not as our own self-interest, and our own restricted experience would suggest. We see the beautiful mercy of God afresh each day in prayer; and so Jesus teaches us to be thankful. We see our sins, and Jesus teaches us to be humble, and gives us the confidence of His protection. Thus prayer is Jesus teaching daily in the soul which He has made His own by a new act of consecration. Prayer enlarges, develops and preserves the dedication of the soul.

LET US PRAY:

We come to Thee, our Father, that we may more deeply enter into Thy joy. Thou turnest darkness into day, and mourning into praise. Thou art our Fortress in temptation, our Shield in remorse, our Covert in calamity, our Star of Hope in every sorrow.

O Lord, we would know Thy peace, deep, abiding, inexhaustible. When we seek Thy peace our weariness is gone, the sense of our imperfection ceases to discourage us, and our tired souls forget their pain. When strengthened by Thy goodness we return to the task of life. Send us forth as servants of Jesus Christ in the service and redemption of the world.

Send us to the hearts without love, to men and women burdened with heavy cares, to the miserable, the sad, the broken hearted, send us to the children whose heritage has been a curse, to the poor who doubt Thy Providence, to the sick who crave for healing, and cannot find it, to the fallen for whom no man cares.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR ROSMAN

Mr. Claude H. Parks of Spruce Pine, formerly a resident of Pisgah Forest and employed as a Reservation Ranger, is a guest of Rev. J. C. Seagle at the Norwood House. He is accompanied by Mrs. Parks and their little son, Henry. Mr. Parks is looking over this section with a view to establishing a plant for getting out material for the manufacture of French briar pipes. This material in its native form is known to the mountaineers as laurel; but when scientifically treated it is sent to New York, turned, bored and polished and you may then buy it at any first class cigar store as genuine French Briar. In fact for the smokers' purpose it is just as good as French Briar and it takes an expert to tell the difference.

If Mr. Parks can make the right kind of a business deal his factory will be located at Rosman with office and headquarters at Brevard where he will make his home. Thus one by one new industries are developing in our section and Brevard goes on in the forward march.

GEORGE E. WILLIAMS DEAD (From Easley Progress).

All Easley was saddened Tuesday afternoon by the death of George E. Williams. Mr. Williams contracted flu about ten days ago and developed pneumonia Friday which proved fatal in spite of the best medical attention that could be given to him.

He was 33 years of age and was a man of sterling character. For a number of years he was express agent in Easley, later accepting a position as assistant cashier of the Easley Bank, which position he held at the time of his death. By his cheerful and happy disposition he made friends with all whom he came in contact. He was a consistent and active member of the Baptist church here and took an active interest in affairs for the betterment of the community.

He was one of Easley's most prominent and successful young business men.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Leota Aiken, of Greenville, whom he married about two and one half years ago. He leaves also his mother, Mrs. Eliza Aiken of Easley and two sisters, Mrs. V. E. Latham, of Easley and Mrs. B. M. Henry of Brevard, and one brother, Will Williams of the Cross Roads section.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence, conducted by Rev. J. P. Patton assisted by Rev. D. W. Hiett. The body was laid to rest with Masonic honors in West View Cemetery.

When a small boy Mr. Williams lived in Transylvania County and Mrs. Williams, who was a Miss Aiken was a native of this County.

May we be ministers of Thy mercy, messengers of Thy helpful pity to all who need Thee. By our sympathy, our prayers, our kindness, our gifts, may we make a way for the inflow of Thy love into the needy and loveless lives, and so may we have that love which alone is the fulfilling of Thy Law.

Hasten the time when all men shall love Thee and one another in Thee, when all the barriers that divide us shall be broken down; and every heart shall be filled with joy, and every tongue with melody. These gracious gifts we ask in Jesus name. Amen. C. D. C.

RED SOLDIERS AS CITIZENS

It is said that there were no better soldiers than the Indians in the American Expeditionary Forces. According to Major Thomas Refley of the 165 Infantry, "they were expert in rifle fighting, game, strong, brave, resolute; they were superior in scouting and patrol work; they were unexcelled in every phase of every fight." With such a record to speak for them, no wonder a proposal to organize "One or More" divisions of Indians, commended by General Pershing and other high officers, has been brought to the attention of Congress.

Picked Indians would undoubtedly make excellent material for our standing army, but in justice to them and their race, they and the bulk of their people should be made citizens under the flag they are to serve.

Tardy justice in this particular at last seems to be at hand. The Carter bill, which passed the House of Representatives recently confers citizenship as a right on all Indians born in the United States. After this measure becomes a law there will still be left Indians who must be protected as wards of the Nation, but it is proposed to reduce steadily even the number of these by training and education. With the bulk of the Indian citizens and twenty-five thousand or more young red men permanently in the army, the descendants of the ancient aboriginal race of this continent will be, as it long has been desired that they should be, Americans in a double sense.

In this connection also, it is interesting to note, that we have during all the years been misinformed in one particular about the Indian race. We have been told that the race is gradually dying out and have periodically mourned the passing of the poor Indian. Latest statistics show that this is not the case. The best the experts can figure it, there are more Indians in America today than there were when Columbus discovered the continent. This completely disproves the theory that the red man cannot stand civilization.

PROMOTED TO SECOND CLASS SEAMAN

Charles R. Townsend of Brevard, who recently enlisted in the navy at the Asheville navy recruiting station has been promoted from apprentice seaman to seaman second class and is now attached to the U. S. S. Oklahoma. The Oklahoma is a super dreadnaught attached to the Atlantic fleet and is now making a cruise in West Indian water to give the crew of the ship an opportunity of seeing the many interesting old ports of these islands. The ship is due in Colon, the eastern port of the Panama Canal within a few days and while there every man in the crew will be given an opportunity of inspecting this great work of engineering. The fleet is due back in New York about May 1st, 1920 and all men will be given a furlough to visit their home.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Brevard Church

There will be both church and Sunday school at the usual hour next Sunday, the 29th at 10 and 11 a. m.

Davidson River Church

There will be no services at all until the influenza situation shows decided improvement at Pisgah Forest.

JOHN R. HAY, Pastor.

A LETTER FROM CAMP LEE, VA.

Editor Brevard News, Brevard, N. C.

Dear Sir:-

As we are still at Camp Lee, Va., and having some of the best of weather, and everything, it makes us feel like writing to the people at large of our home county.

Camp Lee is naturally on the boom. Everybody is working, getting ready for the big Vocational School that is to open here in the near future, which will bring the strength of the camp up to about 30,000 men, while at the present there is only about 2,000 troops here, there being only the 62nd and 43rd regiment of infantry, and the Q. M. C. Detachment, the Utilities and the Med. Department at the camp Hospital, of which Sgt. Geo. F. Woodfin is a member, and the Motor Transport Corps, of which private Robert Merrill is a member. During the last week Woodfin was appointed Sgt. Major of the Camp Hospital and the next day was out with the hospital baseball team and had the misfortune of sustaining a fractured leg and is now confined to his room.

Recruiting is on the boom also. Many ex-service men are re-enlisting, for they have been discharged and tried civil life again with the H. C. I. staring them in the face, and therefore find that their little \$30.00 per month, with all board, clothes, medical and dental attention paid for is better than a job at even \$150.00 per month, for they can't get board for less than \$50.00 and then by the time they buy their clothes, pay for their laundry and have a mild attack of the flu or some other disease, and pay out \$40.00 or \$50.00 for a doctor bill, and then lose that time from work, well, the army is the best anyway one gets at it.

When the old regular army began to come back to itself they quickly dismissed all Y. M. C. A. and other welfare organizations from all the army camps and posts, but now things move along just as smooth as ever and the soldiers have just as good, if not better times than they did while such organizations were in existence.

The new Vocational Training School will teach all branches of study, such as different languages, arithmetic, spelling, and in fact everything that is taught in high school and in addition to that, will teach horticulture, agriculture, mining, surveying, and in fact everything that one can mention. There will be only two such schools, one at Camp Funston and the other here. The one at Funston is for all soldiers west of the Mississippi river and the one here is for all east of the Mississippi and every enlisted man of the United States army that elects to take a course in this school is eligible, no matter how high he has been in school before, or even if he has never been to school a day, there will be a class for everyone. They will get their clothes, board and everything paid for and will be paid their \$30.00 per month anyway.

So where else is it that a man can get a good education, and be paid at the rate of \$30.00 per month in addition? Camp Lee is an ideal place location for an army camp, being ten minutes ride from Petersburg, Va., and one hour ride from Richmond, Va., and not over two hours from Norfolk and Newport News, Va., has excellent car service and excellent train service, so any young man that wants to better himself by three years training in the

NOTICE TO ALL COUNTY TEACHERS

You will please take notice that all county teachers' meetings are called off until Saturday, March 20, 1920 due to the fact that so many contagious diseases are now very prevalent in practically every township of the county. I regret very much indeed that it is impossible for us to have any county-wide-meetings sooner than the aforesaid date, as we have so many important things to get before our teaching force.

Any and all teachers who have prepared to take the county examination prepared by the County Board of 7th grade Examiners will please send to me at once the names and addresses of the respective applicants. I hope that there may be a large class in the county who are able or will be able to pass aforesaid examination on the date of May 22, 1920. Details for conducting and taking the examination will be given out just as soon as we have a list of prospective graduates.

With every success to you and all the school forces of the county, I am, Yours very truly, A. F. MITCHELL, County Supt. of Public Instruction.

PRUNING DEMONSTRATION

On Tuesday, March 2nd County Agent Lawrence will give a demonstration of modern methods of fruit tree and grape vine pruning at the County Farm at Selma.

Wednesday, March 3rd Mr. T. J. Schooley from the State Horticultural Department, Raleigh, will assist Mr. Lawrence in a pruning demonstration at the farm of Mr. C. C. Yongue at North Brevard.

On Thursday the place selected for the pruning demonstration is the W. M. Henry orchard near Duns Rock.

Friday the W. W. Ray and Bill Owens farms, near Lake Toxaway school house will be operated on.

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs will attend.

On Tuesday, March 9th there will be a pruning demonstration at Mr. Gus Chapman's at Old Toxaway.

VERNON CALLAMORE MARRIED

Mrs. W. K. Osborne has received announcement of the marriage of her grand son, Vernon B. Callamore of Charlotte, N. C., to Miss Maude Allen of Hickory, which occurred last Wednesday evening at the Presbyterian Hospital.

Mr. Callamore, a Transylvanian by birth, is with the Coy Furniture Co. of Charlotte and Miss Allen a graduate nurse at the Presbyterian Hospital at Hickory.

regular army, just apply to any recruiting officer and ask for a special assignment to Camp Lee, Va., and we will assure you a hearty welcome and that you will be satisfied for the army today is not like the mob of 1917-18-19, but now everything is different—even the slum.

As this is Washington's birthday and we are at liberty to go where we please, Merrill has come over from the M. T. C. and is staying with Woodfin for the day, so about all we can do is to write letters and talk, read magazines and such as that, but it is hoped that at an early date we will be able to go out and enjoy the nice weather that we are having.

Wishing the News and all its readers a prosperous year, we beg to remain,

Respectfully,
ROBT. E. MERRILL.
GEO. F. WOODFIN.

REVALUATION ACT LOWERS TAXES

Every one who studies the Revaluation Act should at the outset give the act credit for a saving of forty-five per cent. In the years of 1919 and 1920 every property owner pays forty-five per cent less taxes than he would have paid if the General Assembly of 1919 had not touched the subject of valuation.

Under the old law there was a reassessment every four years, and if the General Assembly of 1919 had done nothing with respect to valuation the reassessment would have been made in 1919 and the taxes for 1919 and 1920 would have been paid on this reassessment. This law has been in force for twenty years and every four year there has been a substantial increase in values. The average increase has been 26 1-2 per cent. There is not a man in the State outside of an institution for insane and feeble-minded who does not know that the actual increase in property values during the last four years has been greater than in any four-year period since the reassessment law has been on the books. No mortal man will deny that if the old law had been allowed to stand without the dotting of an i or the crossing of a t, the values in 1919 would have been increased as much as they have in any four-year period. Just knock off 1 1-4 per cent and say that property values would have increased 25 per cent. Then in 1919, the property owners would have paid 25 per cent more taxes on the same property than they paid in 1918. Under the Revaluation Act they did not pay a cent more. A similar amount would have been paid in 1920, but under my recommendation to the General Assembly this 25 per cent increase in 1920 will be reduced to 5 per cent, this for the public schools. This makes a net saving to property owners in 1920 of 20 per cent, and this added to the 25 per cent saved in 1919 makes a total saving to the property owners on account of the Revaluation Act of 45 per cent.

The increased tax rates in the year 1919 are due to two things:

1. The public school term was by a practically unanimous vote of the people of North Carolina increased from four to six months. Of course 50 per cent increase in the length of the school term means 50 per cent more money and no fair-minded man can complain on account of his taxes. He voted for it himself.
2. The General Assembly of 1919 increased the salaries of teachers in public schools 50 per cent. This was done because the General Assembly reached the conclusion that it was not only unwise, but positively indecent to starve the young women of the State who were devoting their lives to teach our children. Before this increase the average teacher in the public schools got \$45 a month for teaching four months, her year's work netting her \$180. Under the Constitution the term was lengthened to six months and the Legislature increased her salary to \$67.50, which makes her earnings for the year \$405, an increase of more than 100 per cent. If a man is opposed to this increased tax to give to the children a longer school term and pay the teachers wages that will keep them off the outside pauper list, let him come out boldly and say so. Please do not charge up these increases to the Revaluation Act which, as heretofore stated, reduced the taxes paid in 1919 and 1920 45 per cent.