

Correspondence

IRON DUFF ITEMS

Cooler this morning with a big frost. It will retard the growth of grass but if it keeps back the apple blooms sufficiently to escape the spring frost. A few cold snaps will prove a blessing.

W. L. Morrow, J. A. Park and Aaron Conard, who have spent the winter in South Carolina, have returned to their old homes in Iron Duff.

Rev. A. L. Latham on the first Sunday preached at Davis Chapel a sermon on the war and gave some good advice. He said that every person should feel and realize the fact that they are a part of this government and that it was incumbent on them to do something to help win a victory in this war for humanity; the farmer could do so by putting more thought and energy into the production of foodstuffs and that everyone could help by being more frugal. He urged all to buy War Savings Stamps and appointed a committee to look after this.

Z. C. Davis, T. B. Medford and R. C. Chambers have recently been on a visit to Camp Sevier. They report a splendid time and were royally entertained by the soldier boys. Mr. Davis has two sons in that camp; one of them is a lieutenant. Mr. Medford has a son and a brother. Mr. Chambers has two nephews. M. A. McCracken contemplated going but was detained on account of the fact that his daughter, Maggie, was operated on for appendicitis at the Waynesville Hospital. Mr. McCracken is doing right well by Uncle Sam; out of six boys four are in the army and the other two are not old enough. I often think of my old friend, A. Z. Baldwin, down on White Oak; he has only two sons and both have donned the uniform.

Bryan Medford is at home from Camp Sevier on a five days' furlough. Dr. F. M. Davis, of Canton, is also home from Camp Sevier for 10 days. He is now visiting his old home and relatives in Iron Duff. He is a captain in the engineering department and says he is kept busy all the time in sanitation work, visiting the sick in the hospitals and lecturing four hours a day to soldier boys on how to take care of themselves if wounded on the firing line.

Everyone in the camp this good weather is hustling. The motto is, "You must learn things fast and to do things quick." He says he don't know when they will go to France and most of the boys don't care; in fact, some are anxious to go and the more efficient they become the more anxious the soldier is to be near the evening that a well trained soldier wants to do some fighting.

—"OLD SHAD."

CRABTREE LOCALS

We have been having excellent weather for the past month, although the March winds are blowing at present.

Mr. Lee Noland visited Fines Creek last week.

Misses Carrie and Winnie Kinsland, of this place, visited relatives at Clyde last Saturday.

Mr. Bryan Medford and Capt. Davis, from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., were home on a furlough this week.

Several of the school girls visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Loney Kinsland is building a new house across the road just above the other one.

Mrs. Mattie Noland has returned home from Asheville after a week's stay.

Mr. Clayton Walker motored to Crabtree Saturday.

There were several of the young folks from Lake Junaluska and other places who came down and gave a surprise party at the home of Mr. R. W. Kinsland Saturday night, March 9.

Mr. Jarvis McCracken, of Washington, D. C., is visiting home folks.

Mr. Jim Williams made a trip to Asheville last week.

Miss Fannie Messer came home Friday.

I will close this time by saying I am glad to see more of the correspondents taking interest in our home paper. Many that are far away now say they enjoy all the letters.

When in Town

get your lunch here. A good meal at a low price. We also handle groceries. Your trade appreciated.
Whitehouse Cafe
J. R. Whitehouse, Prop.
Depot Street

RATCLIFF COVE NEWS

The farmers of this section are very busy preparing their corn ground nowadays.

Rev. A. V. Joyner filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday and Sunday and preached two interesting sermons.

The Sunday schools are both progressing nicely.

It seems that some of the people of this place don't know there is still a union prayer meeting going on here. If they do they don't act. But we are having a prayer meeting and need the help of all the people. Every one who can should come next Sunday night. It will be at the M. E. church and you can come if you will. "Where there is a will there is a way."

Mrs. W. E. Sharp, of Cruso, spent the week-end with her daughter, Mrs. G. W. Limer.

Mr. Jesse Boone was a visitor in the Cove Sunday afternoon.

—"DAD."

RUTHERFORD COLLEGE

Rutherford College is situated about three-fourths of a mile from Connelly Springs, which is on the Southern railway between Asheville and Salisbury. It is a large brick building and is surrounded by a 50-acre campus. Rutherford College is only 10 miles from Hickory or Morganton. A student can easily go to either of these towns and do his shopping. The college is so located that there is seldom any attractions to keep your mind off your work. It has three Literary Societies, one for the girls and two for the boys. The societies are doing a great work and are numbered among the best of the state.

Rutherford College is the place for a student to prepare for college. It gives four years in high school work and two years of college work. Up to February 9, 1918, it has enrolled 41 ministerial students, and has in all departments 153. There are about 50 of these students who are working their way, partly or wholly, through school. Rutherford College is giving a student \$2.00 worth of work for each \$1.00 it receives. The board for this year has been running on an average of \$8.00 to \$8.50 each month.

Rutherford College is now working to erect a new brick dormitory. The dormitory is to be erected in honor of Dr. Weaver, who loved the institution. Weaver Hall is expected to cost \$25,000 and is to hold from 90 to 100 boys. The hall is to be furnished with all modern conveniences and be ready to be occupied by the opening of the next term, which will be the 28th of August, 1918. Those who love Dr. Weaver and believe in Rutherford College now have the privilege to give as a memorial to Dr. Weaver \$25,000. If you want your pennies to make nickels, your nickels dimes, your dimes dollars, and your boys men, send them to Rutherford College.

R. R. CAMPBELL.

WARNS FARMERS

Will you publish this as a warning to the farmers of Western North Carolina?

Owing to the damage of a large amount of corn by the early frost, I deem it my duty to warn the farmers in their selection of seed corn. Every farmer should test his seed corn NOW and find what per cent will germinate; if only 75 per cent germinates to the ear that means a loss of 25 per cent of his crop as replanting is worthless in crop prospect. In the selection of seed the germinating quality can be easily determined by a small box 12x16x6 placing decayed sawdust two inches deep in the box and wet with water, then apply one inch of rich soil over the sawdust and make it moist with water. Divide the box in small plots 2x4 inches and place five seeds in each plot; place the seed then cover with a small layer of moist dirt one-half inch thick, sprinkle warm water on every 24 hours. In five or six days examine and see how much has germinated. In selecting the seed shell off the corn from each end. You then get rid of the small germinating grains. I have drawn a plan which will give an idea of the plan I proposed. I have tried it and found it a success.

I do this feeling it my official duty as a member of the North Carolina board of agriculture from the Tenth congressional district to the farmers of Western North Carolina.

I would be glad that all the newspapers in the Tenth district would copy this, as it is so important that the farms should produce at this time a bumper crop and aid in the overthrow of militarism and making democracy safe the world over.

A. TANNON.

Horse Shoe, N. C.

SAUNOOK HAPPENINGS

The farmers are getting along nicely with their work since we are having such fine weather.

We are glad to say the Sunday school is progressing nicely with G. S. Smathers as superintendent and Thomas Compton assistant.

Rev. A. L. Beck preached an interesting sermon to an attentive audience Sunday.

The singing convention was a success and our choir won the silver cup. Everyone seemed to enjoy the singing.

Mrs. Will Haney returned to her home on Caney Fork Monday after spending several days with her husband, who is soon to return to Camp Sevier.

Miss Willie Rhinehart entertained a number of friends Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Vaughn Rhinehart returned to Camp Sevier after being called home Sunday to attend the funeral of his grandmother, Mrs. Thomas Rhinehart. His mother accompanied him as far as Canton.

Misses Wilsie and Maude Snyder and Dona Arrington were the pleasant guests of Clara Davis Saturday.

Messrs. Robert and Taylor Messer, of Crabtree, are visiting friends and relatives at this place.

Mr. Joseph Davis was the guest of Miss Pearl Snyder Sunday.

Miss Carrie Robinson, of Hazelwood, was the guest of Miss Iva Snyder Sunday.

Misses Pearl Scott, Julia Stephens, Lizzie and Rhoda Arrington and Messrs. Crawford Hawkins, Taylor and Robert Messer and Rev. N. L. Beck were the guests of Miss Dollie Sparks Sunday.

We are sorry to report the death of Mrs. Thomas Rhinehart which occurred at her home near Saunook Wednesday night. She leaves a host of friends to mourn their loss.

We surely enjoy reading the letters from the correspondents, especially those of Camp Sevier.

—"VIOLET and ROSE."

Bethel School Closes March 22

Route 2, Canton, March 8.

The Carolina Mountaineer, Waynesville, N. C.

Dear Sirs:

Please give space through the columns of the next issue of The Mountaineer-Courier for this: Friday, March 22, 1918, will mark the closing exercises of the Bethel Graded School, Woodrow, N. C. The exercises will begin at 11 a. m. with an address by Rev. Lowell Q. Haynes, Clyde, N. C., an eloquent and forceful speaker.

In the afternoon, beginning promptly at 2 p. m., the program will be rendered by the children of the primary and intermediate grades.

The exercises for the evening, beginning at 8 p. m., will consist of drills and the rendition of two high-toned plays. Throughout the entire program the exercises will be interspersed with patriotic and inspiring choruses under the direction of Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Stedman, accomplished vocalist and pianist.

P. E. DOWNS, Principal.

JIM CASEY DROPS DEAD

Uncle Jim Casey, an old and respected darkey, 84 years of age, dropped dead on Branner avenue Sunday evening about 7 o'clock. He was not a slave, but served as a soldier in the Confederate army and as in these times of war, when we through gratitude are glad to do honor to our boys now under the colors, so it seemed most fitting that southern women of that vicinity should be among those to do the last ministrations of kindness and gratitude to this old colored soldier lying there helpless in the street, as they came to his assistance with a cot, hot water bottle and automobile, and wrapped comforts around his dying body, put a pillow under his head and bathed his wrinkled forehead as his spirit passed out of this war-stricken life into the "pretty land of God" "over there."

HOUSEWORK IS A BURDEN

Woman's lot is a weary one at best. But with bachache and other distressing kidney ills life indeed becomes a burden. Doan's Kidney Pills have made life brighter for many women hereabouts. Read what Mrs. C. M. Williams, 29 Central Ave., Asheville, N. C., says: "For several years, my back kept growing weak until finally I couldn't sweep the floor, walk up or down stairs or do any housework without suffering greatly. If I bent over, I couldn't get up without putting my hands on something for support. Mornings, I was doubled up with pain and I often had to be helped out of bed. Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me of that trouble across my back and a few boxes made a lasting cure. My back is now strong and never pains me at all."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Williams had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y.

- A - WARNING TO FARMERS

Our duty to the Nation, as well as our duty to our customers, impels us to warn the farmers of this community of the danger of delay in placing orders for repairs they may need this spring for their farm machinery.

This warning also applies to NEW IMPLEMENTS as well as repairs. When the stock of new implements now on hand is gone, we may be unable to get any more except at great delay in transportation. They would also cost more, both by reason of the constant advance in price and by having to pay local freight rate on small orders.

It is of the utmost importance that you examine your farm operating equipment without delay and notify us at once what parts you require to put the machines in workable condition.

Unless we receive this information several weeks in advance of the using season we will be unable to obtain the parts in time for your needs. The manufacturers are short of material and labor, and the traffic conditions are causing serious delays in transportation.

So important is the question of repair supply that the implement dealers' National Federation, with the co-operation of the manufacturers, government officials and state agricultural colleges, has designated

NEXT WEEK AS

National Implement Inspection and Repair Week

Implement Inspection and Repair Week will mark the end of a big drive for repair orders for machines to be used in the preparation of the seed-bed and in seeding spring sown crops.

More time than usual is required to fill orders for both machines & repairs

All of the machines available for use this year will be needed to increase crop production to the extent required by the United States and its Allies.

Examine your machines and make a list of the broken parts

Also list parts that are badly worn and likely to give out before their work is completed.

Take pains to give correct numbers of numbered parts and complete description of unnumbered parts.

Give the trade name or brand of machines. If in any case the brand and manufacturer's name have been obliterated, there is all the more reason for early ordering.

Place your orders at least three weeks before you expect to use the machines.

We pledge ourselves to spare no effort to obtain all needed repairs for farmers who will co-operate with us by making known their requirements in accordance with these suggestions.

Waynesville Hardware Company
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