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**FINES CREEK FOLKS**

Some of the farmers are plowing and planting their corn the second time as it was damaged by the cold spell and further hurt by the frost. Joe Justice, of Spring Creek, Madison county, was buried at the Baptist church Saturday, April 27. He died of pneumonia. A meeting was called at the Baptist church Wednesday night in behalf of the Liberty Loan. A society was organized under the name of "Kaiser Killers of Fines Creek." We hope our citizens will respond to the great need of our country and swell the Liberty Bonds and Stamps with every effort.

Captain Hannah, of Waynesville, and A. M. Frye, of Bryson City, were in our "burg" this week.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely and if our choir keeps improving will have some fine singing for all who care to come and listen.

Dr. Walker, of Crabtree, was in our township Friday.

Mrs. Ellen Curry, who has recently returned from the hospital, is doing fine.

Born, April 24, to Rev. and Mrs. Stilwell, a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Burnett Webb visited friends in Madison county the last of the week.

George W. McCrary went to Canton on business Thursday.

Thomas J. Fincher is making good in his new store which he recently purchased from Davis & Ferguson. —"MADGE."

**HYDER MTN. HAPPENINGS**

These wonderful May days are the very essence of glorious heart swelling liberty. May we be able to retain our freedom.

Our fields of wheat appear to be going to yield a bountiful crop of golden grain which is going to back our boys in the trenches.

Ben Freeman, of Clyde, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Holder Thursday.

Mr. L. V. Rogers is at present in some of our western counties buying cattle.

Mr. Rome Dotson, of Canton, spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. E. R. Dotson.

Mr. M. A. Leatherwood and little son, Marshall, visited his son, Hilliard, at Camp Sevier, who expects to be crossing the waves soon for France.

Jack Frost has injured our Irish potatoes slightly and also nipped the early beans, but there are still more seed in the country.

Misses Sarah Rogers and Lena Leatherwood went to Clyde Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Holder, who have been making Savannah, Ga., their home for some time, returned

last week with their little son, Athel, who is very ill.

About all the farmers in this section are through planting corn. It seems that they have all "taken in" that extra acre also.

Candidate Frye and his wife were around in this vicinity last week making speeches.

Thank you Peggy. I see you are not like some of the rest of us—negligent of your duty. I'm coming of-tener now.

You soldier boys continue writing. We greatly enjoy the letters of your camp life. Keep up your spirits and I know you'll do your bit by sterilizing the flag after you make the Huns kiss it. —"GYPSY."

**CLYDE CULLINGS**

Miss Lucy Kirkpatrick, a recent graduate of Lake Junaluska Seminary, was in town last Friday. Her father, W. C. Kirkpatrick, has purchased a fine automobile and is one of the most successful farmers in Crabtree township.

Presiding Elder West, of Waynesville, spent a while here last Friday with Rev. R. E. Hunt who has been unable to preach for two or three weeks on account of a severe cough.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Rhinehart have returned home from visiting relatives and friends at Sylva. Mrs. Rhinehart's sister, Mrs. R. M. Dillard, of Atlanta, spent several days here last week.

Mr. J. C. Byers lost his pocketbook last Saturday containing a \$20 bill and a ten-cent piece. It was found and given to him by Mrs. J. J. Ensley who is one of Clyde's noble women.

Cuy C. Medford is home again from Atlanta where he has been for some time doing bridge work for the government. He is expecting a call any time to go into training in order to fight the Hun successfully.

Clyde Masonic lodge has bought lodge fixtures amounting to about \$300 which will make the hall much more inviting and attractive. At the next regular communication will be the time for the annual election of officers. The Oxford Orphan Singing Class will visit our town some time during the summer.

Hon. A. M. Frye and Hon. Thad D. Bryson, candidates for judge, made a thorough canvass of our "burg" last week and each will get a good vote here, Captain Frye leading.

Dr. Felix O. Bell, of Linden, N. C., successfully passed the State Board of Medical Examiners several days ago and will soon serve as assistant surgeon at some government hospital. He and Miss Zora Medford were married March 23 at Atlanta, Ga., where Miss Medford was in training at the Piedmont Sanitarium. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Medford. —"M. E. S."

**LETTER FROM FRANCE**

U. S. Postoffice 712, Y. M. C. A. Somewhere in France, April 9.

Editor Mountaineer:

For over three months I have been promising myself I would write you a letter from France. But that old excuse that we so frequently use and of course sometimes is true, "just haven't had the time," is all that I can say in self defense. But our work is of such a nature that I am really busy much of the time. Really so busy that I have forgotten all my old ideas of eight hours' work, eight hours' play and eight hours' sleep. Although that has been an ideal of mine since entering Christian work I have not been able to abide by it. Over here it is from 17 to 18 hours' work, six or seven hours' sleep and often less, and play—well, that is a thing of the past with me as I get older.

Our work is so entrancing, and has such an appealing force to it that we lose sight of self and bury our all in serving others. We never realize the joy of service until we are placed in a position where service counts. That service unselfishly given to others in order that their lives might be made brighter and their hardships lighter and their hearts more buoyant; in my estimation that is true service. Such is the service that we are trying to render for our boys "somewhere in France," and of course with such an opportunity as this to serve we lose sight of time and only reckon by deed or services rendered others.

My opinion of France has always been favorable. When in school I read of this great people and became intensely interested in their national life. Then of course I never dreamed that a time would present itself for me in some measure to show my appreciation of the services rendered dear old U. S. A. by such men as Lafayette and others. But in the course of human events I have been able to see with my own eyes and hear with my own ears many things that have heightened considerably my first formed opinion of this great nation.

France has gone through a mighty struggle. Their sons with determination unsurpassed have kept back the hordes of trained men of Germany. They have shown to the world that the men of France are still brave. That although overwhelmingly outnumbered with men and supplies they have been able to hold their own and kept back the tide of barbarism that started over their borders to subject this great nation to a haughty and autocratic king. Again the same battle cry that went up from every heart and lip in the great battle of Verdun in 1916 is again being repeated by the valiant men of France. In the great struggle that is raging now to settle the destiny of the Christian world the battle cry is "On ne passera pas" (They shall not pass), and with this cry ringing in their hearts they are holding and, yes, will soon begin to drive back the Boche. But in making this statement about our brave ally, the French, we must not forget to say a word about the brave men of England and other allied nations that are fighting and dying for the great cause.

This short letter would not be complete unless I said a word about the brave women of France. They have arisen to the emergency and taken their place in the great war. In all wars women and children are the ones that suffer most. The brave women are cultivating the fields, working in the shops and other places filling the places of their brothers and husbands in a way that startles us. I take off my hat to these brave women. A story will illustrate this point as to their patriotism. At the close of one of the great battles a brave woman dressed in black was seen to walk across the battlefield. She suddenly stopped by a body lying in death on the field. The guard came up and ordered her on. She bowed her head in prayer. The guard came to salute and stood this way as she breathed her prayer. Then she said, "Brave men of France. In other battles I have given up six sons. Here lies the seventh cold in death. If it was to do over again I would do my part. Vive la France!" This is the way these brave women are doing their part.

The enclosed I guess will interest you. Your paper comes to me regularly. It was the first medium to bring me the news that my folks knew I was safe in France. In some way it had traveled faster than first class mail.

Kindest regards to your family and friends.

Cordially yours,  
**W. W. EDWARDS.**

**GOING ACROSS SOON**

Camp Sevier, May 4, 1918.  
 Dear Mountaineer, and Readers:  
 This is perhaps my last letter for a long time. The boys are doing fine. Haywood county, your boys will soon be "over there," where they can show their patriotism in actual warfare. Your boys are the best of soldiers, and I'm sure they will do their duty as good and true soldiers. Don't be uneasy about your boys for they

**Punxutawney**

(A True Story Taken From Real Life)

Last fall a shoe salesman from Punxutawney was in our store and looking over our stock he was so impressed with our stock of clothing and our moderate prices that he bought a suit for himself, one for his boy—and several other items in our furnishings line.

Some of these things he sent home by Parcels Post—the rest he left here, saying he would write us when to Parcels Post them.

We kept wondering when he would write for these things or whether he had died or whether he had never found the way back to Punxutawney, when suddenly he appeared on the scene again.

When asked why he hadn't written for his suit he said that he hadn't needed it and as he was coming back this way again thought he might buy another suit or two.

When we finished with this customer we sent two suits to PUNXUTAWNEY instead of one—besides a lot of other things men and boys wear.

**MORAL:—If we can sell a man from PUNXUTAWNEY, PENNSYLVANIA, why not a man in Waynesville, North Carolina?**

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are commanded by the most efficient men. And we feel that we have true gentlemen for our officers. They are men who will intelligently lead us and not drive us.

We wish to thank you dear old Haywood people for your kind interest in our welfare and wish you all success.

If allowed to I will write the paper from "over there" when we arrive.  
**LEE ROY WILLIS.**

**CANTON CLIPPINGS**

**(Canton Enterprise)**

At the meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Canton, held on Wednesday, it was decided to take over the new watershed property at once.

In the Police court one day this week Judge May sentenced Claude Thomas to four months on the roads for assaulting Ed Miller with an iron bolt. The police say Thomas has served time before on the road and in Federal prison at Atlanta.

Mary Ables, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ables, passed away on Tuesday. The deceased was born September 25, 1915. The child's death was caused by whooping cough. The funeral was held from Morning Star cemetery, Rev. W. C. Matney, of the Methodist church, officiating.

The Canton Publishing Co., successor to the Observer Publishing Co., and to the Canton Observer, was recently incorporated under the laws of North Carolina with a capital of \$10,000. At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the new company the following were elected directors: J. Bat Smathers, D. J. Kerr, George L. Hampton, John Milne, L. A. Clark, Mrs. H. A. Holden, H. A. Holden. The directors elected the following officers: President, J. Bat Smathers; vice president, George L. Hampton; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. A. Holden; manager, H. A. Holden.

**COLORED MEN IN CAMP**

Camp Jackson, Columbia, May 1.  
 Capt. R. A. L. Hyatt,  
 Chairman Local Board of Exemption, Haywood Co., Waynesville.  
 Sir:—We arrived here this morning about 2 o'clock O. K. I assure you that we, the 23 boys of Haywood county, put into action the instructions that you and others gave us. Each young man acted his part of a gentleman. I am glad to inform you that not a single man of my company got drunk or acted disorderly from the time we left Waynesville until we reached the camp. All orders given were obeyed and we all stayed together.

We are getting along O. K. and cannot express the debt of gratitude which we owe to you, to the citizens of Waynesville, and to our parents and friends.

I think I voice the sentiment of the whole company when I say that we will never let the honor of dear old Haywood county and Waynesville, the beautiful, trail in the dust, and when we go to France we will die before we let Old Glory touch the ground.

Respectfully yours,  
**W. R. HOOPER, Jr.**

If inanimate things could exult, how the old backlog would laugh at the coal men.

**WANTED**—Pupils to join French class. Correct pronunciation assured. Course of 20 lessons \$5. For further particulars phone 44-N, Gonld & Ferguson.

**NELLIE NEWS**

The people here are moving along well with their work. Some are through planting corn; others are planting.

Our Sunday school is progressing nicely, but we hope the younger folks will take more interest.

Mrs. H. J. Caldwell is visiting her daughter, Mrs. V. A. Campbell, of Maggie.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bryson and children, also Mr. Lebo Medford, of Iron Duff, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Palmer last week.

Miss Hattie Palmer has returned home from Waynesville where she has been in school.

Several of the young folks were seen out horseback riding Sunday afternoon.

Miss Agnes Messer, of Ola, has been visiting friends of this place for a few days.

Miss Lavada Palmer and little sister, Eulala, visited Misses Della and Myrtle Palmer Sunday.

Mr. Jarvis Palmer, Jr., has been called in the next draft and will leave here June 9 for camp.

Mr. J. H. Woody has returned home from Columbia, S. C., where he has been in school and will leave today for Waynesville to work in a bank.

Miss Magola Caldwell visited Miss Nellie Palmer Sunday. Several of the older folks visited Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Caldwell.

Messrs. Charles Palmer, Verlin Noland, Carl Sutton and Carl Woody left today for Wilmington, Del.

Messrs. Willie and Vinson Palmer went to town today.

Miss Ethel Palmer visited her grandmother, Mrs. G. L. Palmer, last week.

Mr. Chauncey Palmer has returned home from Hayesville where he has been in school.

Hope to see several letters this week.

—"BLUE EYES."

**NO. FOUR NOTES**

Mrs. Horace Anderson is spending the week with her mother, Mrs. Hardy Medford.

Mrs. Sallie Medford has been appointed by the government as grain inspector of Clyde township.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. McKim are expected home from Knoxville where they have been spending the winter.

Mrs. Daisy Davis is spending the week-end in Waynesville.

The Medford community enjoyed a fox hunt this week.

Colonel Bailey has arrived and will begin work on the lake at Hardy

Medford's farm at once. Mr. Ed Wood sold \$3,000 worth of War Savings Stamps in one day. Clyde is certainly doing her bit. —"Mrs. A. M."

**CANNING CLUB WORK**

The canning club work just starting in this county is being met with very enthusiasm.

The people seem to be very wide awake and are beginning to realize the necessity of greater conservation in the home.

A big problem faces the farm woman of today. We are at war. The food must be preserved as never before.

There is no reason why Haywood county should not be self supporting in this respect. I think it would be safe to say that there is enough fruit and vegetables wasted in Haywood county to more than compensate the amount of shipped-in products. And this amount is enormous. It is not only a patriotic duty but a duty that we owe ourselves to produce and conserve everything possible this year.

A canning club was organized at Bethel Monday afternoon with 19 members.

I will meet with the women and girls on the following dates at 3 o'clock in the afternoon:

Allen's Creek school house, Monday, May 13.

Ratcliff Cove school house, Tuesday, May 14.

Beaverdam school house, Wednesday, May 15.

Rock Springs school house, Thursday, May 16.

**JUANITA MEDFORD,**  
 Temporary Home Economics Agt.

**FREE DINNER**

Free dinner, free Thrift Cards and Stamps as souvenirs at the big auction sale of the Mrs. Harriet Smathers farm sale. Fine and valuable land close to our manufacturing town of Canton, in good neighborhood and school on the premises.

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Mrs. Mary Fennell, R. F. D., Pomonca, Missouri, writes:  
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