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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

ON WHEATLESS DAYS

USE NO BREAD CRACKERS, PASTRY OR BREAKFAST FOODS CONTAINING WHEAT.



RED CROSS DEPARTMENT

The ladies in charge of the work room are troubled and perplexed over the grievous falling off in attendance at the work room. The work allotted to them is seriously hampered by lack of workers. The auxiliaries throughout the county are finishing up their allotted work much more rapidly than Gastonia. Mt. Holly has almost finished her share of five-yard rolls and is asking for more. This work is quite easy for any one to learn. The directors are happy to have new workers to teach.

The casualty lists in our daily papers grow larger and larger. Dressings save lives. For the lack of them men who otherwise might live, bleed to death. One of the Red Cross nurses in France wrote to a friend, "We grow heartsick when we go to the boxes and see that the dressings are getting low."

Our responsibility in this matter is grave and great. We must will change the old lines. "Men must work and women must weep," to "Men must fight and women must work."

The women of Gastonia are urged to give all the time they possibly can to this work and to make dressings for our wounded while it is our high privilege to do so.

Attendance Record.
Tuesday morning, March 26th, seven workers prepared for rolling three five-yard gauze rolls. Eighteen were made Tuesday afternoon.
Wednesday morning, March 27th, Mrs. A. M. Dixon was supervisor, Mrs. J. S. Wray was cutter, Mrs. W. L. Balthis and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam were packers, and Mrs. T. A. Wilkins, Mrs. J. L. Adams and Miss Mary Ramsey were workers.
Wednesday afternoon Mrs. J. H. Matthews, Mrs. L. A. States and Mrs. E. W. Gilliam.

Thursday morning, March 28th, Mrs. J. White Ware, Mrs. J. A. Estridge, Mrs. Nancy Moore, Mrs. L. H. Balthis and Miss Lowry Shuford.
Thursday afternoon, Mrs. W. H. Adams, Mrs. W. F. Michael, Mrs. F. D. Barkley, Mrs. Frost Torrence, Mrs. J. L. Gray, Mrs. L. A. States, Mrs. Z. B. Harry, Mrs. E. O. Bell, Mrs. R. L. Dye, Miss Willie McKemy, Director, Mrs. J. H. Separk, Supervisor, Mrs. R. M. Johnston, Cutting, Mrs. J. K. Dixon, Mrs. J. C. Gallo-way and Miss Lowry Shuford.

Attendance at work room Thursday evening, March 28, supervisor, Miss May Tatlock; directresses, Miss Prue Thomason and Miss Eliza Crawford; workers, Misses Ruth New and Sarah Gardner.

MEETING TO DISCUSS DAYLIGHT SAVING

For the purpose of thoroughly understanding the workings of the new daylight law which goes into effect next week the merchant members of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce will meet at the offices tonight at 7:30 o'clock, upon call of Chairman E. N. Hahn, of the Department of Mercantile Affairs. All are urged to be present promptly at the hour stated.

GOVERNMENT TO SEIZE HOARDED WHEAT.

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 27.—The United States government will seize wheat wherever it is withheld from the market on the ground that such withholding is giving aid and comfort to the enemy. This was the assertion of the food administration this afternoon. Telegrams to this effect were sent to the various State food administrators this afternoon.

Three Dodge cars, driven through the country from Detroit, Mich., to Gastonia, reached here Sunday night. They were for W. H. Wray, the local Dodge dealer, and were driven by Gastonia men who went to Detroit for that purpose. So congested is the freight traffic that auto dealers all over the country are finding it necessary to send men to the factories to drive cars back through the country. All three of these cars, two touring cars and one roadster, were sold as soon as they were received. Mr. Wray had planned to send his men right back for more cars but was notified that no more could be allotted to him for a few weeks.

The man who grows more food adds to the wealth of the world; the man who grows dollars may be adding only to his own wealth.

IS PLEASED WITH CAMP

GEN. CAMERON WAS HERE YESTERDAY

Commander of Camp Greene Spent Yesterday Here Visiting Camp Chronicle and Going Over the Kings Mountain Range—Found Camp in Good Condition and Men Doing Splendid Work—Fields Are Churned Up and Pitted by Shrapnel and High Explosive Shells.

The following from this morning's Charlotte Observer is of especial interest to Gazette readers:

The artillery units engaged in firing practice on the range at Kings Mountain assumed yesterday increased activity, incident to the first visit of Major General Cameron, commanding the troops at Camp Greene. The fields at the foot of the mountain were churned up and pitted by many high explosive shells, while other batteries raked the open areas with a great number of shrapnel shells.

At the invitation of General Cameron, a representative of The Observer was a member of the party, which also included Colonel Boch, chief of staff, and Captain Putnam, aide-de-camp. Arriving at the artillery camp near Gastonia, Brigadier General E. B. Babbitt, commanding the artillery brigade of the Fourth division (regular), joined the party. An informal inspection of the work of the artillery was made by General Cameron, who told General Babbitt that the artillerymen were doing well.

Around the base of the mountain, from which the American patriots moved upward to attack the British, believing themselves safe on the summit, sufficient shells fell yesterday on the areas under fire to wipe out every living thing which might have been there. Though only a part of the artillery brigade is engaged in firing practice, there were in position within five miles of the mountain far more than enough rifles and howitzers to have won the battle of Kings Mountain without the movement of a single infantryman. But, in those days nothing was known of high explosive shells, sharp and high-powered, rapid-fire artillery, and a bloody hand-to-hand battle was fought and won by the patriots.

Three Regiments Represented.
Under the eyes of their division commander, the troops of the Thirtieth heavy field artillery and of the Sixteenth and Seventy-seventh light field artillery, went about their work with enthusiasm and energy. General Cameron and his party divided the day, part of which was spent in the observation towers, at the batteries while firing, and also much time was given to a trip over a large part of the range area.

After an early morning ride from Camp Greene, the party spent a short time at field headquarters of General Babbitt, when various maps, including maps of the range area, of the communication system, and others, were studied carefully. Resuming the ride, with General Babbitt accompanying, the party motored some distance to a point on a road nearest one of the observation towers. The tower was reached after a walk over ploughed fields and through a pine wood. Climbing 60 feet, the party joined the officers at the top of the tower, who were engaged in observing the effect of the firing and directing the correctness of the ranges. Through high-powered field glasses, the results of the explosions of high explosive howitzer shells was observed. These shells, so timed before firing that they would explode a certain distance under the surface of the ground, sent skyward great masses of dirt as they exploded. Artillery officers said deep conical craters were formed by these explosions, but none of the party investigated the effect at a distance of less than 3,500 yards.

Obtaining Range Data.
A number of very delicate instruments were employed to aid the observers in estimating the ranges and to assist them in "bracketing" the targets. It would not be wise to describe these instruments. From each observation tower was strung a telephone line to the battery engaged in practice, over which the officers sent directions to the battery commander. In this phase of the work, the signal corps men of the batteries were given practice in the work assigned them. Other towers were in communication with other batteries not only by telephone but also by wireless. The several other methods of signalling also are being practiced by the signal detachments of the batteries, including signalling by the use of flags and of lights.

As the great majority of the American people have been privileged to read very little of the details of the work of the artillery, which in the present war has shown such great development, officers of the party gave permission for the publication of some of these details. The term "bracketing," mentioned above, is descriptive of the manner in which the artillery observer definitely finds the range. The units firing yesterday were directed to fire the first shell at a range known to be greater, or less, than the distance from battery to the target. The second was fired at a point known to be on the other side of the target from the gun. The variation between the real range and the designated range was said to be immaterial. After the second shot, the observer calculated as near as

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WAR DEPARTMENT PUTS LID ON WAR NEWS

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 29.—The French reserve army continued its drive into the German salient near Noyon today, according to advices reaching this city. The number of troops engaged, whether the operations are being conducted by the Allies' reserve army and whether it is the actual real counter-offensive or only a feeling-out movement, is not omitted here.

The lid has been clamped down by the War Department for the present.

There is great interest here, in the Italian situation. Officials look for the launching of an offensive against Italy in the near future.

SENATOR OVERMAN DECLARES SPIES ARE AT WORK.
(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 28.—The break down of America's aviation program has been due to the tampering of German spies who infest the aircraft plants, Senator Overman declared in the Senate this afternoon. The North Carolina Senator declared that there were 400,000 spies in America.

AMERICA WILL COMPLY WITH CALL FOR MORE TROOPS.
(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 28.—Lloyd George's appeal for getting more American reinforcements "across the Atlantic in the shortest possible time," presented through Earl Reading in New York last night, will be responded to. This was made plain by officials today. Every military agency of the Government is being speeded up. Red tape is being cut out. The results will be manifest soon. It is impossible to make actual statements as to the movements of troops but officers declare that there are many divisions throughout the United States ready for immediate action the minute they reach France. News from the battle front continues satisfactory.

THE ALLIED OFFENSIVE IS WELL UNDER WAY.
(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, March 28.—The Allied offensive is well under way and most important news is expected from the front in Picardy within the next 24 hours, is the opinion of war department officials, who declared today that the counter offensive will be the sharpest blow the Allies have yet attempted. It is understood that no less than 100,000 Americans will participate in this drive, which will probably take the form of a rolling-up movement. According to the latest information reaching Washington, the Allies have now placed 800,000 fresh troops along the Picardy front. These will be sent against the Germans in a sweeping movement which is expected to turn the tide in favor of the Entente forces. The fact that American officers are willing for the first time to admit that American troops are going into action is significant.

AMERICAN TROOPS NOW TAKING ACTIVE PART.
(By International News Service.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, March 28.—The United States is taking its small part in meeting Hindenburg's drive on the Bapaume-Noyon front. Besides various American officers there are representatives of all branches of the service including engineers. It is reported that aviators are also there.

Baseball Game.
On Saturday, April 13th, the baseball teams of Mayworth, this county, and Greer, S. C., will meet at Lory Park at 3 p. m. The Mayworth team was the champion of Western North Carolina in 1917, while Greer was champion of South Carolina. Gordon will pitch for Greer and Betzel for Mayworth. It promises to be an interesting game.

—Miss Agnes Cotton Timberlake, of Raleigh, is spending a few days in the city as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce.

—Captain E. E. Boyce, regimental adjutant of the 113th Field Artillery, stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., is spending a four days furlough with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Boyce. From here Captain Boyce will go to Fort Sill, Oklahoma, for a special course of training in the school of fire.

IN SOCIAL CIRCLES

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD

LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN SUNDAY AFTERNOONS.

We are requested to announce that the Library Association has decided to keep the Gastonia Public Library open three hours each Sunday afternoon for the benefit of the soldiers of Camp Chronicle, to whom a very special invitation is extended to make use of the library. Beginning next Sunday afternoon, March 31st, the library will be open from three to six o'clock, new time, every Sunday afternoon.

EASTER EGG HUNT TOMORROW AFTERNOON.

All the little folks are again reminded that there is to be an Easter egg hunt given at Moreplace at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by the members of the Fleur de Lys Club. The small admission fee of 10 cents will go to the club's fund for the support of French orphans. If it should be raining tomorrow afternoon, the affair will be held on the first following pretty day. A good time is in store for all who come.

An interesting feature of the afternoon will be the exhibition of Japanese dancing mice. It will be "a penny a peep" and the proceeds from this also will go to the French orphan fund. All the young people of the town are invited to attend.

BAND CONCERT WAS ENJOYABLE EVENT.

An audience which taxed the capacity of the auditorium of the Central graded school gathered Wednesday night to hear the concert given under the auspices of William Gaston Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution by the 77th Artillery Band, from Camp Greene, and Lieut. M. Henry Meeks, of Camp Chronicle.

The high expectations which had been aroused by the expressions of praise from other cities in which this band had appeared were fully met, and the audience enjoyed one of the most splendid musical entertainments ever given in the city. As soloist Lieut. Meeks gave special delight in the several numbers which he rendered. Every number on the program was splendidly executed, but the descriptive Fantasia, "Death of Custer," was easily the feature of the entire program. The wide range of special effects produced by the various instruments of the band and the splendid realism of the entire production were a revelation to the greater part of the audience.

During an intermission Lieut. Meeks presented medals to the following members of local Troop No. 3, Boy Scouts, for their services in selling Liberty Bonds of the second Liberty Loan: Lawton Spencer, Ralph Falls, Ralph Morris, Giles Beal, William Spencer, Thomas Quickel, Lamar Smith, Alfred Robinson, Frank Kincaid, Rhea Ferguson, Murray Grier, proxy for R. B. Babington, Jr., George Poston and Scoutmaster R. K. Babington.

The door receipts for the concert totalled \$322.75.

Band Leader Hawley and all of his men were highly pleased with the reception they received in Gastonia and stated that they would be delighted to return to Gastonia any time their services were wanted.

The ladies in charge of the concert appreciate very much the interest shown by the citizens of the town. In the afternoon there were tendered the committee many more automobiles than could be used. The members of the band were given an auto ride over the city, which they apparently enjoyed very much.

SOLDIER MUST FIRST REQUEST THE ARTICLE.

Washington, March 26.—Shipment of any articles to troops in France unless they have been requested by the soldier himself, was forbidden today by Major General March, acting chief of staff.

No explanation of the order was given in the statement issued by General March, but it is known that the purpose is to conserve transportation space. Warning that such action might become necessary unless relatives and friends of the soldiers eliminated all unnecessary shipments was issued recently by the postoffice department.

Read "Over the Top."

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

LUCIA LOCALS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.
LUCIA, March 28.—Misses Lula Belle and Edna Black spent the weekend at home.

Miss Lucile McIntosh visited her parents during the week-end.

Mrs. J. R. Rogers is sick at this writing.

Messrs. Tyner and Rando McIntosh made a flying trip to Virginia last week.

Mr. M. H. Hart lost a good mule last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Edwards and children visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McIntosh Thursday.

Mr. J. R. Rogers and son Ed were visitors in Gastonia Tuesday.

The Methodist Sunday school will give a very appropriate Easter service Sunday night.

Earle Connell spent Sunday at home.

Varra Underwood has been sick at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart spent Sunday at Mr. S. H. Black's.

"Jimbo Jum" will be in Lucia Thursday night instead of Friday.

The following is the cast of characters for the plays to be given at the Lucia school auditorium Thursday night:

"That Rascal Pat," Charles Livingstone Rhyme Lee.

Major Puff Jacket, Guy Fisher.

Pat, a blundering Irishman, Albert Black.

Major Puff Jacket's niece, Antha Black.

Nancy, the maid, Hattie May Rogers.

Jumbo Jum, Cleveland Beatty.

Lawyer Cheatem, Dennis Beatty.

Mr. Gabbleton, Herman White.

His wife, Arvie Beatty.

His ward, Varra Underwood.

Henry Merviller, James Connell.

Hannah, the maid, Olive Davis.

Three hired men, Frank Black, Hall Beatty and Raymond White.

Both plays are full of fun.

A very small admission fee will be charged, and everybody is invited to come.

Dallas Dots.

Last Tuesday evening the baseball team of Dallas high school met and defeated the Trenton Mill team of Gastonia on the Dallas grounds by the score of 8 to 7. The game was hotly contested throughout. Both teams played fair ball. The Dallas team, possibly on account of certain changes in the line-up, showed a decided improvement over the recent Alexis game. The Trenton team had a great number of fast players, some of whom played on the Gastonia high school team last year and some in the fast mill league. The game was really a pitcher's battle between Falls for Dallas and Holland for Trenton. In the last half of the ninth inning the score stood 7 to 6 in favor of Trenton, when Ferguson and Thornburg for Dallas scored two runs, winning the game. Falls for Dallas showed remarkable ability by pulling himself out of several bad holes by sheer strength of his pitching arm. The batteries were: For Dallas, Falls and Thornburg; for Trenton, Holland and Bell.

—The city public schools adjourned yesterday for the Easter holidays, and will resume work next Tuesday, April 2nd. A number of the teachers are spending the four days vacation at their homes.

—Master R. B. Babington, Jr., who is a student at the Blue Ridge School for Boys at Hendersonville, came in Wednesday afternoon to spend the Easter holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Babington.

WINSTON-SALEM SCHOOLS USING WILSON TEXTBOOK.

Have Collected Addresses of President and Allied Leaders for Use as Readers.

Winston-Salem, March 27.—The city school officials here are having prepared a textbook consisting of Wilson's war addresses, the addresses of the leaders of the nations composing America's Allies in the war, together with the best literature obtainable on the war, to be used as a supplemental reader in the regular course of study the last two months of school. The purpose is to instill into the minds of the children the war aims of America. The local schools have subordinated regular school work to the great movements of the day.

Next week will be observed throughout the schools as liberty week, culminating on Friday, which will be known as liberty day. On Monday, the attention of 6,000 school children here will be focused on Red Cross work; on Tuesday war savings stamp movements; Wednesday, liberty loan; ending Friday with liberty day, when the war aims of the United States will be emphasized in programs in all the grades in the schools.

An official dispatch from France yesterday said that the chaplain and two nuns of the hospital of St. Elizabeth at Antwerp have been executed by the Germans. They were killed in the court yard of the barracks at the same time as the Belgian oculist, Dr. Demets.

Read "Over the Top."

ON ALL DAYS

WITH EACH PURCHASE OF WHEAT FLOUR FOR HOUSE USE YOU GET AN EQUAL AMOUNT OF OTHER CEREALS

EASTER SERVICE HOURS WILL NOT BE CHANGED

The hours for the services in the uptown churches will not be moved up on next Sunday, March 31st, to conform to the daylight saving law which goes into effect that day. The morning service which has always been held at 11 o'clock will be at 12 o'clock when the watches and clocks are moved up one hour in compliance with the instructions of the Government. Sunday schools which have been meeting at 10 a. m. will commence at 11 a. m. by the new time. The evening service, hitherto beginning at 7:30 o'clock, will be at 8:30 Sunday, and so in regard to any other services.

In other words, next Sunday all church services will be at the old hour according to sun time, instead of advancing an hour. This holds good, however, only for next Sunday. After that the churches will conform to the new system: Sunday school will meet at 10 a. m., morning service at 11 a. m. and evening service at 7:30 p. m. by the clock, or just one hour earlier than they have been held heretofore by sun time.

The change will not be made next Sunday because the law goes into effect for the first time that day, and the ministers fear that the people will not understand and much confusion will arise if the church services are held an hour earlier. Many will fail to move up their clocks and watches an hour on that first day of the new law. But the following Sunday the law will have been working for a week and people will be accustomed to it. So the churches will then make their hours meet the law, as they wish to set an example in loyalty even if it be inconvenient to some to do so.

SOLUTION FOR UNPAID UP BONDS.

Banks and Employers to Pay Equity in Thrift and War Savings Stamps—Ford and Burrough's Plan.

Special to The Gazette.
WINSTON-SALEM, March 28.—What to do with unpaid assessments upon Liberty Bonds is a question that troubles banks, employers and others who sold Liberty Bonds on the installment plan. There have been thousands of people who have paid anywhere from \$1.00 to \$20 on their Liberty Bonds and who have stopped. These bonds are being held by their banks or their employers and are becoming a considerable worry to many, for the reason they don't know what disposition to make of the bonds in order that no loss will result to those who have partly paid for them.

The plan adopted by the Ford Motor Co., also by the Burrough's Adding Machine Co., is a clear and simple solution of the problem. These companies pay back to each employee the amount of his equity in these bonds in Thrift or War Savings Stamps. Then these companies take over the unpaid bonds as their own investment or dispose of them as they choose.

This plan is recommended by Col. F. H. Fries, State Director of War Savings, to North Carolina banks and corporations. There is no doubt, he says, but there are many banks and employers in the State who will be glad to adopt this plan in disposing of unpaid up Liberty Loan Bonds. He suggests that the chairman of County War Savings Committee make this arrangement with the banks for their people.

DURHAM MEN HELD IN ARIZONA AS SLACKERS.

Durham, March 27.—Leon Simon Nichols and his brother, John Thomas Nichols, formerly clerk in the Home Savings Bank of this city, are being held in Prescott, Arizona, on charges of being slackers from the Durham county, local exemption board, according to information which reached here. The two brothers left Durham about the time they were supposed to have entered the training camp and since that time they have not been heard from.

Mad Dog Scare.

Charlotte Observer, 28th.
Burlington, March 27.—A mad-dog running through the main streets of the town yesterday morning created quite a bit of excitement for 20 minutes or more. Men and boys joined in the chase and were supplemented by automobiles. Shots were fired at the dog in the business section, but he kept out of the way until he was killed in front of the Burns house on Webb avenue. He had bitten two dogs, which were later killed. No person suffered any injury.

Farmer Jones' Bugs.

Farmer Jones had hungry bugs on everything he'd grow; Everywhere he pitched his crop Those bugs were sure to go.

On day he read a bulletin Which taught him how to spray— And now he knows how he can kill A million bugs a day. —F. S.

