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DR. J. Y. JOYNER RESIGNS AS HEAD OF SCHOOLS

Quits After Seventeen Years of Service—Says He Needs Rest—Talked of as Possible Candidate for Governor and Also as University's Head—Succeeded by Dr. E. C. Brooks.

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Dr. J. Y. Joyner has resigned as state superintendent of public instruction and Governor Bickett appoints E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, as his successor, the resignation and the appointment to be effective January 1. The resignation came as a complete surprise here, although it seems that Dr. Joyner had notified the governor last summer that he contemplated such action. Dr. Joyner has been state superintendent of public instruction for 17 years. Dr. Brooks, the new state superintendent, was for a number of years connected with the state department of education before he joined the faculty of Trinity College. He is an educator of recognized ability, and is familiar with the work of the state superintendency. Dr. Joyner's resignation is declared to be purely for the purpose of taking a much-needed rest. However, in spite of this, gossip is getting him very much entangled as a strong possibility in the next race for governor and also as president of the University of North Carolina, as successor to the lamented Dr. E. K. Graham.

JIM WILCOX IS GIVEN PARDON BY GOVERNOR

Had Served Half of Thirty Year Sentence for Murder of Nellie Cropsey—Denies His Guilt for the First Time.

Raleigh, Dec. 21.—Jim Wilcox's own appeal direct to Governor Bickett for mercy "in the same spirit that you ask the Heavenly Father for mercy," apparently was the chief consideration back of the governor's action in granting the Elizabeth City man a pardon yesterday and thereby setting free the man who has served one-half of a 30-year term in the penitentiary for the alleged murder of his former sweetheart, Nellie Cropsey. In a personal letter addressed to the governor, Wilcox says: "Just stop and think; 16 years' unjust imprisonment; mother and father taken away during that time, was not allowed to see them as others have done; broken in spirit and health, not much longer to live, I ask you, do you not think I have been punished enough?"

This is the first time that Wilcox has ever denied his guilt. Nor has he ever confessed it. That fact has heretofore been a factor in the action of former governors in refusing to grant a pardon, repeatedly asked for. The records show that Wilcox has been an exemplary prisoner, not a single black mark having been entered against him during his 15 years' imprisonment. Governor Craig had gathered the opinion that he was cruelly indifferent, the testimony had shown that after the Cropsey-Wilcox quarrel and the girl failed to return home, Wilcox when asked by the distraught father of Miss Cropsey if he knew where she was and where he last saw her, declared he left her at a certain place then "turned over and went to sleep."

On the first trial in Pasquotank, Wilcox was convicted of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. The mob spirit was so all-pervasive that it broke out in cheers and Wilcox got a new trial. Tried in an adjoining county he was found guilty of murder in the second degree and given the limit. Judge W. M. Bond and E. F. Aydtlett defended.

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SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Just one more day.
—Merry Christmas
—And a Happy New Year.
—Nineteen and eighteen is on its last legs.
—Last call for Christmas shopping. Tomorrow is the last day.
—Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Lawrence are spending the holidays at Jacksonville, Fla.
—Miss Alma Bostick leaves tomorrow for Asheville to spend the holidays with relatives.
—Miss Martha Moore Morrow is at home for the holidays from Brennan College, Gainesville, Ga.
—Messrs. Frank and Henry Suggs, of Salisbury, spent the weekend here with their brother, Mr. Roy Suggs.
—Mr. Alex McLean, who has been at Madison, Ga., for the past several months, is at home for the Christmas holidays.
—Mr. Moore Morrow, a student at Fushburne Military School at Waynesboro, Va., is at home for the Christmas holidays.
—Miss Madge Beatty is at home for the holidays from Asheville where she is a student at the Home Industrial School.
—Miss Marjorie Norment, a student at the Normal and Collegiate Institute, Asheville, is spending the holidays here with relatives.
—Mr. and Mrs. Hal Little and little son, Mack Wilson, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Little's mother, Mrs. Mack Wilson.
—Miss Frances Atkins, of the faculty of Brevard Institute at Brevard, is spending a few days here with her cousin, Miss Amy Stone.
—Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Armstrong will leave tonight for Senora where they will spend the holidays with Mrs. Armstrong's mother, Mrs. R. B. Bass.
—Miss Francis Atkins, who is teaching in Brevard Institute, spent Saturday and Sunday in the city with friends en route to Thomasville to spend the holiday vacation.
—Following two days of rainy weather, the sun is shining brightly today and holiday shoppers are in clover. Despite the rain throngs of eager buyers crowded the stores in Gastonia Saturday.

—Mr. Hugh McDaniel and Miss Altha McCorkle, both of Mount Holly, were united in marriage on Saturday, December 14, by Rev. W. J. Rouch, pastor of the Loray Presbyterian church, at his residence in West Gastonia.

—The Christmas exercises at the Loray Presbyterian church will be held on Christmas (Wednesday) night at 7 o'clock, and will include a program of exercises, as well as the usual tree and tree.

—Messrs. C. F. Thomason, Jim Jackson, Victor T. Falls, Dock Robinson and two or three other Gaston men returned home Saturday from Camp Hancock, Ga., having received their final discharges from the army.

—Mrs. T. R. E. Oates, of Bessemer City, route two, brought to The Gazette office today a sample of the lemons she raised this season. One small tree bore eight lemons, the largest of which weighed 22 ounces and is the size of a large orange.

—Miss Mary Wilson, of Columbia, S. C., came home Saturday to spend the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Mack Wilson. Misses Louise Reynolds, of Atlanta, Ga., and Waburg McKane, of Charlotte, came with her. They will leave today for their homes to spend the holidays.

At the Broadway Wednesday Grace D'Armond in "The Crucible of Life."

Is Well Known Veteran.
Col. Osborne, who is to conduct the Christmas service at St. Mark's was a gallant Confederate soldier, colonel of the 4th N. C. Regiment in the civil war, and had no superior for gallantry and valiant service. He is one of the best known ministers of the Episcopal Church in the State.

NEW UNION FORMED.
(By International News Service.)
BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The Belgian envoy was officially notified today of the union of Montenegro and Serbia.

WALTER H. PAGE, NOTED CAROLINIAN, IS DEAD

End Comes to Former Ambassador to Court of St. James—Death Occurred at Pinehurst Saturday Night—Burial at Aberdeen—Was Widely Known Editor and Publisher.

Pinehurst, Dec. 22.—Walter Hines Page, former ambassador to Great Britain, died here last night after an illness of many weeks. Dr. Page's health began to fail nearly a year ago and he gave up his post as American representative at the Court of St. James late in the summer.

Dr. Page returned to the United States on October 12 and he was moved directly from the steamer to a hospital in New York. For a time his condition showed improvement, but late in November he suffered a relapse. Early this month he rallied and 10 days ago was brought to Pinehurst. For a while he seemed to grow stronger, but suffered a second relapse last Thursday.

Most members of Dr. Page's family were with him when death came. They included Mrs. Page, his daughter, Mrs. Charles G. Loring, of Boston; his son, Ralph W. Page, and brothers, Henry A. Page, Julius R. Page and former Congressman Robert N. Page.

Major Frank C. Page, who accompanied his father home from England, arrived this morning. Another son, Captain Arthur W. Page, is now serving in England.

Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed, but it was announced that services will be held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Page Memorial church at Aberdeen.

Dr. Page, who was born at Cary, 63 years ago, was appointed ambassador to Great Britain more than five years ago. Before that time he had devoted himself almost entirely to literary work and was the author of a number of books. While editor of The State Chronicle at Raleigh, he started the movement which resulted in the forming of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College.

Dr. Page attended Randolph Macon College in Virginia and was a fellow at Johns Hopkins University from 1876 to 78. He had received several degrees from the universities of Cambridge, Aberdeen, Oxford and Edinburgh.

Prior to being named by President Wilson to the important post of United States ambassador to Great Britain, in 1913, Walter Hines Page had made good journalism and publishing his life work. He was widely known as editor of The World's Work and member of the New York publishing firm of Doubleday, Page & Co. He was notable among editors for the variety of his intellectual interests, to which both his formal training and his experience had contributed and which served to make him a leader in his profession.

Held Memorial Service.
A memorial service in honor of the members of Main Street Methodist church who have died within recent months was held at that church last night. Those whose memories were thus honored were Mrs. L. G. Ramsey, Miss Minerva Jenkins, Mrs. Ramsey H. Parker, Paul Cornwell, Bishop Camp, Everett Jones, John I. Fayssoix, Dr. Frank R. Anders and others. Mr. J. H. Separk was in charge of the service and made the principal address. He was followed by Mr. George W. Wilson, Mr. J. W. Atkins and Rev. W. L. C. Killian. Two of the number, Paul Cornwell and John I. Fayssoix, died while in the service of their country, while most of the others were victims of influenza. Loving tributes of respect were paid to the memory of each of these departed members of the congregation. A feature of the program was the music. Miss Jane Morris and Mrs. Ben T. Morris sang solos.

MT. OLIVET NEWS.
On the night of December 19th the Mt. Olivet people had the pleasure of having Mr. John B. Steele and Miss Nell Pickens with them at the school house. Mr. Steele and Miss Pickens both made interesting and helpful talks.

The School Committee are making several needed improvements about the place. We now have fifty-seven names on the Red Cross Christmas Roll, sixteen annual members, five magazine members, and thirty-six junior members. We have collected \$35.42.

SAYS HE WAS NOT KILLED.
(By International News Service.)
WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY OF OCCUPATION, Dec. 23.—Hank Gowdy, crack baseball catcher, vigorously denied being killed Sunday.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.
(By International News Service.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The cotton market opened with contracts for January selling at 28.80, and March at 27.30.

LECTURED AT LITTLE'S SCHOOL HOUSE.
Correspondence of The Gazette.
DALLAS, Route 2, Dec. 19.—On the 17th instant at 7:30 p. m. Mr. J. B. Steele, our county agent, and Miss Nell Pickens, our home demonstration agent, gave interesting and instructive lectures at Little's school house, the mosquito and bacteria being the principal subjects taken up. The club members and others present were given a rare treat, since a lantern and many well-selected views were used to illustrate the lectures.

We hope to see these clubs grow stronger each year. We must all get together and work together if we wish to go over the top in solving the many problems before us. We don't know where to begin. These educators are here to show us where to begin and what to do and we are as much Uncle Sam's soldiers "fighting it out" on these lines as on any other to which he may call us.

DEATHS

IVEY BLAINE STROUP DIED IN FRANCE DEC. 4.

Mr. D. J. Stroup, who lives near Alexis, received a telegram from the adjutant general of the War Department Saturday bearing the sad news that his son, Private Ivey Blaine Stroup, died of pneumonia on the 4th day of December. Private Stroup was a member of Company B, 396th Engineers, and his name appeared in the casualty list a few days ago as having been severely wounded.

M. B. PETERSON.
News was received here of the death at Stanley at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon of Mr. M. B. Peterson, one of Stanley's most prominent citizens. Mr. Peterson's death was sudden, being the result of a severe attack of heart trouble. Deceased was about 60 years of age and is survived by his widow and several children. Funeral services will be conducted at Christ Church, Lutheran, at Stanley on Tuesday by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Holiek. A more extended sketch of Mr. Peterson will be published in a subsequent issue of The Gazette.

LUTHER LINBERGER.
Mr. Luther Linberger died at his home near Chapel Church, just east of the city, at midnight last night of pneumonia following influenza. Deceased is survived by his widow and six children, all of whom have been ill with the influenza for several days. Burial will take place at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon at Chapel Lutheran church, with services at the grave by the pastor, Rev. A. L. Holiek. On account of the illness of all the members of the family there will be no public funeral service. Deceased was a son of Mr. W. A. Linberger of Gastonia, route two.

Deceased is also survived by one brother, Mr. J. R. Linberger, and four sisters, Mrs. Ellis Robinson, Mrs. James Lewis and Misses Alice and Minnie Linberger.

MRS. MARY E. JENKINS.
Mrs. Mary E. Jenkins, widow of the late A. J. Jenkins, was born February 20, 1841, and died of pneumonia at her home in Stanley on Saturday, December 21, 1918, aged 77 years, 10 months and one day. Mrs. Jenkins was the mother of nine children and the step-mother of two children by her husband of a former marriage, all of whom are living. They are Mrs. John Beatty and D. A. Jenkins, of Stanley; Dr. J. H. Jenkins, of Gastonia; A. J. Jenkins, of Chester; S. C. A. A. Jenkins, of Shelby; W. L. Jenkins, of Charlotte; L. W. Jenkins, of Greensboro; Mrs. F. O. Davis, of Hickory; Mrs. J. K. Moore and Misses Jennie and Kate Jenkins, of Stanley.

The deceased united with the church at Lutheran Chapel, near Gastonia, in early life, and later transferred her membership to Christ church, Stanley, where she remained a devoted member until death. She was faithful in all the relations of life and bore her last illness with meek submission. Funeral services were conducted at Christ church, Stanley, Sunday afternoon, December 22, at 2 p. m. by her pastor, Rev. A. L. Holiek, and the body was laid to rest in the cemetery there.

MRS. RAMSEY H. PARKER.
Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, just exactly a week after the death of her sister, Miss Minerva Jenkins, Mrs. Ramsey H. Parker died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John S. Jenkins, 613 West Airline avenue. Death was due to influenza-pneumonia and followed an illness of about two weeks. When she became ill Mr. Parker was at Hopewell, Va., where he had been engaged on government work for some months past and she went from her own home on West Airline to the home of her parents where she received every attention that loving hands could bestow during her illness.

Myrtle Jenkins was in her 28th year, having been born November 21st, 1891. She attended the city schools. When a little 14 years old she joined Main Street Methodist church, of which she remained a loyal and consistent member until her marriage when she transferred her membership to the Lutheran church with her husband. She was married to Mr. Ramsey H. Parker on October 3, 1915. She is survived by her husband and two little sons, Robert, aged two, and John Ramsey, aged one year.

Mrs. Parker was a woman of splendid Christian character and was held in high esteem by all who knew her. Her disposition was such as to attract all who came in contact with her. She was a devoted daughter, wife and mother and her death leaves a vacancy in the home that cannot be filled.

Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of her parents, Rev. J. C. Dietz, her pastor, officiated, assisted by Rev. A. L. Stanford, pastor of Main Street Methodist church. Interment was in the family plot in Oakwood cemetery.

Mother Died in Missouri.
Mr. Walter Howell, who is employed at Howell's saw mill west of the city on route one, received news this morning of the death of his mother, Mrs. Eliza Howell, which occurred at her home in Mill Springs, Mo., on Saturday, December 14. She was 59 years of age. Death was due to heart trouble. Mr. Howell came to Gastonia with the Reuben & Cherry shows during the fair and when the influenza epidemic broke up the shows here for the season, he went to work with Howell's saw mill, where he has since been employed, though having been here only a short time. Mr. Howell has made numerous friends who sympathize with him in his sorrow.

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TODAY'S CASUALTY LISTS CONTAIN 6,427 NAMES

(By International News Service.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—The following army casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces:

SECTION ONE.
Killed in action, 55; died of wounds, 37; died of accident or other cause, 13; died of disease, 72; wounded severely, 1,256; wounded, degree undetermined, 1,118; wounded slightly, 786; missing in action, 167; total, 3,485.

The following men from North Carolina are among those listed in section one:

Killed in Action: Private Raymond Hawkins, Dove City.
Died of Wounds: Private Paul S. Lovin, Osborne.
Died of Disease: Privates Ben Ross, Kings Mountain, and Ellis Simmons, Lehighville.

Wounded Severely: Corporals David A. Batts, Elm City; Harvey L. Crawford, Winston-Salem; Walter C. Koomer, Kinston; Edward J. Wilson, Spray, and Lawrence E. Hadsoph; Privates Henry G. Haggerty, Salem; Charles William Sheppard, Ansonville; Henry E. Miller, Winston-Salem; Johnnie Johnson, Windsor; Sherman Oliver, Croston; Bucher Stuart, Forest City; William Thacker, Burlington; Guy Littlejohn, Whittier; Herman Hendrix, Fayetteville; Ruel Vernon, Mt. Airy; David Cleveland Gaines, Clinton; James L. Hicks, Hillsboro; Eddie Hunter, Rocky Mt.; Herman Jordan, Wadesboro; Earl F. Crump, Ansonville; Luther M. McNeill, Red Springs; Robert C. Maynard, Merry Oaks; John Heath, Waxhaw; John D. Redman, Kannapolis; and Claude W. Watson, Salisbury.

Wounded, Degree Undetermined: Captain Charles F. Sumner, Hertford; Corporals Henry A. Burt, Charlotte; Henry S. Jenkins, Harris; William C. Poole, Mayotlan; and Marvin C. Robinson, West Yemlow; Mechanics Gus Chamber, Elk Park; Privates Mead S. Hoyle, Newton; William T. Clayton, Laurinburg; Robert D. Estep, Bee Log; Joseph Ellis Bush, Branch; Dock Crane Morgan, Norwood; Oscar Miller, Charlotte; Joel Bentley, Greenville; Cephus Joyner, Nashville; Herbert C. Mangum, Dyserville; and William Franklin Millard, Mt. Olive.

Wounded Slightly: Captain John English, Haywood, Monroe; Lieut. Rufus D. Wilson, Burlington; Sergeants WALTER F. GRIGG, Mell A. Grigg, GASTONIA; Emory N. Burns, High Point; HUGH J. McCORKLE, Robert L. McCorkle, ALEXIS, and Burn R. Taylor, Rosemary; Corporals Wiley M. Price, Crumpler; Joe P. Burt, Spring Hope; Julius G. Mills, Robesonville; Nick Mitchell, Raleigh; Ralph Richardson, Fayeley; William J. Paschal, Reidsville; James L. Penny, Hillsboro; and Thomas Leon, Burgaw; Mechanics Guy Brown, Bostic; and James O. Dockery, Marvin; Privates Burdette Talberry, Mooreville; Samuel Worrel, Edenton; Charles C. Lowery, Polkton; Ralph Jackson, Mills Springs, and William Sloan Clapp, Asheville.

SECTION TWO.
Killed in action, 55; died of wounds, 28; wounded severely, 516; wounded, degree undetermined, 1,369; wounded slightly, 824; missing in action, 49; total, 2,841.

The following men from North Carolina are among those listed in section two:

Wounded Severely: Sgt. Pleasant L. Neal, Stonyville; Corporals Fred L. Lee, Hewitts, and Joseph Moffitt, Morganton; Privates Simmons H. Haskins, Trenton; Joe R. Bowen, West Durham; Thomas V. Carpenter, Peabland; Amos Moore Dawson, La Grange; Grover King, Taylorsville; Edward Williams, Charlotte; Granger Grady, Selma; George C. McIntyre, Altamahaw, and Joe Radford, Wood.

Wounded, Degree Undetermined: Captain Edward Michaux, Goldsboro; Sgts. Horace Hampton Denton, Morganton; Luther Edwin Holder, Winston-Salem; and Walter J. Little, Durham; Corporal Burton H. Wood, Lincolnton; Privates W. M. H. DIXON, KINGS MOUNTAIN; William A. Walker, Oakdale; Thomas N. Bysson; Cullasias; John H. Collins, Westfield; Paul J. Eure, Eure; Walter I. Foster, Haw River; Ernest Rivenbark, Wilmington; James Adam Price, Monroe; James K. Warren, Dunn; Roney L. Fowler, Graham; Duffy F. Harris, Ruthersville; Harvey Walker, Olin; Ed with W. Wilbute, Kannapolis; William L. Morton, Hubert; SIDNEY L. PERKINS (Mrs. J. L. Perkins) GASTONIA, Homer Commodore McLean, Upton; Fred Winkler, Boone; John Cartwright, Weedsville; Emmett E. Fulp, Walnut Cove; Henry D. Holtselaw, Elk Park; Zeb F. Little, Maiden; Leon P. Blackman, Clarendon; and LAWRENCE I. CLEMMER, (Hardy Clemmer) LOWELL.

Wounded Slightly: Lieutenants Chas. M. Griffith, Thomasville, and Landon C. Rosser, Jonesboro; Sgt. Kilo S. Bowling, Oxford; Corporals Ira W. Shields, Durham; John W. Branson, High Point; Belvo A. Hoyle, Bostic; Edward H. Day, Roanoke Rapids; Dennis S. Twiford, Eastlake; William C. Carver, Wooddale; Charlie Palliam, Durham; and Boston Albert Young, East Spencer; Privates J. H. Garrett, Roxboro; Henry Harkness, Tennellia; Arthur Sturgill, Jefferson; Will F. Haynie, Canton; Jarvis W. Palmer, Hayesville; Milton E. Whitehead, Square; Elijah A. Childs, Princeton; John R. Day, Roxboro; Marshall M. Elington, Burlington; King G. Long, Tomahawk; Roy Dezers, Rusk; Davis G. Phillips, Morganton; Robert Pone, Elizabethtown; Elmore Hill, Badin; Algie E. Byrum, Corapeake; Dan Cox, Blounts Creek; John L. Cox, Greensboro; Eugene P. Garrison, Burlington; Edwin Lowler Key, Elberie; Clemon G. Davis, Goldsboro; Frank Martin, Winston-Salem; Roy Young, Drepper; Daniel J. Byrum, Corapeake; Osee Richardson, Nashville, and Jethro O. Terry, Sedar Grove.

ENGLAND AWAITS THE PRESIDENT'S COMING

Mr. Wilson Will Land in England Thursday and Will Be House Guest of King George at Buckingham Palace—Great Reception to be Accorded Him by Britishers.

London, Dec. 21.—Following is the official program in connection with the visit of the President of the United States to England:

The presidential party will arrive at Dover at 12:10 p. m. Thursday and will be received by the Duke of Connaught, representing the king; John W. Davis, American ambassador, Lord Reading, British ambassador to Washington, and Lord Herschell, lord in waiting to the king, who will be especially attached to the President during his visit.

Commander Sir Charles Cust, equerry to the king, will meet the President at Calais and will be especially attached to him. The party will arrive at Charing Cross station in London at 2:30 p. m., and will be received by the king and queen and, with the sovereigns, will drive to Buckingham palace. The streets will be lined by troops, who will be assisted by contingents from the royal navy and the air forces.

On Thursday evening the President and Mrs. Wilson will dine privately. Friday morning and afternoon will be reserved for the President to meet the British cabinet ministers. In the evening the king will give a banquet at Buckingham palace.

On Saturday the President will proceed to the city to receive an address at Guild hall. On that evening a dinner will be given by the government at Lancaster house, at which the British ministers will be present. After the dinner the President will leave London for Carlisle, his mother's birthplace, where he will spend Sunday.

From Carlisle the presidential party will proceed to Manchester, where the President will be the guest of the lord mayor. Arrangements have been made for the President to receive on Monday the freedom of the city of Manchester. It is expected that the President will leave for France Tuesday.

Paris, Dec. 21.—The President's first work in France finds the preliminary situation surrounding the peace conference fairly well developed toward the point where, according to the President's expressed view, it will be worth while for the United States to participate. The President's conferences with French and Italian statesmen have served to emphasize that he considers a treaty of peace not enough, but that the general agreement to be made among the nations must include a satisfactory settlement of the question of the freedom of the seas and a league of nations.

The President now goes to England to continue the discussions there along the same lines as those he had with the representatives of France and Italy, which the President's advisers described as having been satisfactory.

PRESIDENT INVITED TO VISIT IRELAND

(By International News Service.)
DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Resolutions asking President Wilson to visit Ireland for an investigation of conditions on the spot and see how the country wants self-determination" were adopted by many Sinn Fein and nationalist meetings in towns in south Ireland Sunday. The President was cheered in many places.

10,122,400 PERSONS ENROLL IN RED CROSS.

Atlantic Division Leads 209,000 Members for Year in South—Other Records.
New York, Dec. 21.—Official figures on the Red Cross Christmas roll call show that up to Friday night 10,122,400 persons in all parts of the country had joined the organization for the year 1919. The figures made public here tonight show for the Atlantic division 2,600,000 members; Lake division, 1,180,000; Northwestern, 2,330,000; Gulf, 50,000; Mountain, 87,000; Southwestern, 1,051,000; Southern, 229,000; Central, 4,000,000; Pacific, 229,000; Pennsylvania, 407,000; and Insular, 6,400.

Twenty-five per cent of the population of New York state was enrolled.

GREETINGS FROM REV. H. H. JORDAN.
To All Our Good Friends in Gastonia:
Since it is impossible for me to see you in person or write to each one of you individually, I am going to avail myself of the courtesy of The Gazette to extend, through its columns, to each and every one of you my personal good wishes, with the season's greetings, "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

H. H. JORDAN.
Monroe, N. C., Dec. 23, 1918.

MISSING IN ACTION: Private Lewis B. Newman, Milton.

MARINE CORPS CASUALTIES.
Summary of casualties to date:
Officers, deaths, 90; wounded, 101; missing, 1; total, 192.
Enlisted men, deaths, 1,908; wounded, 2,792; in hands of enemy, 75; missing, 313; total, 5,088. Grand total, 5,280.

The following marine corps casualties are reported by the commanding general of the American expeditionary forces, (included above):
Killed in action, 29; died of wounds, 5; died of disease, 5; wounded severely, 35; missing in action, 27; total, 101.