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ABOUT ROADS IN SOME NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES.

Correspondent of Hickory Record Takes Editor Charlotte Observer to Task for Condition of Roads in Mecklenburg County.

Recently The Charlotte Observer carried an editorial comment on the condition of the sand-clay roads of Western North Carolina, describing their impassable condition since the recent wet spell.

"In the issue of your paper July 21, 1919, I notice an article headed 'The Roads' by Charlotte Observer. This article by the Observer advocating hard surfaced roads, which I do not think would be contrary to my views after due consideration of the best way of constructing permanent roads.

"These particular roads are known to every tourist and commercial traveler to be about the worst of any public roads in western North Carolina. We have heard so much about how to build good roads and where to build good roads that I have just about decided that the one, all and most important condition facing all the counties of this section of the state is that charity begins at home.

I want it absolutely understood that I am for better roads and will champion that cause in my home county at all times, but I do want to travel on roads in keeping with the roads of my county when I go east from Mt. Holly in the direction of the Queen City of North Carolina."

W. H. BARKLEY.

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE CROSS AWARDED TO CAROLINIANS.

Washington, July 28. — General Pershing today called the following list of distinguished service cross awards:

Major Robert J. Lamb, Fayetteville, N. C.

Captains David W. Lillard, Etowah, Tenn.; Edgar H. Bain, Goldsboro, N. C.; Lieutenant Douglas M. Lyons, (deceased) Fort Henry, Tenn.

Sergeants William E. Sellers, Chesterfield, S. C.; Dewey S. Brown, Mount Ulla, N. C.; William J. Farper, Lexington, N. C.; Joe H. Vaughn, Bon Aqua, Tenn.; Joseph C. Engle, Memphis, Tenn.; Lynn White, Saluberg, N. C.

Corporals John Varner, Platt, N. C.; Isaac M. Newton, Kerr, N. C.; Leonard Anderson, Hillsboro, Tenn.; Monroe C. Hooper, Andrews, N. C.; Bart T. Forbes, Old Trap, N. C.; Hugh B. Martin, Williamson, N. C.; Seth E. Perry, Okisko, N. C.

Privates Alexis M. McClain, Hilldenite, N. C.; Thomas J. Wilson, Chattanooga, Tenn.; William N. Cooper, (deceased) Knoxville, Tenn.

Washington, July 28. — Following awards of the distinguished service cross were announced today:

Sergeants Albert B. Brookshire, Paris, Tenn.; George E. Miller, (deceased), Dyersburg, Tenn.; Paul G. Watkins, Kingston, N. C.; Tomas W. Carlisle, Tarboro, N. C.; John T. Wells, Watha, N. C.; and Litten T. Thurman, Crossville, Tenn.

Corporal Emory L. Butler, Landis, N. C.

Privates Thomas A. Moreland, Concord, N. C.; Edward Blanchard, Fayetteville, N. C.; John S. Rives, (deceased), Mulberry, Tenn.; Luther C. Griffiths, Reidsville, N. C.; Herman C. Craven, Hernando, Miss.; Buck A. Carter, (deceased), Ingold, N. C.; Henry French, Baynardsville, Tenn.; Sewell K. Roberts, Chattanooga, Tenn.; and Henry H. Hall, Hope Mills, N. C.

TODAY'S CASUALTY LISTS CONTAIN 340 NAMES.

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, July 30. — The following army casualties are reported by the commanding general of the A. E. F.: Killed in action, 11; died of wounds, 30; died from accident or other cause, 50; died of disease, 21; wounded severely, 73; wounded, degree undetermined, 50; wounded slightly, 104; missing in action, 1; total, 340.

The following men from North Carolina are among those listed above: Wounded Severely: Private William A. Thompson, of Graham. Wounded Slightly: Private HUGHES DURHAM, of DALLAS.

SUMMARY.

Table with 2 columns: Description of casualties and Total count. Includes rows for Killed in action, Died of wounds, Died of disease, Wounded in action, Missing in action, and Total to date.

A "WRESTLING PARSON."

A Gallant Preacher Soldier From Cumberland County Has a Novel Method of Getting the Dough Boys in the American Army of Occupation to Attend Services.

The following article by Mr. F. W. Lewis, recently appearing in The Raleigh News and Observer, will be of interest throughout this section. The chaplain referred to, Rev. E. S. Currie, was formerly a star baseball and football player at Davidson College:

Chaplain Currie, who has won fame on the Rhine as "The Wrestling Parson" in his go-to-church campaign among the soldiers, is a Tar Heel. In his earlier days he was a famous baseball player, and subsequently he was a Presbyterian minister at Raleigh.

He has a way peculiarly his own to induce the boys to attend religious services, and it is a great crowd getter. It is said that he has been putting on an exhibition in Leusdorf every night, and every man he throws promises to induce five other soldiers to return with him the following Sunday. Though he meets many expert and scientific wrestlers, he has been winning about 75 per cent of the matches. His way is very attractive to the soldiers, and it may be imagined that "The Wrestling Parson" is not only popular but that he is accomplishing a great deal in the work of saving men's souls.

Chaplain Edward S. Currie, whose present rank is first lieutenant, was appointed to the place he now occupies February 1, 1918, from Cumberland county, North Carolina, and he was a Presbyterian minister at Raleigh when he received his appointment. He was attached to the Y. M. C. A. in the second division, which is now on the way to this country, and it is assumed that Chaplain Currie is with the division, and that he and other Tar Heels who are with him, will soon be back among the people of their native State.

Chaplain Currie is a cousin of Mrs. Joseph Daniels and Mr. Henry M. London, of Raleigh.

Thus "Wrestling Parson," who has been the spiritual adviser of the boys "Over There," and who it is believed, has played well his part in the struggle for universal liberty and worldwide democracy, will go back home stronger, if not be, in his religious faith, and well schooled in the art of reading human character. Being thus more strongly equipped for his life work, it may be expected that he will achieve many triumphs in his war against evil, and in the end demonstrate to the world that "peace hath her victories no less renowned than war."

Cotton Mills For Shelby.

Cleveland Star.

A prominent Gastonia citizen here this week said that another Gastonian asked him why Shelby was so successful with her political aspirations whereupon he answered by asking: "Why is Gastonia so successful with cotton mills?" This Gastonia man said Shelby is successful politically because her citizens talk and study politics, while Gastonia people think and study the mill business. He ventured that Shelby and Cleveland county are as able financially to build mills as Gaston and that our citizens are as competent business men as Gaston folks. This leads to the point we wish to emphasize. Our people could build several cotton mills and manage them successfully and we need institutions of this kind because we are in the best cotton producing section of the cotton belt.

England and the East will no longer be able to control the textile industry because of their high wages, labor troubles and transportation difficulties. We are in the cotton belt and have every advantage over England and New England. America is destined to control the textile trade in foreign countries and with our merchant marine, we have every advantage in this industry. The high cost of building mills now does not frighten the people of Gastonia, Gaffney, Cherryville, Rutherfordton, Kings Mountain and other places. They are going right ahead with mill construction for they have business foresight enough to know that the South is to control the textile industry and that we have every advantage over competition if we will only grasp it. Shelby needs more payrolls. We need to manufacture something that is sold on outside markets to bring money here. We are logically located for textile enterprises and if we grow, we must build and build now.

STORY HOURS PLEASE YOUNG FOLKS.

Due to the uncertain and rather damp weather of the past few weeks, only a small number of children were present each time at the story hours held on July 11th and 18th; but those who came enjoyed the stories told by Misses Louisa Wilson and Sarah Glenn.

Last Friday afternoon about 60 boys and girls spent a happy hour from 6 to 7 o'clock on the Presbyterian lawn listening to the interesting stories which Miss Wilson told them. There were stories of all kinds, fairy tales for the little children about "The Hut in the Woods" and "The Four Brothers"; two of the adventures related in the famous old Anglo-Saxon epic, of the strong and courageous warrior, "Beowulf," for the boys, and another story for all the children about the misfortunes of the stingy man, "Tanbur," who would not buy a new pair of shoes to replace his old ugly, worn-out pair.

If the weather is good there will be another story hour next Friday afternoon at the usual hour and place.

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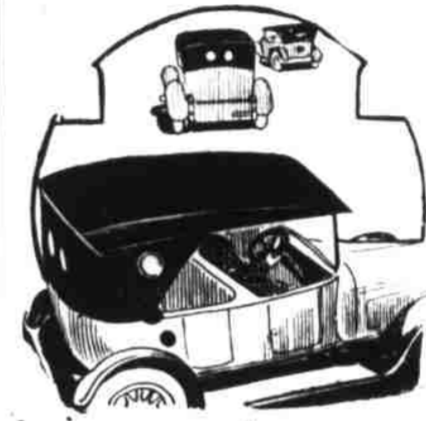
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