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## GERMANS BUTCHER U. S. SOLDIERS.

### American Prisoners are Held While Huns Cut Their Throats.

#### ANOTHER REASON WHY YOU SHOULD BUY LIBERTY BONDS.

A ghastly illustration of German hatred of American soldiers is given in a Salvation Army letter made public in Chicago a few days ago, by Adjutant Fletcher Agnew. It was written in France by Adjutant R. C. Starbard, who has charge of a Salvation Army hut, to Commander Eva Booth, who turned it over to Adjutant Agnew.

Their Throats Cut.  
"I visited a base hospital recently," says the letter, "and had this story from a sergeant who had passed through one of the raids. The sergeant was horribly wounded by a grenade and passed by the Germans as dead. Before the sergeant lost consciousness however, he saw a dozen Germans overpower three American boys and cut their throats from ear to ear. The sergeant said the murder of the third American was the most horrible. Four Germans held him while a fifth fairly severed his head from his body."

Bayonets Like Razors.  
"I have just learned," continues the letter, "that this same company of Americans passed through here today with their bayonets sharpened like razors, sworn to avenge this awful crime against their comrades. What can you say to men bound on such an errand except bid them strike with all their might and harder because of the righteousness of our cause and the devilishness of the enemy."

Adjutant Starbard admits to Commander Booth that it is often very difficult to follow the dictates of forgiving Christianity while hearing daily reports of Hun atrocities. "It is the work of the enemy brigades known as the butchers, that makes our blood boil and makes us forget to love our enemies," he says. "These are picked brutes for raiding purposes with the purpose of intimidating by frightfulness."

Such stories as the above are coming to light almost every day, and show the temper of Germany toward America and Americans. Didn't the Kaiser tell our Ambassador to Germany before war was declared against Germany that he would stand no foolishness out of America when the war was over? The undaunted courage of American soldiers, the stubborn resistance of the allies has made the German militarists furious, and they attempt these brutal deeds to terrorize and demoralize American soldiers. But well do we know that it will avail them naught.

One of the best ways to properly answer the Kaiser for such inhuman treatment of helpless soldiers is to largely over-subscribe the present Liberty Loan. It can be done. Will you help?

From many quarters come the cheering information that the quota has already been subscribed, and that they have determined to double it. Tryon and Saluda have already passed their quota, and Polk county bids fair to do the same thing. But a few thousand dollars stand in the way of filling our quota, and we will do that, but let's do better.

One little town of only 300 inhabitants in New York subscribed its allotment six times over, in only two days; Iowa, the entire state, subscribed its quota in three days. Everywhere the idea is to see who will increase their quota the most. Let old Polk county get into the game, and not let up until the last day, and see just how much we can do.

—W. S. S.—  
HOW TO HELP WIN THE WAR.

Mr. Editor:

Every citizen of Polk county should have a keen desire to help win the war, and here is one way: The Irish potato is rich in starch and almost as valuable as human food as wheat and rye, but cannot on account of its bulky, weighty and perishable nature be shipped and used by our boys in the army. So every family, especially while they are so cheap, should consume the greatest quantity possible in the house. Bake them, boil them, fry them, roast them, work over the left overs, but eat potatoes, and feed to stock any potatoes liable to be left on hand to spoil. Don't get scared about low priced Irish potatoes and fail to plant a good crop this spring. Plant liberally. There may be a shortage next year and the price very high. Besides everybody should be glad and thankful that at least one article of diet is cheap.

Now is the time, if ever, for every man, woman and child in Polk county to do their level best. In Texas the sheriffs, with the old fashioned vagrant law have given notice that all loafers and idlers must either go to work or go to jail. Will our sheriffs in North Carolina be less patriotic than the sheriffs of Texas? Let every magistrate, mayor, sheriff, constable and town marshal and Board of Trade be vigilant and see to it that every one in Polk county who eats shall work.

We don't want any spasmodic ef-

forts, we don't want anybody to overwork. It is just a great sin and probably greater to overwork than to underwork; what is desirable is for everyone to make a cool and deliberate survey of the necessity and "govern himself accordingly."

Let all labor be well planned and well executed, and in the fall when the harvest is gathered old Polk will be proud of her effort and the State will say "well done, my beloved child." So let us not be slackers but sluggers—not fakers but farmers.

Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

—W. S. S.—  
AGRICULTURAL DATES  
AND ANNOUNCEMENTS.

On Monday, April 29th at 2 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Mr. J. W. Shields, at Tryon, Mr. C. L. Sams, specialist in bee keeping, for North Carolina, will hold a meeting for the purpose of demonstrating the best methods for keeping bees in Polk county; and on Tuesday, April 30th he will hold a similar meeting at the bee yard of Mr. George Brisco, Mill Spring, at 10 o'clock a. m. Bee keepers from all parts of Polk county are invited to attend these meetings.

On May 6th, the first Monday, will be the regular monthly meeting of farmers of Polk county. Mr. R. L. Curtis, division of animal industry, and Mr. T. E. Browne club agent, West Raleigh, have been invited to attend the meeting. It will be held as a patriotic day to especially discuss the growing of sheep and other live stock in Polk county. Let all farmers who come to Columbus on the first Monday in May attend this meeting, at 1 o'clock, p. m.

Select good seed corn; plant in good and well prepared soil and expect a good crop next fall; provided you do not neglect good cultivation.

Improve pastures by removing brush and briars and by stopping gullies, and by enriching the soil and sowing grass, clover and alfalfa.

There are 152 girls and boys now enrolled as club members in Polk county, Greens Creek leading in numbers, Columbus close up. Yet other schools may outstrip these in good work and reports. Look out Greens Creek and Columbus, there are other husky schools in Polk county.

Let parents throughout Polk county encourage their children in club work, and in buying Thrift Stamps with the money next-fall.

All farmers should begin now to work for the Polk County Fair next October, 9, 10 and 11. Begin now to save samples of clover and grasses that grow on your farms. Those who have sown small demonstration plots should exhibit samples at the fair. And all who have small pieces of alfalfa should cut and cure samples for exhibition at the fair.

Buy Thrift Stamps, W. S. S., Liberty Bonds, and "Swat" the Kaiser.

Respectfully,  
J. R. SAMS, County Agent.

—W. S. S.—  
A DENIAL.

We are in receipt of a communication from Walker, signed by Mary Ann Bradley, Katie Walker and Eva Hill, stating that the letter published in our issue of March 29th was a mistake, and not a single thing chronicled by the writer happened. We are very sorry that this occurred, and have forwarded the communication to parties living in the Walker neighborhood, and hope that they will ferret the matter out, and mete out the proper punishment to the cowardly cur who perpetrated such a measly cheap joke on innocent parties.

We always shield a writer from becoming known so long as they are entitled to such protection, but when they violate all laws of honor and decency as in this case, then we are only too glad to let their identity become known if possible. We are always glad to publish real news of a neighborhood, but want no such stuff as the letter above referred to.

—W. S. S.—  
SILVER CREEK.

Rev. J. P. Arledge filled his regular appointment at Silver Creek, Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Sue Ledbetter and Lena Green spent Sunday with friends in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn visited relatives near here, Sunday.

Mr. Sams attended church at Silver Creek, Sunday.

Mrs. V. Arledge and children, Horace, Rudolph and Ann Kneal, spent Sunday with friends on the route.

Mr. Walter Green is spending a few days at Rickshaven.

Mr. Roscoe Hall was a pleasant caller in this section, Sunday.

—W. S. S.—  
SUNNY VIEW.

The people of this section are disappointed in their planting as winter is holding on too long.

The girls were glad to see their sports back again.

Mr. A. F. Corbin made a good talk at the school house, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wilson visited N. E. Williams, Sunday.

Mr. James Nodine visited his father-in-law, Sunday.

Mr. J. M. Ledbetter visited G. L. Whiteside, Sunday.

Everybody seems to be buying Liberty Bonds in this section.

## FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

### LYNN.

The saw and hammer is not heard on the church building, started one year ago.

Thrift and War Savings Stamps for sale at the postoffice.

W. J. Ballard, of Camp Sevier, is home on a furlough. Jay is hale and hearty.

Subscribe for the NEWS and get all the news of the county.

Several of our citizens are summoned as jurors to attend court this week.

Mally Thompson is wearing a broad smile these days. It's a girl.

Lloyd Panther re-enlisted in the navy and received notice to report at Columbia, S. C., April 16th.

Mrs. Ed Foster who has been sick for several months passed away last Friday morning. She had been a long sufferer. Her immediate family that now survive are her husband, five sons and six daughters. Interment at Tryon cemetery Sunday at 3 p. m. Mrs. Foster was a Newman before marriage.

All roads lead to Columbus this week.

The Judge's charge to the grand jury should have been heard by every citizen in Polk county.

### SANDY SPRINGS.

The recent cold weather is doing considerable damage to gardens and fruit. It is feared that the fruit crop will be very short.

Mr. P. A. Henderson's family have measles, but are getting along nicely.

Mr. Perry Cantrell was thrown from a wagon, Saturday. He was considerably shaken up, but is thought not to be seriously hurt.

Quite a number of our people attended Mother's day exercises at Hickory Grove, Sunday. They report a fine time.

Seth Davis has a discharge from the training camp and is expected home soon.

O. C. Smith's family visited Perry Cantrell's, Sunday.

W. W. Davidson, who is teaching at Cooley Springs, visited home folks Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Idella Lancaster who has been in very poor health for several months, is improving some.

Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Cantrell visited at John Tipton's, Sunday, and attended services at Melvin Hill.

C. W. McGinnis has purchased a new kerosene engine, and is preparing to start up his corn mill, which has not been in service for some time.

Hurrah for the POLK COUNTY NEWS; it gets better.

## THE OLD FRIENDS.

O, the old friends, the old friends,  
They were the best of all;  
Their memory as bright shadows  
Across life's pathway fall.  
They left us in the long ago,  
Life's mission to fulfill,  
They blessed us in the old days;  
That blessing lingers still.

O, the old friends, the old friends,  
Once lovely and fair;  
We think of them as sweethearts,  
With roses in their hair,  
Now drifting with the multitude,  
Midst life's great busy mart.  
Their memory is a wellspring  
That bubbles in the heart.

O, the old friends, the old friends,  
The best we ever knew;  
Their memories are sweet flowers  
Kissed by the morning dew,  
Sweet as the breath of meadows,  
Where balmy breezes sweep.  
They were as true as the sky is blue,  
A million azures deep.

O, the old friends, the old friends,  
Though gone to never return,  
Their memories as sweet frankincense,  
Will never cease to burn;  
They left us in the years ago,  
Life's mysteries to explore.  
O, you darling friends of childhood,  
We'll love you evermore.

—Jas. W. Heatherly.

### COLUMBUS.

Attorneys Fred Hamrick, R. E. Eaves, J. L. Spainhour, Sol Gallert, Walter Jones, J. E. Shipman and Solicitor Huffman are attending court. Judge E. B. Cline, of Hickory, presides. Miss Kennedy is court stenographer.

Mrs. J. E. Shipman and children, of Hendersonville, are visiting in Columbus.

Mr. C. D. Elliott spent Tuesday at Camp Sevier, visiting his son.

Judge Pace, of Hendersonville, was in town Tuesday. He has been clerk of the court of Henderson county, for 50 years.

Mr. O. S. Ingram, of Arden representing the Asheville Citizen, was in town this week.

Mr. J. L. Spainhour made a very forcible speech Tuesday, at the noon hour, in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan.

Dr. Taft, of Tryon, will speak in the interest of the Third Liberty Loan after the exercises given by the seniors, Friday night of commencement.

The officers of the agricultural clubs of the Columbus school are as follows: Archie Feagans, president; Ernest McMurray, vice president; Nellie Constant, secretary.

Mr. Yates Arledge spent Sunday with home folks.

### SALUDA ROUTE 1.

The cold weather has done a great deal of damage in this section, but our fruit is not all killed yet.

Sunday school at Mt. Page was re-organized Sunday. Herbert E. Pace was re-elected superintendent, and W. L. Davis secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Fox, of Weaverville, are visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. Victoria Staton.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Ward visited Mr. and Mrs. John T. Staton, Sunday.

Mr. Roy Staton and Miss Edna Staton spent Saturday and Sunday with their sister, Mrs. Will Clark, at Flat Rock.

Mr. A. F. Pace spent Saturday night with Mr. J. M. Staton.

The infant of Mr. and Mrs. Early Middleton was buried at Mt. Page, Monday, April 15th.

Herbert E. Pace went to Tigerville, S. C., Monday.

#### To Discover Onward Things.

The light which we have gained was given us, not to be ever staring on, but by it to discover onward things more remote from our knowledge.—John Milton.

### MILL SPRING ROUTE 2.

There was a singing at Sunny View Sunday afternoon, and Mr. A. F. Corbin made a splendid talk on the Third Liberty Loan, which was enjoyed by those present.

Rev. W. A. Morris filled his regular appointment at Cane Creek Sunday.

Mr. Reuben Wilson is home from Spartanburg, S. C.

Mr. R. B. Brown was fortunate to find a bee tree one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Wilson visited Mr. N. E. Williams, Sunday last.

Mr. A. F. Corbin will have a meeting at Red Mountain on April 21st.

Mrs. N. E. Williams visited Mrs. A. H. Lynch Sunday.

Mr. M. H. Gilbert made a business trip to Tryon, Saturday.

Messrs. Bill Jackson and Charlie Brown spent last week in Campobello, S. C.

Messrs. P. D. Williams and J. C. Whiteside have been very busy surveying around Sunny View for the past week.

Let's everybody put in an extra acre for the purpose of buying Liberty Bonds and Savings Stamps.

Mr. J. L. Jackson and W. T. Brown will attend court this week.

Mr. C. B. Gibbs has purchased a fine mule.

Mr. F. R. Coggins is improving some.

Reuben Wilson was a caller at Mr. N. L. Whiteside's Sunday.

We are glad to see Mr. J. H. Gibbs back on the route again.

Wake up, Big Level and come again.

The mountain boys had a nice time at another chicken roast Saturday night. Had music, and the crowd never reached home until after one o'clock.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Garrison Corn, a boy, last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Grayson Gilbert visited Mrs. Gilbert's father-in-law, J. J. Corn, Saturday last.

Misses Lona and Olo Lawter, Mr. Lola Ownbey and Mr. McKinley Melton had a nice time on Mr. Bud Lawter's mountain farm egg hunting. They found four dozen turkey eggs. It seems they are still enjoying Easter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jackson and Mrs. N. L. Whiteside enjoyed a nice horse back ride, Sunday.

—W. S. S.—  
PEA RIDGE.

Rev. J. M. Barber filled his regular appointment at Pea Ridge, Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Miles Younge, of Georgia, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carswell.

Mr. James Melton and family spent Sunday at Mr. Pink Macbees.

Mrs. John Reed passed away to the Great Beyond, last Friday night. Funeral service was held at Gray's Chapel church Saturday at 11 o'clock. She had many friends and relatives.

Mr. J. T. Sweazy, of Cherokee, S. C., motored to Pea Ridge, Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Waldrop was the pleasant caller of Mrs. J. T. Green, Sunday.

Mill Spring route 1, those young men didn't make that call Sunday. Guess somebody was disappointed.

Miss Mamie Whiteside spent Wednesday night at Mr. N. D. Moore's.

Mr. J. T. Corlew spent Thursday night with Mr. E. G. Thompson.

Mr. Arthur Blackwell, of Inman, S. C., was married to Miss Essie May Wortman, last Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Wilson and daughter, Mamie, spent Friday night with relatives in Rutherfordton.

Mr. Grady Edney and wife, from Tryon, spent the week-end with the latter's mother, Mrs. B. Mills.

Mr. E. G. Thompson has a very bad foot, caused by loading some logs.

Mr. Sam Gosnell and family, from Spartanburg, visited Mr. M. C. Gosnell, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jas Thompson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Taylor.

—W. S. S.—  
MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Rev. W. W. Womack filled his regular appointment at Lebanon, Sunday.

We were glad to see Fletcher Edwards well enough to be out for church, Sunday.

Mr. Jim Egerton was a caller at J. T. Edwards', Sunday.

Miss Mossie Edwards spent a few social hours with Mrs. W. E. Elliott, last Thursday.

Mr. Melvin Hyder spent Saturday night with his brother, B. V. Hyder.

J. T. Edwards made a visit to Spartanburg last week.

Hey, Tryon Route 1. Have you been riding in an auto some?

Miss Barbara White was the guest of Misses Mossie and Dorcas Edwards Sunday.

Miss Bessie Lynch and brother, Bob, from near Rutherfordton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert, Saturday night.

W. E. Elliott made a business trip to Rutherfordton, Thursday.

The boys were surely at home again last Sunday "reading the news" as Big Level writer says, for we never saw a single boy the day long.

Some were out too late Saturday night, I guess.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wilson and daughter, Bernice, spent the day, Sunday, at Mr. L. Odell's.

Everything was made for some purpose.

Everything down to a miser; God made Wilson, our President,

But who made the Kaiser?

## WILL MORE THAN FILL OUR QUOTA.

### Polk County Fully Aroused and Liberty Bonds Being Rapidly Bought.

#### PATRIOTIC MEETINGS EVERYWHERE.

The third Liberty Loan campaign is well under way in Polk county, with a fine organization behind it. Over one-half of the county appointment has been subscribed with prospects fine for the sum of \$35,000.00 to be reached, by the middle of the campaign, which will be next week.

Tryon has exceeded its quota and the honor flag is on the way. Saluda reports that her quota has been sold, but the reports are lacking to show confirmation.

Greens Creek is up and at them with a good organization pledged to was held in Green Creek, Sunday afternoon with Rev. Dr. Taft as principal speaker followed by Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Holmes, and County Chairman Little. An auxiliary of the Red Cross was organized also at this meeting.

An enthusiastic meeting was held at Sunny View School, Sunday, at which Vice Chairman Corbin presided. A report of this meeting will be found elsewhere.

The two banks in Tryon and the banks at Saluda are hustling the sales of the bonds and the results are very gratifying although there is a great deal of work yet to be done.

White Oak, Coopers Gap, and Columbus townships are showing good form and when the roll is called it is a safe bet they will register "present" on their quotas.

The Women's committee, under the direction of Mrs. J. B. Hester, Chairman, is doing efficient work and co-operating with the county committee.

Let every person buy a bond and sell his neighbor a bond. Volunteer for this great service to your country. Buy a bond and then sell a bond. See to it that your neighbor buys a bond. If every person in Polk county does its duty there will be no question as to the result.

#### —W. S. S.— LIBERTY LOAN MEETING AT SUNNY VIEW.

Every seat and chair was occupied at the Liberty Loan rally Sunday evening in Sunny View school. The mothers brought the babies, and all enjoyed the new school building.

Zach Searey led the singing of patriotic songs; A. F. Corbin sang the War Savings Stamps song "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

The school children gave their salute to the flag, which was followed by the new "American Creed," and the "Thrift Stamp Speaks." A. F. Corbin as vice chairman of the committee and the speaker of the day dwelt chiefly on the necessity of securing a Liberty Bond for each of the one hundred homes in Cooper Gap township.

"By this plan we could support our own soldiers." One year's expense for each man, including rifle, clothing, time and provision, was placed at \$630.00. The roll of honor on the school blackboard showed the names of Edwards, Wilson, Biddy, Lawter, Whiteside, McMurray and Jackson, volunteers from Cooper Gap. G. S. Whiteside, the first subscriber in Cooper Gap gets a \$100.00 Liberty Bond through the Bank of Tryon.

Others announced later. Next Sunday the committee announces a meeting at 2 p. m., in the Red Mountain school, when Zach Searey will lead the singing, and Joe Wilson will be chairman. Plans are under way for a third meeting at Rock Springs. All were much disappointed that the chairman and his party failed to arrive from Tryon.

—W. S. S.—  
FISH TOP.

It is now thought that there will be some fruit, notwithstanding the severe weather past.

Robt. Price, of Camp Sevier, came home Saturday on a five days' leave of absence.

John Thompson and James Brock, of Saluda, were in this section on the 3th.

Several cases of measles reported in this vicinity.

Possey Henderson and Jasper Bishop and wife are attending court this week.

There has been a considerable amount of honey taken out this spring.

J. B. Bradley attended to business matters in the Mill Spring neighborhood last week.

Robert Price reports that Adger Pace, of Saluda, is the best shot at Camp Sevier; can shoot 16 shots per minute, and hit the bull's eye at a distance of 600 yards 14 times out of the 16. We hope he will get a pop at the whole Kaiser family.

Lorenzo Cantrell, of Fishtop, was the best shot in the whole Philippine army.

Mrs. Posey Henderson visited Miss Flora Bradley Sunday.

Joseph Newman and son, of Balfour, visited Mr. Newman's mother and other relatives here, Saturday and Sunday.