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\$1.50 A Year in Advance

SGT. BURGEON FALLS ENTOURING EUROPE

Sgt. A. Burgeon Falls writes his father, Mr. Charley Falls, from Nice, France, as follows:

I am all O. K. Everybody happy. Why shouldn't they be, the war is over? From the looks of the papers the people back in the States turned everything upside down when peace was declared. The people of France have had a continual celebration since the armistice was signed. The day after peace was declared a few of our company got furloughs and I happened to be one of the lucky ones. We left the Verdun front and came down through Chateau Thierry to Paris. We spent one day in Paris and then on to Marseilles, there two days and to Nice. We will have seven days here. A bed surely does sleep good after sleeping in tents and dugouts and mud for three months. It will be hard to go back to the company after the conveniences we have had. It is cold up around Belgium. A few of our boys came down since we did and they say our company has moved into Germany. It is just like summer here. We climbed one of the foothills of the Alps this a. m. I would judge about a 1000 feet in altitude and we could see the main Alps in Italy covered with snow. It is the prettiest scenery I ever saw. Yesterday we took in Mont-Carlo, the famous gambling joint. Then across into Italy.

A little incident of today will always remain in my memory. A sergeant of the Alpine Chausers or Blue Devils carried three of us through an ancient fort and on the inside invited us to have a glass of beer. The beer was served by an old lady, a refugee from Belgium. When she knew that we were Americans she hugged and kissed the boys nearest to her she was so happy. Her home was about 10 miles from where we were stationed. Why she returns I don't very much if she can tell where her home was. The Americans used the damaged way to build roads. I have never received such hospitality as the French show since the war is over. I have had a good time on my trip but will leave for my company soon. I don't know how long we will be in Germany but hope to be home soon. The trip will do us a world of good after being under shell fire so long. We are about 1200 miles from our company.

Sgt. A. B. Falls,
25 Eng. Co. D. A. E. F.

COUNTY BUSINESS

From a capitulation appearing in last week's Shelby News it would appear that the county commissioners came out a little ahead of the game this year and spent less than the taxes collected. The News shows that the taxes are \$46,000 and expenses \$39,318.50:

Expenses Paid
December, 1917 . . . \$ 7,290.97

January 1918 . . .	4,405.99
February " . . .	2,303.03
March " . . .	5,006.27
April " . . .	4,886.36
May " . . .	3,102.38
June " . . .	2,314.38
July " . . .	3,568.13
August " . . .	3,462.12
September " . . .	4,804.27
October " . . .	11,926.41
November " . . .	324.67
Salaries and Bonds	\$16,677.50
Net Expenditures	\$39,318.50

The present Cleveland county indebtedness for bridges and bonds to Dec. 7, 1918 is \$214,000

total. These figures are from Register of Deeds, J. J. Lattimore. The commissioners have operated under the budget system this year and seems to have panned out well.

W. T. RANDALL WRITES

Under date of Nov. 19, Private William T. Randall writes to his mother and Brother as follows:

I am well and having a good time. I had a good time on the

way over here. I found so many boys on the ship that I knew, Palmer Fulton, Giles, Sellers, Ernest Sellers, Elijah McSwain and a bunch of others that I know. It doesn't seem so far from home. There is not much difference in camps. They are about like the camps in the U.S. This is a beautiful place. I wish you all could see this country. I am glad that I came when I did. I think that I will be at home next summer some time.

Hospital Train 54 A. E. F.

THE YEAR CLOSING

The first of January is rapidly approaching. At that time a goodly number of subscriptions to the Herald expire. The most of those whose subscription is out with the first of the year know that fact. For that reason we shall wait until later in the month to send out notices to them in order to save postage. We hope that most of them will either come into the office or

MR. W. A. GREEN ENTERS MINISTRY

The many friends of Mr. W. A. Green, who had been manager of the Phenix store from July 1917 to a few weeks ago, will rejoice to learn that he has entered the ministry and has moved to near Statesville where he occupies a Methodist parsonage and is beginning to ride a circuit of four or five Methodist churches. Only two or three of Mr. Green's closest friends knew that he had any idea of entering the ministry until he and Rev. B. A. Culp returned last week from attendance upon the Blue Ridge Atlantic Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Asheville and it was announced that he had been admitted to the conference and assigned a circuit. Mr. Green says that for fifteen years he has felt that he ought to preach and that the impression continually grew stronger until he could resist no longer. He began his work last Sunday and moved his family the first of this week. Since coming to Kings Mountain a year and a half ago Mr. Green and his wife and sister have made a host of friends who, while they are sorry to see them leave town, wish them the height of success in their new work.

Mr. Green is a native of Baltimore. He was raised there and thereabouts and married there. For a number of years he steamed on the estuaries around Baltimore. From there he went to Washington N. C. and went into business but finding too much malaria after fourteen months moved to Hickory, N. C. He then became engaged with a Mr. Shuford in a mercantile business at Rhodhiss where he remained for five years. When Mr. E. A. Smith bought the Phenix mill here in 1917 Mr. Green came with the new organization as manager of the Phenix Store in which position he remained until a few weeks ago. The Herald extends congratulations to Rev. Mr. Green and bespeaks for him unbounded success.

20,000 BALES GINNED

There were 20,025 bales of cotton ginned in Cleveland county from the crop of 1918 prior to Dec. 7, 1918 as compared with 13,004 bales same date 1917.

J. L. Smith, Special agent.

call attention on the street and save us the expense of mailing out statements. We have the accounts all made out and carry them in pocket so that we can wait upon you anywhere. Those out of town will do us a favor to call at the office or remit by mail and renew sometime before the last of the month. We have just finished culling the list and cut off all that looked like dead heads. We have these accounts on the book and are anxious to have them settled up as soon as possible.