

THE FAYETTE FALCON.

ESTABLISHED 1866.

SOMERVILLE, TENNESSEE, FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1918.

NEW SERIES: VOL. XII.—NO. 17

Our Soldier Boys

Dearest Mother and All:—We have at last reached camp, where we will probably be in training for several weeks. The camp is a fine place, very much like our camps in U. S. A., all modern conveniences. The climate here is great, although it is very cold early in the mornings and late in the evening. There are no tents here, all are barracks built of concrete.

We had a very pleasant trip over, I was a little sea sick one afternoon. Of course we had our ups and downs, but after all our trip was greatly enjoyed. We did not see a sign of submarine. After debarking we hiked several miles to a rest camp where we were served coffee and sandwiches, which was very much enjoyed for we were all empty down to our shoes. After spending the night we all left early next a. m. for a three hundred mile ride on one of these so-called trains. They are very small and the coaches are set up into apartments called carriages, each apartment accommodating eight persons. Although they make good time, we reached our destination late in the night, we then had to hike to another rest camp. The next day we took a boat ride, then more hiking. Another day of hiking and riding brought us to our destination.

The people here are of course different from us in their modes and customs. They live under the same roof with their cows and horses, and milk the goats in the parlor, (this applies to the people in the smaller villages. I guess they are more up to date in the cities.) They all seem to be great lovers of wine and beer and make it in abundance, this is about the only way they are like some of the Americans.

Most all of the buildings here are built of stone, brick, or concrete. You could travel for miles and miles and never see a frame house, the fences are built of rock or stone. Most of the buildings are very old, some of them built in the sixteenth century.

I walked into one of the stores here and bought a few articles and presented the keeper with a five dollar bill and received enough change back, it looked like to me to buy a Ford car with, but I didn't have hardly enough to purchase a square meal. Their money is very different from our and it takes a large quantity of it to amount to the worth of ours. The bills look very much like coupons issued by the United States stores. If I had saved all of the coupons I might have been a rich man in this country today.

After all this is a very beautiful country and I believe I will enjoy being here for a while, but for the life give me dear old U. S. A. As a rule the girls here are very pretty but you know there is an exception to all rules, the women and children work here on public work as same as the men. I saw one woman shoeing a horse.

I am in good health never felt better in my life, so don't worry for I don't think it will be so very long before we will all be back home. Write me real soon and all of the news from home. Send this letter to Annela as I may not get to write to her soon. I rec'd the cap before I left Port of Embarkation, and will write a letter of thanks in the near future.

Oceans and oceans of love to all,
JUNUS

Junius Lee Crossett son of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crossett left Somerville April 15 and went to Camp Jackson and was in training there three months and only had military training for two weeks and was given close call work and is now one of Uncle Sam's pay masters. When he joined the army he weighed 104 pounds and now weighs 120. Says he is in fine health. This young man before entering the service held the position as cashier of the Williston Bank being the youngest official of this kind in the county.

Mr. W. K. Smith:—Well, Bill how is everything by now? Fine I hope. We are sure having some time here. Pretty tough time, but wouldn't take anything in the world for what I have seen. You can't imagine how different things are here to what they are back home. Wouldn't live here for anything in the world. We can't talk to any of these good looking French girls here so therefore have a hard time. Ha! ha! But Bill we are where you don't need any girls now, we are where you don't see anybody except soldiers. But don't think there is any excitement here. If you do you are badly mistaken. Some times we get to sleep two or three days, and sometimes go two or three days without sleep. We have a gas attack nearly every night, and you have no idea how hard it is to wear one of these gas masks an hour or so. Say, Bill you ought to see these aeroplanes fight,

we see them every day and night.

Well I guess I had better close as it is getting dark and we cannot have a light here after dark and I can't hardly see now. Am sure seeing some of the war, wish you were here with me but hope you will never have to go thru with what I have. Best regards to all, and please write as often as you can.
Your little friend,
Bat. F. 114th F. A. Pri. JACK BRYANT.

R. Logan McKinstry, son of W. H. McKinstry, has been transferred to the School Detachment and made sergeant. He was transferred from the 13th Coast Artillery.

Private Flevian G. Sanders of the Oakland vicinity writes The Falcon from Fort Ben Harrison, Indiana, where he is a member of the Engineers corps.

Mrs. Annie Farley received several letters Sunday from her son, Forrest, who is on the front lines in France. He has been at the front for more than a month and writes his mother that he is well and altho in the thick of the fight there have been remarkably few losses in his command.

Deferred Classification for Farmers

Deferred classification of farmers, farmer's sons, farm workers, and tenants, should be affected by several facts.

General Crowder recently stated that the basis for deferred classification requires something more than the mere filing out of the questionnaire. "Some one must indicate that the individual case is one which should arrest the special attention of the draft board in respect to the registrant's occupational status," he says. When asked, "What happens to the registrant neglecting to state his claims for deferred classification?" he replied, "If he does not put them down in his questionnaire, and no one else puts them down, the claim cannot be considered."

It is the duty of an employer to aid his necessary employes in presenting their claims to the local board. General Crowder says: "Why should the employer, or other third person in such cases make the claim? Because the employer in this situation represents the Nation—because (in the statutory phrase) the maintenance of the military establishment or of National interest during the emergency requires that some well advised third person should look after that national interest which the registrant himself may not have sufficiently considered."

Even if the questionnaire has been sent in and no claim for deferred classification made, it is still not too late. Get in touch with the agricultural adviser to your district board. He is one of the following: West Tennessee—J. P. Matthews, Oakland, Tennessee; Middle Tennessee—H. K. Bryson, Nashville, Tennessee; East Tennessee—A. N. Jackson, Louisville, Tennessee.

If you will write him, your agricultural adviser will put the claim before the district board, and they will order the local board to send the questionnaire to them. You will then be advised and given ample time to furnish the necessary information and affidavit to support the claim.

The War Department has made provision for granting indefinite furloughs where employers can prove that the man for whom the furlough is asked is seriously needed in the production of food, and that under the circumstances satisfactory substitutes cannot be found. Application blanks for securing these furloughs can be had from the local boards. There is also another form of furlough, this one being for 90 days only.

It is much easier to establish the claims of a man before he is called to camp than to secure a furlough. Now is the time to act.—By C. E. Alfred, Farm Help Specialist.

STOP INDIGESTION THIS SURE WAY

In the long list of human ills there is none that causes more suffering, or is more productive of serious results, than a disordered stomach. It unites you for business or pleasure, and opens the way for the most fatal disease to attack your system. When so troubled, take plenty of Vin Hepatica, the great vegetable prescription for stomach, kidney, and liver troubles. You will be surprised and pleased at the quick relief it brings you. Get it here.
Price Drug Co. Somerville, Tenn.
S. B. Kyle, Oakland, Tenn.
Moscow Drug Co. Moscow, Tenn.

Fourth Loan Quotas and How They Were Met by Fayette Countians

	Quota	Amount Subscribed
LaGrange Savings Bank LaGrange, Tenn.	\$19,100.00	\$39,000.00
Moscow Savings Bank, Moscow, Tenn.	21,100.00	21,100.00
Oakland Deposit Bank, Oakland, Tenn.	13,000.00	13,100.00
Peoples Bank, Rossville, Tenn.	2,200.00	6,500.00
Rossville Saving Bank, Rossville, Tenn.	13,500.00	16,400.00
Fayette County Bank, Somerville, Tenn.	71,700.00	72,500.00
Somerville Bank & Trust Co. Somerville, Tenn.	14,500.00	6,000.00
Bank of Williston, Williston, Tenn.	10,800.00	10,300.00
Employees of N. C. & St. L. R. Y.		1,700.00
Southern R. R. employees		1,400.00
Totals	\$166,000.00	\$188,500.00

The above table shows how Fayette county people went over the mark in subscriptions to Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds in the campaign which ended last Saturday. The table shows every section of the county doing more than was asked and the county as a whole far passing her quota. Since last week's Falcon was out the following citizens have subscribed \$1,000 or more as shown, Wyatt Wilkinson \$1,000, Mrs. M. L. Wilkinson \$1,000, C. B. Piper \$2,400, Mrs. R. C. Stone \$1,000, Mrs. Mollie P. Chambers \$2,150, F. F. Boyd \$1,000, Mrs. A. H. Gillespie \$2,000, Baird & Crawford \$1,000, Rives & Towles \$1,000

POSTPONE HOME CARD CAMPAIGN

MUCH SICKNESS AND CLOSING OF SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES PREVENT HOME CARD PLAN BEING PLACED BEFORE TENNESSEANS.

DATE WILL BE GIVEN LATER

County Food Administrators Requested to Complete Their Organizations for Distribution of the Cards During the Early Part of December.

Nashville.—Owing to the widespread prevalence of the epidemic of influenza the home card campaign has been postponed by the food administration from the week of Oct. 25 to Nov. 4, until Dec. 1. In the meantime the county food administrators are expected to complete their organizations so that the cards can be distributed to every family during the week that will be hereafter selected.

It was found that because so many schools and churches would be closed on account of sickness those valuable agencies could not be used to get the home card plan before the public.

Immature Turkeys.

The federal food administration in Tennessee is urging that no immature turkeys be shipped this year. County food administrators and Tennessee poultry shippers have been sent the following instructions by R. C. Gibbs, chief of the poultry division of the food administration: From October 15 to December 7 refrain from buying turkeys weighing less than eight pounds live weight and young toms of less than 12 pounds live weight. That licenses purchase no turkeys intended for Thanksgiving markets for points East of Pittsburg and Buffalo after Nov. 15; that turkeys for points east of Buffalo and Pittsburg be loaded and ready for shipment not later than Nov. 19; that no licenses dress turkeys in an atmospheric temperature above forty degrees unless he is equipped with ice or artificial refrigeration to chill these birds immediately after dressing.

To Recognize Service.

The poultry division of the food administration has devised the following

No County Fair This Year

The dates fixed for holding the county fair in this city were October 10 and 11. When these dates approached the county was stricken with Spanish influenza and the County Board of Health ordered all gatherings discontinued for a time and the fair was postponed to October 24 and 25 in hopes that the trouble would be over by that date. But this week it was found advisable by the health authorities to continue the ban on public gatherings and the directors of the fair decided to abandon the fair for this year altogether rather than postpone again with no definite idea when it could be held. Hence it can be said authoritatively that there will be no fair held this year.

Plans and prospects were for the biggest and best fair we have had here and interest over the county was more general than in any past year, but the inevitable has put a stop to the proceedings and there was nothing to do except the course followed. Due steps will be taken to return to subscribers their money, where it was paid and to cancel or destroy notes.

The Falcon, \$1.50 a year.

scheme for recognition of the patriotic efforts of poultry dressers:

Every woman dresser who works 40 hours or more a week and every man dresser who works 48 hours or more per week, during the month of October, will receive a sleeve band bearing the food administration emblem.

Every woman dresser who works 40 hours or more per week and every man dresser who works 48 hours or more per week, through the balance of October and November, will receive an apron bearing the food administration emblem.

Those who work continuously, at least 40 hours per week for women and 48 hours per week for men from now until Christmas, will receive a printed and signed certificate from the food administration, printed on a stock prepared form. This certificate certifies that these people have shown their patriotism by working continuously in the poultry and egg industry.

Sugar Situation.

From present indications there are no immediate prospects of any improvement in the sugar situation. It was stated, at the food administration. On the contrary, the state's allowance for the months of November and December will be under that for the month of October. The two-pound allowance for domestic purposes will, however, remain unchanged, but there will be another material reduction in the amount of sugar that is allowed for the non-essential and less essential purposes. Comparatively speaking, very little sugar is now allowed for soft drink makers or candy manufacturers. Their allotments have been steadily decreased.

During November and December there will be no sugar, from present indications, for some canning or home preserving. It may be that after January 1st there will be a slight improvement, but this does not now seem probable. The food administration still cherishes the hope that it will be able to supply those patriotic housewives who canned without sugar in the hope that they could later get a little to add to their fruits will not be disappointed, but upon this point it can make no absolute assurance.

Wheat Campaign.

Splendid response is being made by the farmers of Tennessee to the appeal of the food administration for a twenty per cent increase in the wheat acreage. Reports from many counties indicate that the necessary increase in the acreage has already been pledged by farmers. Some counties in West Tennessee are going to respond to the appeal with an increase of a hundred per cent instead of twenty per cent.

George T. Johnston

Within two months of reaching the three score and ten years allotted to man, George T. Johnston last Sunday breathed his last at his home near Fayette Corner, after a short illness of pneumonia following a case of influenza.

Mr. Johnston was born in North Carolina seventy years ago next December. He came to the Fayette Corner vicinity in 1870 and settled his present place, living there to the last. He was married in 1871 to Miss Bettie White of North Carolina, who, with one son, George W. survives him.

Early in his life he joined the Presbyterian church and for many years has been a member of the church at Dancyville, and elder there for nearly a quarter of a century. He was a brother of W. H. Johnston of this city and has three sisters living in the old North State. He was a good man and a good citizen, always found on the side of right as he saw it and doing his best in causes of public good.

Burial was at Dancyville last Monday where gathered many friends in token of the esteem in which he was held.

Please Call Them Sammies

Oh! where are our Sammies, our brave and loyal Sammies?

Is the earnest pleading cry of all we loyal mammys.

It is to you Uncle Sam we earnestly appeal.

We know the stigma you surely must feel;

That your dear boys of whom you are so proud,

Should be dubbed Yanks by the world so loud.

We were so proud of our loyal brave Sammies,

Each and all we fond and loving mammys.

Each day we scan the papers and naught we find but Yanks.

If Uncle Sam will stop this, he will get a thousand thanks,

Our mother's heart with pride did swell,

The name of Sammie did suit so well.

But tinkerish Yank has spoiled it all,

Our hearts did wither, our pride did fall.

Our Sammie boys are true to this name,

Of their great Uncle of world wide fame.

Upon the pages of history, no braver men are found,

Than our Sammie boys all clad in brown.

Upon the sea, in the air, and on the land

Our brave Sammies have held this stand,

Then, call them Sammies, now please do

For the greatest Uncle the world ever knew.

U. S.—this dear Uncle Sam of the Red, White, and Blue.

—A SOLDIER BOY'S MOTHER

Capt. Jasper Gibbs Willbourne

At his home in Oakland last week at the advanced age of seventy eight years

Capt. Jasper Gibbs Willbourne, one of the county's oldest and most respected citizens, passed to his reward.

Deceased was born and reared in Panola County, Mississippi, not far from the Fayette county line and made his home there until 1874 when he moved to Fayette county and has continued his home here since that date. He was a young man, just married when the war between the states broke out in 1861, and leaving his young wife soon after their marriage he went to the front in defense of the "Lost Cause" and fought valiantly until captured and carried a prisoner of war to Johnson Island. And during his imprisonment there his young wife died without his being able to see her or hear from her. Those who knew him as a Soldier of the Confederacy say that he was a good one and fearless in the discharge of his duties.

When the war was over he returned to his home and with others worked for the rebuilding of the desolated southland. He was married in December 1867 to Miss Mary Sewell Shaw, daughter of the late Col. J. Q. Shaw, who with three children survives him. The children are Cameron E. of Oakland, Mrs. E. C. McKinstry of Warren and Mrs. Roland of Ohio county.

Burial took place in the Somerville Cemetery last Saturday with appropriate services witnessed by a gathering of former friends and associates of the deceased and many relatives of this community.

John H. Crawford Dies in France

The first death of a Fayette county boy in France occurred on September 21, when John H. Crawford died of pneumonia, the first information coming here in a letter this week to his brother, Ed. D. Crawford, from the Chaplain who was with the young man when the end came. The letter is as follows:

Sept. 25, 1918.

Mr. Ed D. Crawford,

Somerville, Tennessee, R. F. D. 4;

My Dear Mr. Crawford:—It is my painful duty to write and tell you that your brother, Private John H. Crawford, died at 1:15 p. m. on September 21st of pneumonia. He was buried on the 23rd with military honors. Everything possible was done for his welfare so that under no circumstances could he have received better medical attention.

I am an Episcopal clergyman and the Senior Chaplain of this Division. Chaplain Carl D. Smith, Methodist, another Chaplain of this Division, officiated at the funeral, which was a very beautiful one. The large crowd that followed the cortege from the hospital to the

cemetery rendered the whole ceremony very solemn, such indeed as I am sure you would approve of. His body was conveyed from the hospital on a caisson drawn by two large white horses. On either side of the caisson were French soldiers and in the rear American soldiers with the pall bearers. The band preceded and played very appropriate music. The coffin was covered with the Stars and Stripes. When we arrived at the grave there was a large assemblage of people, not only our own soldiers but also French civilians. After the body had been lowered into the grave, a volley fired and taps sounded, almost everyone present either threw in a flower or a handful of earth in recognition of both his services in France and our own Country. He did not die in vain. I am enclosing a picture of the funeral which I am sure you will be glad to have.

With much sympathy for you and yours,

Sincerely yours,

CAPT. SR. CHAPLAIN A. C. HOWELL.

John H. Crawford was reared just south of Somerville, a son of the late Ed. D. Crawford Sr. who was cotton weigher here for a long time and was one of the county's best known citizens. He left here on June 25 with the June quota of the draft army and has been some time at the front. He was 25 years old last December, and was never married. He leaves three brothers, Ed. D., Whit and Harry, all of this vicinity.

Mrs. Marshall Griffin

This section has seen few sadder deaths than was that last week of Mrs. Marshall Griffin of Warren.

She had suffered from a case of Spanish influenza and was able to be "up" when she was again stricken and sank rapidly from the intrusion of the malarial on her system.

Deceased was a daughter of the late W. S. Cole, and leaves a husband and a number of small children, the oldest but twelve years, when they need most of all times the care and direction of a mother. She was a devout Christian and a young woman whom all who knew her esteemed as a good neighbor and devoted mother and wife.

Burial was at the Hood Cemetery near her home.

Conservation Week

The week beginning Monday December 2 has been selected as the date for the new home card conservation week.

On the Sunday before the beginning of the campaign a message from the Food Administration directing attention to the New Home Card will be presented in all of the churches of the state.

During the previous week the Food Administration will utilize the splendid four minute organization of the state in preparing the people for conservation week. It is expected that by the dates named the epidemic of influenza will be over and public meetings will be permissible.

Recent military developments in Europe should not in any way dampen the ardor of the people for food conservation, it was stated at the Federal Food Administration at Nashville, for the reason that the redemption of territory in France and Belgium that has been for the past four years under the heel of the oppressor will add to the burden placed upon the people of this country. These people must be fed and the supplies necessary can come only from the United States. As the victorious campaign of the allied armies continues more and more people must be sustained so that it is more than ever important that every conservation regulation of the Food Administration should be religiously observed.

Even should there be a cessation of war, there would be no lessening of the efforts of the Food Administration for thousands of people not now within the reach of the allies, in countries like Serbia, Russia, and Armenia, and Bohemia, and Poland who are starving, would have to be supplied with food. These supplies must come largely from America.

The actual demobilization of parts of the allied armies would not change the situation for new crops cannot be sown and harvested and prepared for food under a year. The Food Administration is going to direct all of its energies during conservation week to bringing to the attention of the people these plain facts so that there may be no letting down in the conservation campaign.

The Falcon pleases its readers and pays its advertisers.