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WRITE THE SOLDIERS

Send the paper the names of your soldier boys, that they may be flooded with Xmas mail.

As a tot, have you ever passed a candy store and experienced a longing for the sweets within? As a college lad, have you expectantly waited for the general delivery to open, the while friends were happily opening mail, and then to receive none? What a feeling of disappointment, what an addition to an already present sense of loneliness!

Many a young soldier man will pass through the Christmas season with a heavy heart for the spirit-tide back home. At best, loneliness will be rampant. But how much heavier hearted will the lad feel who receives scarcely a line from "God's Country." And how much brighter he will feel if his mail Christmas is loaded with cards, notes etc., from friends and even acquaintances, in addition to his loved ones.

The suggestion from the Post-Dispatch is this: send the paper before Wednesday of next week the correct address of every Richmond county soldier, giving the name of company and regiment and camp, and we will publish the names and addresses in the next issue, that friends and acquaintances over the county may know just where to write. And then you who are to enjoy a smug Christmas at home, take the list and drop a card or letter to the boys and thus do your bit towards tiding them over the holiday sickness. Send the names and address NOW, while the thought is still in your mind.

Baptist State Convention.

The Baptists of North Carolina are this week gathered at Durham for their 87th annual convention, the sessions being held in the academy of music at that place. The seven Baptist churches of the Bull City are entertaining the 500 delegates and pastors on the "Harvard plan," furnishing lodging and breakfast.

The pastors' conference was held Monday night, but the convention proper opened Tuesday morning. It will adjourn Friday. The convention sermon was preached Tuesday night by Rev. Bruce Benton, of this place, and needless to say his sermon was profound and eloquent—in line with the reputation of the man. The Rockingham Baptist church was honored in having its pastor selected for the introductory sermon.

There are now approximately 300,000 white Baptists in the State. Treasurer Walter Durham's books show that for the regular objects of the convention the Baptists this year have gone \$11,000 ahead of all former records, as follows: State missions, \$45,273.43; foreign missions, \$57,315.89; home missions, \$35,554.37; education, \$11,788.39; Sunday schools, \$3,051.09; B. Y. P. U., \$510.48; ministers' relief, \$5,788.67; Wake Forest, \$2,506.25; Judson centennial, \$98.01; church building loan fund, \$1,217.28; Bibles, \$113.94; Margaret Home fund, \$81.67; total for all objects, \$168,315.12. This does not include the Thomasville orphanage, to which about \$60,000 has been given for current expenses.

A small debt of \$2,200 was reported on state missions.

The paper will very probably publish next week the President's message to Congress, delivered Tuesday, in which message he advocates the declaration of war against Austria-Hungary.

Methodist Conference in Session at Greenville.

The 81st annual conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, met at Jarvis Memorial church at Greenville Wednesday morning, with Bishop Warren A. Candler, of Atlanta, presiding. The conference embraces that part of the State lying east of Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Stanly and Anson county lines, and extends to the South Carolina line on the south and Virginia on the north. It is composed of 239 ministers and 36 lay representatives—four from each presiding elder's district. There are 221 of the ministers engaged in active work, and 18 have retired from old age and physical disability.

The conference will adjourn Monday night, and the appointments will be announced Monday.

Rev. J. H. Hall is the beloved presiding elder of the Rockingham district. Rev. G. F. Smith has just completed his second year as pastor of the Rockingham church, and his friends trust he may be returned for further service. Both gentlemen are in attendance upon the conference, Mr. Hall having gone Monday and Mr. Smith Tuesday.

The net gain in membership for the Rockingham church for the fiscal year just closed was 37, though the total received by profession and letter etc was 55. The total contributed for all purposes was \$6,137.89, though the congregation gave between one and two thousand dollars additional for church educational purposes. Of the \$5,137.89 raised, \$320 went to the support of a missionary in Japan, \$675.50 to the Orphanage, and the missionary societies contributed \$864.15.

Registrants Warned.

The following telegram from the Provost Marshal General at Washington has been received by the State Adjutant General, and in turn transmitted to the local exemption boards.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 29, 1917. Governor of North Carolina: Raleigh, N. C.

"Number 10948. Please cause the broadest and most extensive and continuous possible publicity to be given through the Adjutant General, Local and District Boards, the newspapers and by all other possible means of warning to all registrants who may have changed their places of abode and Post Office address to communicate immediately with their Local Boards where they are registered and furnish their present addresses so that Questionnaires which will begin to be mailed December 15th will reach such registrants without delay. Registrants are bound by law to keep themselves advised of all proceeding in respect of them and failure to do so may result in their losing right to claim exemption or discharge. Please request newspapers to give this warning broad and continuous publication from this time until the process of mailing Questionnaires has been accomplished.

CROWDER."

County Medical Association.

The Richmond County Medical Association met here Wednesday. Officers for the ensuing year were elected, these being: Dr. L. D. McPhail, Pres; Dr. W. D. James, Vice-Pres.; Dr. A. C. Everett, Sec.-Treas.

The State Medical Society meets in Southern Pines in April; Dr. Everett was named as delegate, and Dr. James, of Hamlet, as alternate.

JURORS JANUARY TERM

List of jurors drawn for the January term of court.

The next term of Superior court for Richmond county will begin January 7th, with Judge W. F. Harding, of Charlotte, presiding. It will be for criminal cases only.

The county commissioners in regular session Monday, all five commissioners present, drew the 36 jurors, as follows:

Robeat N. Stansill
A. M. Waddell
F. G. McIntyre
D. H. Barlow
W. D. Cameron
T. R. Lively
C. A. Porter
E. E. Vuncannon
W. H. Haddock
Frank Sanford
M. W. McRae
T. R. Scarboro
R. H. Allen
J. A. McNair
D. N. Poindexter
D. W. Graham
J. W. Webb
I. McPhail
W. H. McIntyre
H. D. Hatch
N. A. Wilkes
J. B. Butler
J. M. Liles
R. F. Duvall
F. W. Ledbetter
J. M. Carricker
D. C. Bruton, Jr.
B. F. Meacham
A. L. Covington
W. L. Scales
S. F. Key
Jno. L. Armistead
W. G. Atkinson
J. W. Thompson
Hampton Dean
J. J. Henderson

Certified Names.

The following is a partial list of the men examined by the Richmond county exemption board Nov. 22nd and 23rd, and who have been duly passed upon by the local and district boards and certified by both as not being exempted or discharged:

Stamey C. Boggerly, R'ham.
Frank T. Dawkins, R'ham.
Geo. B. Bloomfield, Rt. 1.
Elam Bowman, Hamlet.
Arthur Morton, Covington.
David Price, Smithfield, Ga.
A. M. Bloomfield, Rham, Rt 1
O. M. Wilson, Rham, Rt 1

Recruiting Party.

An advance representative of the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, located at Raleigh, was in town today, making arrangements for the coming of a recruiting party of three, on Dec. 16th, 17th and 18th. Renewed efforts are being put forth by the Navy just now to get recruits, and the object of this squad is to discuss the navy with all young men who may be interested, and to sign up applicants for enlistments.

The squad will be located at the postoffice those three days; also, a squad will be at the Hamlet postoffice on the same days.

The navy needs at once a large number of men for training as firemen in the engineers' department, and men for the seaman branch. Also, smart young negroes will find the navy proposition for mess attendants quite attractive; the pay to start with is \$37 a month, together with clothing, subsistence and lodging; experience as waiter in hotels or private families with letter of recommendation, although any bright young negro should be able to secure this rating.

In view of the fact that the machinery for the second draft will be put in operation shortly, it is thought that recruiting should take an impetus in this section.

Bank Deposits.

Your attention is invited to a careful perusement of the quarterly reports of the various banks of Rockingham to be found in this issue on page seven.

The deposits and total resources of the banks of a community are usually the best indications of the prosperity of that community. With this as a test, Richmond county is more prosperous than ever before in its history.

Red Cross Work Room.

The Red Cross work room was Monday moved to the Richmond Club and in future will be open every day.

A box containing 87 garments was shipped to Atlanta this week, and with the help promised by the Mangum and Ellerbe auxiliaries it is hoped soon to send others.

What Shall It Be?

R. F. Beasley, of Monroe, a clear-headed thinker and intellectual gentleman, is the author of the following aphorism:

"The minister speaks to his congregation, the teacher to his pupils, and the doctor to his patients; but the editor speaks to all of them."

How shall it be as regards the Post-Dispatch? Will the thousands of readers who the paper each week will reach directly and indirectly respond to the extent of giving the paper their support and help?

A paper is truly what the people want it to be. The editor bespeaks your encouragement.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

An inspection of the marriage license book at the Register of Deeds' office discloses the fact that 266 licenses were issued for the fiscal year ending Dec. 1st.

The Post-Dispatch will each week publish the names of those securing license to wed, up until noon of press day (Thursday.)

The following have secured license during the past week:

Charlie Joseph Pleasants and Donno Williams.
Pierce Butler Irby and Mary Lila Archer.
George Benson Myers and Sallie Ann Butler.
These first three were issued Dec. 3rd.
Locke McInnis and Bertie McKenzie, issued the 5th.
Adolphus E. Terry and Hortense D. Whitlock, issued 6th

Failed to Report.

The following is a list of persons called by the local exemption board and who failed to report for examination:

CALLED FOR NOV. 22ND:

Archie Henry Fry, Rockingham.
Charlie Mears, Hamlet.
Hayes Mainor, Hamlet.
Alex McSween, Hamlet.
Louis Davis, Rockingham.
Lennon Brayboy, Hamlet.
Charlie Terry, Rockingham.
Norman Terry, Rockingham.
Jarvis Williams, Hamlet.

CALLED FOR NOV. 23RD:

James Leach, Rockingham.
Sebe Freeman, Entwistle.
Manly Dawson Simmons, Mill Branch.
Talmage Rogers, Rockingham.
Andrew Lide, Rockingham.
James Smith, Hamlet.
Arthur Blakeney, Chesterfield, S. C.

—Don't skim over the front and local pages and then lay the paper down. Read it all. Start at the front and go through from "kiver to kiver."

Miss May Belle Phillips has returned from a visit to Jacksonville and left Sunday with her sisters for Rock Hill to visit relatives.

SUPERIOR COURT

Civil term, Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, presiding.

The December term of Richmond county Superior court convened Monday at 10 a. m., with Judge B. F. Long, of Statesville, presiding.

The first case to be tried by jury was that of the S. A. L. Ry. vs. J. R. Henderson. The matter is for the ejectment of Henderson from a small tract of land lying west of the Seaboard station in Hamlet, on which once stood the "Happy Hooligan" saloon. The case was begun Monday at 2:30 but at four o'clock Wednesday Judge Long, deciding that the dispute was of such nature that a referee could better handle the case, ordered a juror withdrawn and a mistrial Mr. S. F. Mordecai, Dean of the law department of Trinity College, was selected as Referee, and the matter will be resumed in the early spring. Appearing for plaintiff in the trial here this week were McIntyre, Lawrence and Proctor, of Lumberton, Jno. D. Bellamy, of Wilmington, and M. W. Nash, of Hamlet; the defendant was represented A. M. Stack, of Monroe, Kelly & Boggan, and W. Steele Lowdermilk.

A number of cases were cleared from the docket by compromise.

A case of much interest locally was concluded Tuesday when Judge Long, reviewing the finding of the Referee appointed at a previous term of court, found as a fact that A. D. Dumas was not entitled to recover anything from the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church. The plaintiff was represented by W. R. Jones and J. T. Bennett, and T. L. Caudle, of Wadesboro; the defendants by F. W. Bynum, H. S. Boggan and Ozmer L. Henry.

The suit of the Commissioners of Montgomery county against the Commissioners of Richmond county was ended Monday. The Montgomery officials instituted suit against Richmond county to recover about \$600 expended in caring for a pauper, one Octavia Long. The court found that Montgomery county was entitled to recover only \$24, the decision practically substantiating the claims of Richmond county. Representing the neighboring county to the north was Chas. A. Armstrong, of Troy, and W. R. Jones; and Ozmer L. Henry represented Richmond county.

Another case compromised was that of Mrs. A. A. Williams against H. L. Guthrie, trustee, and A. A. Williams bankrupt. The compromise was for \$800. W. R. Jones appeared for plaintiff and Ozmer L. Henry for defendant.

The case of Will Chavis vs. J. F. Chapel was begun this morning. He is suing to have his children admitted to the white school of Black Jack township. It was tried about a year or so ago, resulting in a mistrial.

By consent of the attorneys, the Judge appointed Attorney R. C. Lawrence, of Lumberton, as Referee and Arbitrator, to handle about one hundred small civil cases that have been pending for quite a while. Mr. Lawrence will come here the latter part of January and it is expected he can dispose of these cases in two weeks. Such action will vastly lighten the heretofore congested docket.

—Dr. Boyer, of Asheville, State Director of Red Cross work, will speak in the courthouse Tuesday, 11th, at 2:30 and 7:30. A more detailed announcement of this appears on page 8.

Richmond County Men Win Commissions.

The second officers' reserve training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., opened Aug. 27th, and ended Nov. 27th. Richmond county was represented by a number of young men, and their commissions as officers shows the standing they attained in the three months' training.

Nathan W. LeGrand was commissioned first lieutenant, infantry, and will report at Camp Gordon, Atlanta, Dec. 15th.

Carl W. Smith, second lieutenant, infantry, with orders to report Dec. 15th at Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky.

Fred C. Ballard, second lieutenant, Camp Greene, Charlotte.

P. A. Gwaltney, second lieutenant, artillery.

C. M. Baucom, 1st lieutenant, Chickamauga Park.

J. S. Utter, 2nd lieutenant, Camp Jackson.

L. A. Hollborn, 2nd lieutenant, Camp Jackson.

John C. Hyman, 2nd lieutenant, Chickamauga Park.

Mrs. Mary D. Monroe Dead.

The community was deeply grieved by the sad tidings of the death of Mrs. Mary D. Monroe which occurred at her residence in Rockingham, Tuesday morning at 8:30 o'clock, after an illness of only four or five days. From the first her friends had but faint hope of her recovery, as at her age pneumonia is generally fatal.

Mrs. Monroe was born in Montgomery county, but spent some years of her early life with an uncle at Wake Forest, where with the faculty of which he was a member, she had unusual cultural advantages. Of these she was not slow to avail herself. She afterwards attended school at Salem College, where she completed her literary training.

While still in the bloom of youth she was married to Mr. Calvin Monroe, who died eight years ago.

In her girlhood she made a profession of Faith in Christ, and united with the Baptist church at Laurel Hill, Montgomery county, of which she was a devoted member till the Master called her to come up higher. Her success in training so many children for places of usefulness in the church and elsewhere bear testimony to her sterling worth as a Christian.

Two brothers, one sister and seven children survive her: Messrs. Gaston and Marshal Monroe, Messrs. Henry and Alex. Monroe, Mesdames Claude Polk and D. L. Coppedge, and Misses Pat, Carrie and Mamie Monroe.

The interment was at Eastside cemetery Wednesday afternoon, and was attended by a large concourse of sorrowing friends.

W. R. C.

R. E. Bostick Dead.

The many friends of Electrician R. E. Bostick will be pained to learn of his death which occurred Wednesday morning, following illness of only five days. The burial is at the Dawkins cemetery this afternoon, conducted by the Woodmen. He was also an Odd Fellow. Surviving are his wife and two children.

"Under the Stars and Stripes in France"

is the first complete and authentic motion picture record of our soldiers abroad. It is human, interesting, timely. At the Star Theatre Monday, Dec. 17th—one day only. Adm. 25 and 35c.