

Have You Bought Bonds? "Woe Be Unto The Man Who Heeds Not The Call From Flanders Fields." Tazewell Boys in France Await Your Answer

TOMORROW IS THE LAST DAY

Liberty Loan Campaign For Six Billion Near End—Tazewell County's Quota Large But Must Be Raised.

Tazewell County's allotment of the Fourth Liberty Loan is \$560,000. The Third Loan allotment was \$260,300. So, the Fourth Loan is a little more than twice the Third Loan.

In every campaign the county has measured up. This loan is more than twice the third, but there is much determination now that the county shall not fall down on this, the latest amount yet asked.

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THE BOYS FROM TAZEWELL COUNTY IN FRANCE ARE WAITING FOR YOUR ANSWER!

- North Tazewell Purchasers of Bonds. J. D. Peery, \$2,500. W. J. Campbell, 2,000. J. W. Whitely, 500. C. P. Beavers, 400. A. Tate Harman, 200. L. C. Neel, 50. H. G. Perry, 8,000. W. J. Moore, 100. T. L. Francis, 100. W. H. Peery, 100. Elmer Kiser, 250. C. H. Reynolds, 500. R. H. Parks, 150. Harman Bros. Co., 2,500. Harman Bros. Co., 1,000. Philip Reynolds, 200. Dr. O. J. Huth, 200. J. H. Gillenwaters, 100. Mrs. Cosby Whitely, 500. Mrs. Nannie Rose Hall, 1,000. Mrs. Lena McCall, 1,000. John D. Peery, 300. Mrs. Carrie Peery, 500. W. W. and R. B. Peery, 500.

MRS. CLAYPOOL DEAD.

Nickettie Charity Claypool was born in Burke's Garden, Tazewell Co., Va., Aug. 4, 1841. Died Sept. 29, 1918, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. Kerfoot, Gentry, Mo., aged 77 years, one month and 25 days. She was married to Clinton B. Hush in Virginia Dec. 30th, 1864. To this union were born ten children, two of whom died in infancy, two others passed over the river before her viz., Nanny May Bramham and George G. Hush. The living are Mrs. Henry Kerfoot the oldest child; Mrs. R. E. Bentley, of Fort Cobb, Okla., Frank, of Baxter Springs, Kan., Clinton B., of this neighborhood, Mrs. George Eetter, of the home place and Grover C., of Gentry. All were present at her death. She was converted in a revival meeting at the Greenridge church and united with the Christian church in Gentry Jan. 20, 1902. She was a devoted wife and mother. She suffered during her last days and bore her suffering with Christian patience. She was a kind and helpful neighbor and a devoted Christian. She leaves to mourn her loss her husband, six children, seventeen grand children and two great grand children, three brothers, four sisters and a host of friends and neighbors.—Gentry, (Mo.) Sentinel.

Comment by Pounding Mill Correspondent.

Mrs. Hush was the second child of 12 children of the late Miles and Sallie Claypool, of Burke's Garden. Her husband was a Confederate soldier. They moved to Missouri in the fall of '67 and accumulated considerable wealth. Mrs. Hush ran the farm for 12 years, while her husband was the county treasurer. The surviving sisters and brothers are Mrs. John Spracher, Ogden, Utah; Mrs. Anna Bartlette and James H. Claypool, of Sterling Idaho; John T. Claypool, of Pickens, Neb.; G. E. Claypool, of Grant City, Mo.; Mrs. Jane A. McGuire, of Cedar Bluff, Mrs. John W. Bourne, of Gratton. The two brothers, P. G. and John T., were the only ones present at the funeral.

NEARLY THIRTEEN MILLION MEN REGISTER.

Final returns from all the states show that 12,956,537 men registered for military service September 12. This was 187,836 in excess of the estimate of 12,778,758, made by experts in the office of the provost marshal general Crowder, based on projections from census figures. Texas was the last state to report. Its registration was 521,187, less than the original estimate.

With the figures compiled today, the total number of men who have been registered in the reservoir of selective service system since the U. S. entered the war, including those registered June 5, 1917; June 5 and August 24 and September 12, is 23,456,021.

THE CLEVELAND TRACTOR.

In designing the Cleveland Tractor, Roland H. White, famous motor truck designer, had in view the object of producing a tractor capable of accomplishing the widest possible variety of purposes as well as taking into account the many different land conditions throughout the country. Not the cheapest piece of machinery. Making the Cleveland so compact yet so powerful enabling it to pull two 14-inch Oliver plows 3 1-2 miles an hour under ordinary conditions, crawling in and out of furrows, across ditches, swamps, etc. In the locality a larger tractor would not prove satisfactory, especially for a general purpose tractor.

You must see this tractor really doing what you think can be done before you can realize the possibilities of the Cleveland. See some of the many who have them. Let them tell you which type tractor will be the best.

Can save you money on Oliver tractor plows and discs. Prices subject to change without notice.

S. J. PETERS.

NOTICE.

All parties concerned will please take notice that I have sold my interest in the stock of goods of Cox Bros., at Gratton, Va., to C. P. Claytor on March 19th, 1918. All parties who have not settled their accounts due on that date will please do so at once, otherwise they will be placed in the hands of a collector, and all obligations now outstanding will be met by the new firm of Cox and Claytor.

Thanking all my friends for past favors and wishing you and the new firm agreeable and pleasant business relations.

FRANK H. COX. Gratton, Va., Oct. 15, 1918. 4t.

BUY LIBERTY BONDS.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE MEN OVERSEAS.

To the Public: In another column will be found directions for sending Christmas packages to men in service overseas. These directions must be strictly complied with or the postoffice will refuse the package. You will receive by mail a label addressed to your son or friend. This label you must present to the nearest Red Cross organization and upon its presentation you will be delivered a carton or regulation box. This you will pack at home but do not tie or seal the package, but return it, unsealed to the Red Cross Inspector. He will then inspect it, remove any article not allowed to be sent, and then tie the package, place the Red Cross Inspector's certificate on it, and the label you have of the address. You then stamp the package, and leave it with the Red Cross Inspector, who delivers it to the postoffice. The package must not weigh exceeding three lbs. The Red Cross branches in Tazewell county to which you apply for the cartons are as follows:

- Tazewell, North Tazewell, Ashbury, Richlands, Jewell Ridge, Cedar Bluff, Pounding Mill, Cove, Pocahontas, Graham, Cove Creek, Burke's Garden. The postage required from Tazewell on this package is fifteen cents. The committee having charge of the Christmas packages, representing the Tazewell Chapter, at Tazewell, Va., is as follows: G. W. Doak, Chairman; John S. Bottimore and H. L. Spratt. As soon as the branches appoint their committees notice will be published in the Clinch Valley News, and all persons sending packages will apply to these committees. The cartons will be received by the Red Cross here about November 1st, and will be ready for delivery to the parties. The packages must be mailed by November 15th. Read carefully the directions, elsewhere published, and avoid mistakes and disappointments. J. W. CHAPMAN, Chairman Red Cross.

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MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

The Womens Missionary Society of the Methodist church, within the bounds of the territory known as the "Tazewell District," held a series of group meetings from the 25th to the 28th of September at Richlands, Mt. Olivet and Pocahontas. The meetings were presided over by Mrs. L. A. Tynes, the district secretary, under whose intelligent and enthusiastic leadership the work of the women in the Tazewell District has gone forward with rapid strides. As a part of the great centenary movement, now before the churches of America, this body of women are undertaking the support of a missionary at one thousand dollars a year in a foreign field, probably China.

Mrs. J. C. St. Clair, Mrs. Mary O'Keefe, and Mrs. J. E. Wolfe had special places in the program.

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MISSIONARY SPECIAL.

For the love I have for the church and the great cause of missions, I decided to raise one hundred dollars as a special for missionary work in China. The task has been completed. Concord, Liberty, Pleasant Hill and Mt. Olivet went "over the top" on benevolences twenty-four dollars, which was placed to this special. The Woman's Missionary Society of Concord gave ten dollars. This balance was contributed by sixteen persons, who are members and friends of the church. The largest amount was ten dollars, the smallest was fifty cents.

This special will be directed by the Rev. John C. Hawk, our missionary to China.

I take this opportunity of expressing my gratitude to every one contributing to this worthy cause, and pray God's blessings upon you.

Yours for the Fourth Liberty Loan, W. C. THOMPSON.

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THE INFLUENZA SPREADS FAST

Coal Production and Traffic Seriously Hindered by Epidemic

Scarcity of Physicians and Nurses Alarming.

The influenza epidemic seems to be abating slowly in the camps, but is spreading in the towns and in the country districts. The number of new cases reported up to the 16th is smaller than for the week before, with, however, an increase in the number of deaths from pneumonia.

A report sent out on Monday morning by the Fuel Administration states that the output of coal the preceding week, was reduced, on account of the epidemic among the miners. The scarcity of physicians and nurses has caused panic among the people. The report from the coalfields at Norton, Birmingham, Knoxville, Hazard, Ky., Charleston and the great Pennsylvania fields, report reductions, ranging from 15 per cent to 50 per cent of the regular output. Consequently and necessarily, the railroads are seriously hampered in the movement of cars.

In Tazewell and Surrounding Counties The epidemic has been, so far, in a mild form in this county generally, few deaths have been reported.

This does not mean that the condition is not more or less serious. Every precaution should be taken. Russell, Pulaski and other nearby counties have suffered severely. All public meeting places have been closed.

In this immediate vicinity there are at this writing, Wednesday, no serious sickness.

CLOSING ORDER CONTINUED.

At a meeting of the local board of Health this morning it was decided that the influenza situation is too serious to permit any chances being taken with the spread of the disease. The order heretofore published, closing the schools, churches, etc. is therefore continued until further notice, and will remain in effect until such time as the Board deems it safe to open.

Our town has been very fortunate so far in the small number of cases we have had. By proper precautions we may escape the death toll that has been taken in so many communities. To this end parents are again urged to keep their children off the streets and away from crowds, and all people are asked to avoid congregating in the stores, post office, or the streets, and elsewhere. Strict observance of these precautions may save a good many lives.

A. C. BUCHANAN, Mayor. October 17, 1918.

"GERMANY'S FRIENDS" AND WELL-WISHERS HERE.

In a moment of excitement an enthusiastic citizen remarked the other day: "Germany hasn't a friend in Tazewell." Our friend was wrong. Germany should not have a friend in Tazewell, or anywhere else, but she has. She has not only friends, but well wishers right here in this county. We'll tell you who they are. One is the man who talks against the war—the pro-German. Do you know there are men amongst us, if reports be true, who will "see the United States in h—" before they would buy a Liberty Bond. This man is a friend of the Huns. It is not pleasant to even think, much less tell it, that there are this kind of people in this county, anywhere.

Another "friend" of Germany is the man who can't buy a Liberty Bond. He may talk against the Hun as loud as he pleases. He may wish in his soul to see Germany smashed. He may even boast that he is doing nothing to put clothes on the backs of these boys and food on their sides, he is helping Germany, and that's all there is to it. No time this to be mining words. The man who can't or who declines or refuses to loan his money to help win the war, will have a hard task in attempting to make people believe he is not a well wisher of Germany. Put this in your pipe and smoke it awhile.

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GRATTON NOTES.

Miss Ada Burton has been at home sick for the past week, but is better. Mr. Willie Bourne was at home the past week sick, but returned to Key-stone Thursday, where he has a position.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bruce and little daughter, Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Courtney and their daughter, Edith, were visiting their parents at this place, returning back to the coal fields Wednesday, accompanied by their sister, Miss Ottilie Bourne.

Messrs. Bowen and Willie Reppas and Willie Gilpen were visiting at this place last week, returning to Bluefield Wednesday. Mr. Lewis Bourne was at home on Sunday to see his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Bourne.

Mrs. W. Will Melvin's folks are all at this writing with influenza and also Mr. Bud Reppas. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rutherford, of Liberty Hill, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Bourne.

Mr. Clarence Post of Keystone, W. Va. was at home some last week.

Mr. P. G. Raugh and Miss Ethel Buchanan made a flying trip to Norfolk to see Mr. Raugh's son, Willie, who has been ill, but is better.

Mr. H. C. Young spent a few days at home this week.

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"TAPS" FOR "BILLY" PEERY.

The death of this young soldier was mentioned in the last issue of this paper. His death occurred at Camp Mott, Salem, N. J., Saturday, October 5th, and the body did not reach here until Thursday of last week. The delay was due, it is said, to the inability of the authorities to handle quickly the large number of bodies and the scarcity of coffins.

The remains were accompanied by Mustard Druett, a comrade of the deceased, and buried last Friday afternoon in the Peery cemetery, near the residence of Mr. Geo. A. Martin.

William Edward Peery, Jr., was the fourth son of Mr. Wm. E. Peery, son of the late Captain Wm. E. Peery, who was a distinguished soldier of the civil war. Deceased was one of three sons of Wm. E. Peery serving in the colors. The other two, Thomas A., is at Camp Humphreys, Va., and Andrew M. at Fort Douglas, near Salt Lake City, Utah. The two brothers were at the burial. By his own request the Stars and Stripes were folded around his casket and the uniform of the American soldier was his "winding sheet."

"Billy," as everybody called him, was a handsome, bright, cheerful boy. He was popular with old as well as young people and his untimely death is a source of deep sorrow.

He fell at his post of duty and gave his life a sacrifice as truly as though he had fallen on the field of battle. He sleeps beside his loyal grandfather, who served in the Civil War, leaving an arm on the historic and bloody field of Gettysburg, and when the roll of heroes is made up the name of William Edward Peery will be inscribed upon it in imperishable characters.

THE PATRICK TRIAL.

Tazewell, October 15.

In your issue of the 12th you have an account of the trial of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick, for the trouble with Miss Cruseberry. It is so far at variance with the truth that I deem an explanation not out of order in justice to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick.

They were not arrested and taken anywhere, but were only unofficially notified that they were to be tried and went of their own accord. You say Patrick's children were rapped in the usual manner. Is it the usual manner to whip a ten-year old child until you cut the blood out of it and kick it until it caused an abscess and has to be under the care of a physician for several weeks? These were the undenied charges against Miss Cruseberry. When Mrs. Patrick went into the school room and asked about the trouble in a civil manner, the teacher told her "she regarded her children as brutes and their parents no better."

There was no charge against Mr. Patrick. The teacher exonerated him of any part in the affair, whatever, but the Magistrates, without explaining the reason, fined him the maximum amount. An eminent lawyer tells me that felonious assault is when you strike one with a dangerous instrument, and there was nothing used by Mrs. Patrick but her hands—it could not be termed felonious assault. As said indignantly by one of his step-daughter and driving her from home, it is natural that he is of the opinion that a child should consider it a privilege to be horse-whipped, but when striking one that can strike back they are in a criminal offense. Trust this may receive the same publicity of the misleading statement.

Sincerely, E. S. PATRICK.

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NEWS OF BENBOW.

The farmers of this place are very busy cutting corn and sowing wheat. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Puckett, of Paint Lick, were visiting at Mr. J. A. Puckett's Sunday.

Mr. J. L. Matthews has been in bed for the past few days with a broken rib.

Mr. Garland Stephenson, of Tazewell, is visiting his grandmother, Mrs. Amanda Walk.

Mrs. W. D. Matthews, of Graham, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Witten last week.

Miss Bettie Matthews, of North Tazewell, is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Buchanan visited Mr. Buchanan's parents Sunday.

Mr. Robert Meredith is ill with the pneumonia.

Miss Virginia Puckett was visiting friends in Tazewell last week.

Misses Bell and Kidd, the teachers of this place, have been sick for the past few days, but were able to teach school Monday.

The people of this place will regret the loss of Mr. J. A. Puckett and family, who expect to move to Graham next week.

Mrs. Hager of Tazewell is visiting here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Puckett were visiting relatives here Saturday and Sunday.

Several people of this community have been ill with the influenza, but most of them are improving.

The school teachers were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Buchanan from Friday to Sunday.

News has been received here that Mr. William P. Hager has landed safely overseas. Another Tazewell hero to help whip the knaiser. Buy Liberty Bonds to back him up, and give him what's needed to push the Huns into h— where they belong.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Walk went to Bluefield Tuesday on business.

FRENCH STEVENSON SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Mr. V. L. Stephenson, of this town, has been advised by the War Department that his son, French, has been seriously wounded in France. The nature of his wounds or his location in France are, of course, not known. An effort is being made by the local civilian section of the American Red Cross to secure additional details of his injury.

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HINDENBURG IS RESPONSIBLE

Charged With Starting Peace Talk in Germany, Knowing That Empire Could Not Hope For Victory.

Internal political conditions in Germany and possibly in Austria-Hungary, as well as the military situation on the western front, are expected to determine the nature and the best terms the German reply to President Wilson's communication definitely closing the door to negotiations with German autocracy. The president's note probably already has reached Berlin through the Swiss foreign office.

Reports reaching Washington thru official sources by way of neutral countries not only indicated the existence of almost chaotic conditions in the central empire, but also said that it was Field Marshal Von Hindenburg himself who was responsible for the German government accepting the president's peace terms and seeking an immediate armistice.

It was said that at a recent meeting of the military leaders and the heads of the parties in the reichstag, von Hindenburg boldly declared that Germany must have peace at once on the best terms she could get. He said the armies no longer had the necessary munitions and materials to continue the struggle nor was there any source of supply so far as he was aware. In the light of this situation the field marshal said he felt the time had come to try first for an armistice and then for peace and he urged that this could be put in the light of concession to the demands of the Socialists and pacifists in Germany. Prince Maximilian, the chamberlain, is reported to have strongly opposed such a course, deprecating the reaction against the junker element by the socialists, but imperial approval was given von Hindenburg's plans and the request for peace followed.

No indication has been given as to when terms will be made by President Wilson to the Austrian and Turkish appeals for peace. It is understood that there is no ground for the apprehension which has arisen in Austria that the president would refuse to reply to Premier Burian's appeal because of the autocratic nature of the Austrian government. It was said that this might well figure in a final peace proposal but would not operate to prevent the consideration of an armistice which Austria seeks.

NO STATE FAIR.

The closing of the State Fair in Richmond, which was necessary as a precaution against the spread of influenza, broke into the plans of many people.

Brother Charles Reynolds says "It knocked things windin'." Mr. Reynolds and Mr. M. L. Peery chaperoned twenty-one baby beef calves to the Fair for exhibition, paying an entrance fee of some \$30.00 besides railroad fare and some hotel bills, only to be informed after arriving at the Fair Grounds and "lying up" that there was "nothin' doin'" that the whole big show had been called off. The thousand dollars or thereabouts, premium money which had been alluring this bunch for so sometime, disappeared. However, the calves were shipped to New Jersey and sold at an average of 1-2 cents and brought a fine sum. The visitors informed the management what it might expect if the entrance fees were not returned. The management agreed readily to "come across," and the fees will be returned.

The Tazewell bunch were not the only people who do not seem to have read the papers. People came from different parts of the State and from other States and found themselves in the same predicament.

Mr. Reynolds said he heard little or no kicking. It is not usual for Virginia people to kick or grumble when called upon to give up "for the public good."

"WHEN THIS CRUEL WAR IS OVER."

The writer remembers as a very small boy, snatches of a song which originated somewhere during the civil war, with the above caption as one of its refrains. Did you ever hear it—any of you old Vets? That "cruel war" lasted four long, weary years and the sorrows, sacrifices and hardships suffered by the people of Virginia and the South, have never, can never, be told.

The people prayed for peace, anticipated the joys of the peace that they knew would come sooner or later—the sunshine after the storm, the dawn after the darkness. And so now, we all anticipate, with this great, greater, greater war of them all, shall end and our boys return, crowned with glory.

A citizen, now "getting on in years," remarked the other day: "My hope and prayer is daily, that I may live to see the end of the war, and take part in the great celebration and rejoicings which will follow."

So say we all. When that good time comes—and it is on the way—we will all not regret but rejoice, that we had, even an humble part in the world-wide achievements of the great war.

The man to be pitied then will be he fellow who could have helped long but did not. He won't feel shouting, certainly not out loud a good, old fashioned Methodist way. The men and women who have helped put it over to the full extent of their ability will shout, holler and cry, and they'll have the full and undisputed right to do so. It is not all over yet—"except the shouting," not quite. You still have time to get in the swim. Buy a bond.

LIEUTENANT JAMES ALDERMAN NEWTON.

J. M. Newton, of Graham, has received the following cable message from his son in France, dated October 15th: "Am well. Have been commissioned Second Lieutenant." Young Newton was drafted and entered Camp Lee in October of last year, and was made a Sergeant while there. After going through the camp and was soon commissioned as Second Lieutenant. He is a graduate of Richmond College.

THE EPIDEMIC DECREASING IN THE CAMPS.

A Washington dispatch sent out yesterday states that influenza cases in camps are decreasing, as are also deaths from pneumonia. However, the epidemic is spreading among civilians throughout the country in districts and small towns. There is a scarcity of physicians and nurses in the country districts, many of these having been called to the camps and cities in the earlier stages of the epidemic.

It is estimated that there are now 200,000 cases in Virginia. According to the health department ten of every one hundred cases of influenza developed pneumonia and ten of every 100 cases of pneumonia die. The disease is just getting a fairly good hold in this county.

Every precaution should be taken.

TANNERSVILLE NEWS.

Tannersville, Oct. 15.—Dr. E. A. Holmes, of roadford, left last Thursday for Camp Dix, where he was ordered to take up work in the medical corps of the army