

# CLINCH VALLEY NEWS

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## A Happy Christmas To All Our Readers

### CASUALTIES ARE NEARLY ALL IN

War Department Announces That Less Than One Thousand of Killed Have Been Reported.

The War Department announced early in the week that General Pershing had reported that less than a thousand names remained to be reported of American soldiers who had been killed in action, or who died of wounds or other causes. The Department further announced that a full list of the wounded would also soon be available.

Tazewell county has had a large number of casualties reported in the papers since last issue of the News. The list includes the following:

Sergeant Samuel Turner, Falls Mills, killed in action.

Walter I. Jenkins, Pocahontas, severely wounded.

Clarence E. Turner, North Tazewell, wounded severely.

Robert A. Lethcoe, Boissevaive, severely wounded.

Aaron Carter, Shraders, killed in action.

John W. Johnson, Graham, wounded severely.

Wm. A. Lee, Richlands, wounded severely.

Stanley L. Bowman, Horsepen, severely wounded.

Jas. R. Compton, Cove Creek, severely wounded.

Bert Whitman, West Graham, wounded in action.

Ellis V. McFarland, Tip Top, died of disease.

George Moore, Tazewell, wounded in action.

Beverly Litz, Graham, and Wm. Coleman, Boissevaive, wounded severely.

Jas. T. Wilson, Indian, wounded, degree undetermined.

Barnard Armstrong, Pocahontas, slightly wounded.

### "KILLED IN ACTION.

T. C. Carter, of Shraders, was here the other day trying to get some information about his boy's death. He had heard nothing from him for several months. His first information came through the publication of a casualty list which reported "Aaron Carter, Killed in Action." The old father's grief was pitiful. At last account he had heard nothing further.

### HON. CARTER GLASS CLEANING HOUSE IN U. S. TREASURY.

One of the first things Carter Glass did the first of the week when he took charge of the Treasury Department was to discharge the incompetents who had been in charge of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, and place other men in their places. It is from this department that the allotments and allowances are paid, and it is due to the fault of the former heads of the Bureau that the millions in allotments have been delayed. It is expected now that the allotments will be forthcoming.

### THE LID ON VOLUNTARILY.

The closing of the school and the churches, was not by official order, as many suppose, but was voluntary. Many of the people kept their children at home for fear of a spread of the epidemic, and the churches shut down, it appears, by common consent.

### YOUR HONOR IS AT STAKE.

It appears that many people have pledged themselves to buy War Savings Stamps on or before December 31st and have not as yet redeemed these pledges. The time is nearly out. These pledges were accepted in good faith by the government, and are solemn obligations and should be redeemed at once.

Tazewell county stands about third in the list of counties in the State, and can easily be first if everybody will do his duty. The greater our purchases of stamps and certificates the fewer Liberty Bonds. Let not the charge of slacker be justly held against you.

### COLLECT UP—PAY UP.

The New Year, 1919, should be started with a clean slate. Those who owe money should try hard to pay up. To do this you must collect what is due you and payable. If you do not collect you cannot pay.

The Clinch Valley News is proceeding along this line. In order to carry out the program we must collect. Some of our best men seem satisfied for us to "carry" them for years. They know and we know that the debt is good and can be made, but they let it go along. They are prompt to collect, or try to be, but some of them not so prompt to pay. Let's all repeat "return. Collect up. Figures on your label show if you owe us or not. Look at 'em.

### NOTES OF POUNDING MILL.

Pounding Mill, Dec. 18.—John B. Gillespie went to Bluefield today on business.

Misses Lois, Mary and Katie Hurt came home last week from their schools, the former a music teacher on New River; the latter from Winston-Salem, N. C., where they are with Miss Elizabeth Gillespie, of Gillespie also returned from Winston-Salem, the schools there having closed on account of the influenza.

A letter today received by Mrs. Martha Sparks from her son, Will Rees Sparks, in France, states that he expects the first of the year to get a furlough for seven days to tour France. He drills five hours each day. He hopes to return home in May.

Mrs. B. Pruett, of Shraders, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. T. Altizer. Miss Ada was also a visitor over Sunday.

Mr. Alex Beavers received a letter today from his nephew George Beavers in France, a son of Mathias Beavers, of Maxwell. He is well, doing finely and hopes to get back to his home by the first of the year.

The teachers, Misses Emma Hager and Miss Moore and pupils will have a Christmas tree at school house on Friday. They expect to leave for their homes at Meadow View on No. 6 for the holidays. They have organized a Junior Red Cross, to which most of the school belongs.

The ladies of the Red Cross are this week soliciting new members. Rev. Mr. Hughes, the Episcopal minister, gave a splendid talk Sunday night on the Red Cross work.

Mrs. W. B. Steele went to Cedar Bluff Saturday, the 14th, and spent the day with her mother, Mrs. Jane McGuire, it being her mother's 73rd birthday. A most enjoyable day was reported.

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Gillespie and baby Katherine returned Monday from Wittens Mills, where they spent nearly a week visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Gillespie. They report a good visit.

The following persons are recover-



ing from the flu: Mrs. Henry Crucey, and 3 year old child; Mrs. Thomas Crucey, Mr. Leon Simpson, Mrs. Howard Reed, Mr. Henry Crucey is yet quite ill of the disease. Mr. Robert Williams has been indisposed, but is out again.

Mr. J. T. Altizer has been ill for several days with the bronchitis, while Orin Maxwell came in from the bridge force with tonsillitis. Mrs. Tandy Stamper is ill. Dr. J. H. Smith has attended these cases.

Mr. George Hurt was a visitor to Pisgah Saturday night.

It is expected that services will be held in the Church of God at 11 a. m. Sunday.

Mr. James Osborne returned Sunday from a several days visit to his son, Wm. Osborne and family at Princeton.

Mrs. Charles McGuire and daughter-in-law, Mrs. James McGuire, of Pounding Mill, visited her daughters, Mrs. James Asbury and Mrs. Robert Pettis here today.

Mrs. Andy Pettis and daughter, Mrs. Mardie Ingle and baby, returned yesterday from Washington county, where they spent several days with the latter's parents, Mrs. Ingle's husband was killed in France on the 15th day of July.

The W. C. T. U. meeting was put off until the second Sunday afternoon at the church. The president secured one paid up member today, Mrs. Charles McGuire, who formerly belonged to the union, and had neglected her dues, living so far away. All old members can be reinstated. Come right along.

The big store building of Steele, Gillespie and Co. is being converted into a residence of six rooms by Mr. David Cable, which will be occupied by Alex Beavers and family. This firm has moved into the old building and changed its name to Pounding Mill Supply Co.

Mr. John Hoops received a letter recently from his son, Robert, who is in the army in New Jersey. Mr. Hoops is moving to Baptist Valley, having bought the farm owned by the late Rev. P. J. Lockhart. His friends here regret to lose this excellent family.

Henry Christian will leave Friday for Lynchburg to attend the wedding of his friend, Mr. Jackson. He expects to bring his wife back with him.

Miss Margaret Hurt was shopping in Tazewell and Bluefield the first of the week.

Mrs. Wm. Caldwell and sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Phillips, were visitors here yesterday. Her husband hopes to return from France the first of the year.

### WEST POCAHONTAS.

Big Vein, Dec. 17.—Mr. Walter Lethcoe and family, of Boissevaive, were visiting in our town last Sunday.

Mr. S. B. Maxey is not very well at this writing. It is thought he is taking the influenza, but we trust that this is not the case.

Mrs. David Hodge died last Friday and was buried Sunday near Boissevaive.

The infant child of Andy Farley died last Sunday night and was buried here on last Tuesday.

Quite a number of our citizens attended the funeral of Mrs. Hodge last Sunday at Boissevaive.

Jas. O'Neil was on business in Bluefield last Tuesday night.

Mrs. W. W. Gravelly died last Saturday and was buried Monday at the Bailey cemetery.

Mrs. Gravelly was a devoted Christian and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves, besides her husband, six children, all of whom are grown up to mourn the loss.

All of the sick folks in our town just present seem to be convalescing.

S. E. Crouch, Wm. Moore, and W. B. Burton were visiting sick folks on Tug River last Sunday.

The weather is favorable just now for pneumonia, let us take precaution against it, as the influenza epidemic has been so bad with us, let us guard against pneumonia.

Tom Duncan and his folks were buying Christmas presents in town Wednesday. Tom saved enough out of the week to pay a Christmas subscription. He has been taking this paper for more than a dozen years and has seldom, if at all, failed to pay up in advance.

### AN APOLOGY.

An apology is due and hereby extended to the veterinary physicians generally. In last week's issue a little piece of intended innocent fun, wherein a doctor of medicine was apologized to for "slandering" him by calling him, thru mistake, a veterinary surgeon. The local should not have appeared. It was intended only as a little bit of pleasantry, and no thought of harm intended. There is no more honorable or important profession, or one demanding more skill and hard work than that of the man who does what he can to relieve the sufferings and save the lives of God's dumb animals. We assure our veterinary friends, which they have abundant reason to know already, that they have our highest esteem and appreciation.

### FINE HORSE BROUGHT TO TAZEWELL.

Wm. E. Peery, of North Tazewell, is a believer in and admirer of pure bred, high blooded stock animals. He has bought a number of such animals to Tazewell. He has recently purchased from the Locust Grove Stock Farm in West Virginia a fine stock horse, imported from Orane, France by Bell Bros., of Wooster, Ohio, who sold the horse to the Locust Grove Farm for \$2,700, and used by them for four years with the best of results. This registered horse has a fine record as a show horse. Shortly after landing in America he won first honors at the Ohio State Fair and Reserve Grand Champion, which he has won since twice first and twice second at the West Virginia State Fair at Wheeling and reserve Grand Champion and one reserve grand champion.

As a sire he has won three times, and has stood one of five best stallions in each of four contests. He comes to this county, therefore, with the best of show records, and the very best of records as a breeder.

The horse can be seen at the farm of Mr. Peery at any time.

### TWO DEATHS IN THE SAME HOME.

Last Friday, in the home of Geo. W. Gibson, in Thompson Valley, his son, Willie, died of influenza and on last Tuesday, in the same home, Miss Georgie Wimmer, daughter of Cynthia Wimmer, died of influenza.

Willie Gibson was 43 years old. He had lived all these years in his father's home as an invalid son, not knowing very much of what the world means, but God called him to his home above, where he knows now in reality.

Georgie Wimmer was 21 years old, a beautiful girl a devoted Christian and a loyal member of the Methodist church.

Funeral services were held at the cemetery near Pleasant Hill church by Rev. W. C. Thompson, assisted by Rev. B. O. Shannon.

### LIBERTY HILL ITEMS.

We have been having quite a bit of rain for the last few days, but are looking for Santa Claus to change the weather and bring us a deep snow.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Rutherford and children spent Sunday with R. P. Yost at Gratton. Mrs. Rutherford's brother has come for a few days on furlough.

Mr. and Mrs. Humphrey and family, also Miss Alice Young, of Thompson Valley and Miss Pearl Hall, of Richlands, are recovering from serious cases of the "flu."

Bowen Thompson, who has been in the navy for sometime, passed thru Liberty Friday enroute to his home in the Cove.

Mrs. R. B. Gillespie, of this place, spent Sunday with Mrs. H. H. Buchanan.

The Misses Pearl Ball, Jean Humphrey and Alice Young spent the week end at the latter's home in Thompson Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Bowen will move to Liberty Hill this coming week.

John Perry, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Peery, died at the home of Mrs. Rose Humphrey Saturday, November 30th, where he had very ill for some weeks. He was a boy of good character and worthy of the many friends which he left in this vicinity. He was always known to be a kind and good boy. The remains were taken to his home on Saturday afternoon and the funeral was preached Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. W. C. Thompson.

### CHRISTMAS WEEK PROGRAM AT THE NEW THEATRE.

Christmas Eve, Gladys Leslie in "The Little Runaway."

Christmas Day, Mae Marsh in "Sunshine Alley."

Thursday, December 26th, William Farnum in "The Conqueror."

Saturday, December 28th, Mary Garden in "Thais."

W. C. T. U.

The Womens Christian Temperance Union will meet Friday, the 27th at three o'clock with Mrs. W. G. O'Brien. All members take notice of the change, and be present and help to make the meeting a success.

### HELP THIS MAN.

Mr. Jabe Johnson, still a young man, is helpless on account of rheumatism and entirely incapacitated for any kind of work by which to make a living for his family. Several physicians of the town have been called and have done what they could to relieve him, but have been unable to do so.

It is reported in this office that his physician states that Johnson's only hope is treatment at the Hot Springs and a request made that we make an appeal through this paper for funds to enable the man to go to the Hot Springs.

We make the statement by request and without charge. Here is an opportunity (and we have not many opportunities to help sufferers in this town), which should appeal to the well-to-do people here—an opportunity at small cost, to relieve suffering. What will you do about it?

### THESE BOYS ARE O. K.

In the letter which Bill Kise wrote his parents here this week mention is made of the following soldiers of Tazewell, who are reported well and in good shape: Robert Harman, Jessie Veruon, Charles M. Gillespie, Robert Meadows, Tom Howery, Henry Hunt and Lindsay McGuire. May they all have a merry Christmas.

### A USEFUL CITIZEN.

A citizen stated in this office the other day that he had saved quite a lot last year by having old and cast off clothing cleaned and pressed, and so had his women folks.

Old, forgotten garments or garments discarded, were unceremonial and sent to the cleaning and pressing shop of Alex Dickenson and the results were surprising. He concluded by saying, "Alex Dickenson is an useful citizen of this town."

### THE BURKE'S GARDEN HUNTING CLUB.

This paper has not found time and space as yet to publish the proceedings of the Burke's Garden Hunting Club, as promised. Now, that the war is over, the pressure on our columns will be less exacting and beginning with the New Year we hope to publish these minutes. Those interested should send us their subscriptions so as not to miss the first issue.

### "FIVE WIZARDS OF THE HILLS"

Beginning with January issue we will publish the story, "Five Wizards of the Hills," being an account of the trip made thru the country, including the Southwest, by Mr. Edison, Mr. Burroughs, Mr. Firestone, Mr. Ford and others sometime ago. This will be interesting reading and we feel sure our readers will enjoy it.

### INTERESTING LETTERS FOR THE JANUARY ISSUES.

A number of very interesting letters from Tazewell soldiers on the battlefields reached this office too late for this issue. The paper will be full of these letters, besides other interesting matter next issue.

### PLEASANT HILL AND WHITE CHURCH.

Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock I will preach at Pleasant Hill and in the afternoon at 3 o'clock at White church. W. C. THOMPSON.

### SOWS AND PIGS FOR SALE.

I have two sows and nine pigs for sale, one sow has 5, the other 4 Pigs about one month old. One litter two weeks old. W. H. Carbaugh, Tazewell, Va.

### FRENCH BABIES CRYING FOR FOOD

A Small Sum Will Save Some Little Orphan Tot From Starvation in Section Devastated By German Hordes.

A "Sammy" was standing in one of the green villages of France, gazing at the ruins of what had been happy homes, the bits of a child's cot, of a sewing machine peeping from among the bricks. He was dreamily remembering his mother's pride in her home when he was a tiny tot.

As he watched, a sad looking little girl of eight or nine came around the corner, she was carrying a loaf of bread in one hand, in the other a can, evidently the marketing for the family.

"Hello, little girl," he cried cheerily, in a very bad French, but a dear friendly voice. "We've turned out the old Boches, it's all right now."

The little girl looked up at him quietly and then answered slowly: "Yes, the Boches are gone but my father is dead and my mother cries because my little brother is dying and she says there never will be any one to take my father's place."

He understood—that boy of America, of what availing for France was Chateau Thierry if her children were going down? "But we will save you," he vowed, "we are strong enough for that."

As a thank offering for the boy who went so gallantly tonight but who returns to you—take under your care the child of the man who will never return.

It costs but ten cents a day to give this child its chance. What can you buy for 10c a day that will compare to the honor that is yours if in a French home your boy's name stands as that of the friend who did not fail his friend in life or death. Sign this pledge and post with your check to local treasurer, Miss Jessie O'Keffe today.

10c keep a child one day.  
\$3.00 keeps a child one month.  
\$36.50 keeps a child one year.  
\$73.00 keeps a child 2 years.

I pledge myself to give:  
\$.....for.....fatherless child of France for.....years  
\$.....as a donation toward the support of a child.

Do you desire the name and address of child?  
Name.....  
Address.....  
Date.....

### MEMBERS OF TAZEWELL RIFLES, TAKE NOTICE!

All members of Tazewell Rifles are urged to be at the regular drill next Tuesday night, when the question of continuing the organization will be discussed and determined. The Government has offered the company new guns, equipment, etc., provided an efficient organization is maintained. Be on hand Tuesday night.

### NO PAPER NEXT WEEK.

According to custom, prevalent with all country weeklies, no paper will be issued from this office next week. The presses will be shut down and cooled off, and things put in readiness for the beginning of the 1919 drive.



Mae Marsh  
"Sunshine Alley"

Gouldwyn Pictures

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ADMISSION: Lower Floor 15 and 25c. Balcony 10 and 20c



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