



FIERCE BATTLES RAGE IN PICARDY

HUNS CLING TO "HILL 44" TENACIOUSLY.

HUNS ENTER BRITISH LINES
BUT THE THE AUSTRALIANS
DROVE THEM OUT.

Near Morlancourt, south of Albert, the Germans delivered an attack against the British on a front of nearly a mile, and at one point penetrated a British position. The Australians in a counter-attack almost recaptured the ground and the enemy suffered heavy losses.

A similar operation was attempted against the French on Hill 44, the scene of many previous bloody encounters in the Kemmel sector. Unofficial accounts say the enemy gained a foothold on the rugged slopes, but that the French were pressing them again.

North of Rebecq, in Flanders, the British took the initiative into their hands and in an attack inflicted casualties on the enemy and captured prisoners. On the Amiens sector the French carried out a similar maneuver with like results. Wherever the Germans essayed a stroke, except near Morlancourt and Hill 44, they met with almost instant repulse at the hands of the Allies.

While the Germans continue to reconstruct with fresh elements their units shattered by the Allies during the recent big offensive, they are keeping up intensive bombardments against various sectors in Flanders and Picardy. They also have become embroiled with the French in heavy artillery duels in Champagne and in the Vosges mountains.

Nowhere on any part of the line from the North Sea to the Swiss frontier has there been an infantry engagement of great importance.

Although the Germans everywhere are remaining in comparative quiet, except for their artillery work, it is realized behind the Allied lines that this state of affairs will not last long, for the enemy is known to be preparing methodically for a resumption of hostilities.

UNEXPECTED DONATION TO RED CROSS.

Recently the Fairfield Chapter, American Red Cross, received a donation from an unexpected source. The colored women in the Blair section, who were not organized so long ago, have been doing very good work. They have limited time, most of them working in the field, and with their cooking and washing and sewing to do it is surprising how they have found any time for sewing for the Red Cross—but they have found it—and with their limited opportunities of hearing about the war, of learning the real necessity of helping at home, they have begun to grasp the idea wonderfully well; and seeing the necessity are making an effort.

Of their own accord they sold ice cream at a recent school closing, and made up a purse which they sent in to Red Cross headquarters in Winnsboro "To Help Some." This is truly a reproof to those who say, "Well, I would be willing to help; but I can't do anything." Those darkies in a sparsely settled community, with limited opportunities of hearing and seeing, with never a lecture on the subject, are grasping the right idea. They are called "The Gethsemane Branch," named after their church, the best name they knew by which to dignify it. A vote of thanks is given to them for their contribution unsought—for after all, is not voluntary help the very best kind?

NOTICE.
I expect to be away about ten days while attending the General Assembly in Duran, Oklahoma. The office will be open as usual on Friday and Saturday. All persons having claims to be approved may have this attended to, but all important business must await my return home.
W. W. Turner,
Co. Supt. of Education.

PLANS FOR RED CROSS MEETING

GEN. BONHAM AND COL. MARION TO SPEAK.

RED CROSS RALLY TO BE HELD
HERE ON WEDNESDAY OF
NEXT WEEK.

Plans have already been completed for the Red Cross Rally Day that is to be held here Wednesday of next week. Measures looking to informing the general public of the meeting have already been taken and it is hoped that the citizenship of the entire county will turn out to hear the speakers that will be here for the occasion.

The committee in charge of the arrangements has been notified that General M. L. Bonham of Anderson and Colonel J. H. Marion of Chester will be the speakers of the day and that these will probably be aided by French speakers who have seen service at the front in France. Several weeks ago the committee was offered the services of these French soldiers and the offer was accepted and this county asked for two speakers from these soldiers for the campaign that is to be waged in this county next week. The committee is confidently expecting them and unless there is some hitch in the arrangements these soldiers will be here. In that event they will be in Winnsboro on Wednesday.

Every effort is being made to have a record breaking crowd here to hear these speakers that we may all learn more of the terrible conditions that now exist in Europe and something of the great work that is being done by the Red Cross to alleviate suffering and to save lives, not only of soldiers but among those left homeless and destitute of the soldier's families. The day will be well spent if our people come together. Those who stay away will never know how much they will have missed.

POEM BY A FAIRFIELD WOMAN.

The following short poem taken from the State will no doubt be read with pleasure by the people of the county, as the writer is a native daughter of Fairfield. Mrs. McDowell is a daughter of Dr. J. A. Scott, of Monticello.

You Are Not Here.
The earth is full of spring, dear heart,
A thousand raptures fill the air,
The song of birds, the scent of flowers,
And roses blooming everywhere;
A sad, sweet symphony to me,
You are not here! you are not here!

The earth is full of spring, dear heart,
With roses everywhere,
Red roses blooming on the wall,
(The fields of France are red, ah me!)
Close tight mine eyes, sad memory,
You are not here! you are not here!

The violets all are blooming where
We gathered them last year,
"Blue, that's for true," you said,
Yes, "Blue for true," but oh my dear
There is no sweetness anywhere,
You are not here! you are not here!

I followed our old trail today,
The river flowing near,
A red bird darted near my head,
A flash of flame, a scarlet stain,
Hand on my heart, oh haunting fear!
You are not here! you are not here!

The moon rose full and far tonight,
Our signal light up there,
My kiss to you are yours to me,
(The fields of France are near)
The moon, our moon, alone to cheer,
You are not here! you are not here!

God keep and bring you back to me!
Through day and night my prayer,
For birds may sing and flowers bloom,
And haunting sweetness fill the air
But oh my heart, there is no spring,
You are not here, you are not here.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS NOW ON

FAIRFIELD COUNTY IS TO RAISE \$7,000.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED FOR
EACH SCHOOL DISTRICT—
APPORTIONMENTS MADE

Next Monday will see the beginning of the second campaign in Fairfield County for the purpose of raising funds for the Red Cross. In the first campaign last year the apportionment for this county was four thousand dollars. This time the apportionment is considerably higher, being seven thousand dollars. The entire amount to be raised in the United States is one hundred million dollars.

Already plans are being laid for the campaign and there is every reason to believe that the county will go above the allotment. No cause has ever been presented to the people of Fairfield county that has offered them such an opportunity to serve suffering humanity. It is a call that no man with a man's heart can turn down. It is the greatest call of the ages, a call which answered gives life back to those on the brink of death and makes the giver nobler than all other acts of his life. The call for this amount is not a burden on Fairfield county. Rather it is a privilege to have the opportunity to thus serve ones suffering brothers who are pouring out their blood that we may remain free.

Below is a list of the committee in the various sections of the county. The districts correspond to the same school districts by number. If you are willing to serve when the whole world needs your service don't wait for the committee to look you up. Look up the committee and make your subscription even more than twice what you did before. For the sake of Civilization, for the sake of human life, for the sake of christianity, don't fail the cause now.

Central Committees at Winnsboro.
C. A. Robinson
A. R. Dickinson
J. G. Wolling

FAIRFIELD COUNTY TO RAISE FUNDS

\$7,000.00 APPORTIONED TO THIS COUNTY.

FRENCH SOLDIERS EXPECTED
TO SPEAK THROUGHOUT THE
COUNTY.

The Red Cross campaign to raise \$100,000,000 opens next Sunday, May 19th, on which day all the pulpits of the land are asked to direct attention to the great work of the Red Cross. Fifty returned soldiers, who have been with General Pershing in France have been released for speaking in this section on work of the Red Cross. Fairfield county has asked for two to attend the meetings in the county which are proposed to be held at the following places and dates:

- Jenkinville—Monday, May 20th, at 11 a. m.
- Monticello—Monday, May 20th, at 4 p. m.
- Salem Church—Monday, May 20th, at 8:30 p. m.
- Cool Branch—Tuesday, May 21st, at 11 a. m.
- Feasterville—Tuesday, May 21st, at 4 p. m.
- Winnsboro, Wednesday, May 22nd, at 11 a. m.
- Greenbrier—Wednesday, May 22nd, at 8:30 p. m.
- New Hope—Thursday, May 23rd, at 11 a. m.
- White Oak, Thursday, May 23rd, at 6:00 p. m.
- Mitford—Friday, May 24th, at 4:00 p. m.

All who see these notices are asked to give notice to others and let our meetings be large and enthusiastic. The colored people are asked to attend all the meetings.

Fairfield county is asked to raise \$7,000.00 in this campaign, and it will require the enthusiastic cooperation of all good citizens to raise it.

Mobley, J. M. Mills.
School District No. 4.
Apportionment \$300.00
K. H. Patrick, Chairman; H. S. Wylie, T. L. Johnston, R. E. Arnette, M.

HE'S CALLING TO YOU

After the hot assault, or hard heroic stand,
Hark! some one calls to you from No Man's
land.
Just a friend of yours and mine, a suffering
soldier-man;
No, you can not reach him—but the Red
Cross can.
—Edmund Vance Cooke.

J. W. Horne
J. W. Hanahan
W. L. Kirkpatrick
John W. Cathcart
J. M. Williams
N. A. White
G. W. Ragsdale
Horace Traylor

Ex-Officio Members.
J. E. McDonald
W. D. Douglas
Rev. O. Johnson, D. D.
T. M. Seawell

Publicity Committee for Winnsboro.
T. M. Seawell, Chairman.
Ernest Propst
Ernest Gladden
S. D. Ellison
J. E. McDonald, Jr.
D. V. Walker, Jr.
R. H. McDonald
T. A. Moore

WORKING COMMITTEES:
School District No. 1.
Apportionment, \$300.00
D. R. Coleman, Sr., Chairman; H. G. Corvin, Dr. C. A. Crosby, W. Y. Coleman, C. A. Hill.
School District No. 2.
Apportionment, \$400.00.
W. L. Reid, Chairman; C. J. Stevenson, T. W. Brice, W. M. Patrick, R. C. Sterling.
School District No. 3.
Apportionment, \$100.00.
J. H. Patrick, Chairman; Rev. J. P. Isenhower, M. Y. Bankhead, D. P.

W. Patrick.
School District No. 5.
Apportionment, \$100.00.
W. C. Peay, Chairman; H. D. Robertson, R. S. Moore.

School District No. 6.
Apportionment, \$200.00.
Samuel Branham, Chairman; W. F. Boulware, J. H. Diekins, L. M. Boulware, W. T. Miles.
School District No. 7.
Apportionment, \$100.00.
J. D. Palmer, Chairman; R. S. Spence.

School District No. 8.
Apportionment, \$200.00.
C. D. Tidwell, Chairman; A. C. Campbell, O. W. Moore, E. L. Reid, W. S. Robinson.

School District No. 9.
Apportionment, \$600.00.
D. C. Ruff and W. M. Estes, Chairmen; W. P. Blair, R. V. Bray, S. R. Rutland, J. D. Delaney, B. H. Heyward, A. G. Brown, S. F. Castles.
School District No. 10.
Apportionment \$100.00.
R. H. Lemmon, Chairman; N. D. Roberts, J. M. Steele, G. B. Hagood, J. A. Crawford.

School District No. 11.
Apportionment, \$400.00.
B. M. Yarbrough, Chairman; C. B. Douglass, F. H. McEachern, D. L. Glenn, Sr., F. E. McEachern, J. C. McMeekin, J. S. Swygert, Jr.
School District No. 12.
Apportionment \$400.00.
Rev. F. D. Vaughan, Chairman; M.

NOTED FRENCHMAN AT RIDGEWAY

PLANS FOR MONSTER MEET- ING SUNDAY NIGHT.

DR. NEWLIN, OF CAMP JACKSON,
ALSO TO SPEAK—MEETINGS
IN BAPTIST CHURCH.

Special fro Ridgeway. One of the monster meetings that will usher in the Red Cross campaign for next week will be held in Ridgeway next Sunday night at eight-thirty in the Baptist church. All of the churches of Ridgeway have agreed to have no service on this night but to give over the time to the speakers for the Red Cross. The meeting is being held in the Baptist church as this will probably seat more people than any of the other churches in the city.

Much interest attaches to the fact that one of the speakers is a Frenchman who has had two years of service at the French front. This is Dr. A. Beziat, who is at present attached to Camp Jackson as director of French there. Dr. Beziat will be able to tell a story straight from the trenches and describe something of the life there and of the terrible conditions that the Red Cross is trying to better. Dr. Thomas Newlin, who was president of Elon College in North Carolina prior to the war and who is at present Camp Educational Director at Camp Jackson will be one of the speakers. Dr. Newlin has already spoken once in the county, having been one of the speakers at one of the meetings held in Winnsboro. Both Dr. Newlin and Dr. Beziat are splendid speakers and will bring messages that will be of vital interest to the community. It is hoped that everyone living within a radius of many miles will come in to hear these men tell something of the terrible conflict in which we are now engaged.

C. Boulware, P. C. Turner, D. L. Stevenson, M. B. Clarke, R. C. Stevenson, J. T. Lemmon, J. I. Long, J. W. Pope, W. W. Turner.

School District No. 13.
Apportionment, \$100.00.
W. B. Pearson, Chairman; C. H. Coleman, N. C. James, J. B. Frazier, Jr., John D. Blair.

School District No. 14.
Apportionment, \$2,000.00.
Committees provided for.
School District No. 15.
Apportionment, \$200.00.

T. J. McMeekin, Chairman; Dr. J. A. Scott, E. E. Roberts, C. K. McGill, W. N. Kirkland, W. J. Burley.
School District No. 16.
Apportionment, \$1,200.00.

D. W. Ruff, Chairman; J. B. Boyd, W. J. Johnston, R. A. Meares, N. W. Palmer, C. P. Wray, N. Z. Crumpton, R. C. Thomas, W. G. Whitlock, Riley Stewart, Rev. J. P. Montgomery, W. B. Kennedy.

School District No. 18.
Apportionment, \$300.00.
Rev. J. A. Bledsoe, Chairman; C. H. Leitner, E. B. Mason, E. G. Friday, Rev. E. W. Mason, T. C. Camak, B. R. Beckham, F. K. Mann, A. P. Irby, Alex Robinson, Prof. Seay.

School District No. 19.
Apportionment, \$100.00.
W. E. DeHihns, Chairman; D. R. Cole, W. J. Free, T. E. Burley, W. Y. Trapp.

School District No. 20.
Apportionment, \$400.00.
A. R. Fowler, Chairman; W. S. Keistler, C. L. Ligon, C. S. Ford, R. H. Ford, J. A. Gladden, W. T. Raines.

School District No. 21.
Apportionment \$300.00.
L. M. Blair, Chairman; W. H. Long, J. C. Bolick, J. S. Clwney, J. M. Edrington, H. M. Owings, W. E. Suber, T. B. Wilkes, C. H. Ragsdale.

School District No. 22.
Apportionment \$250.00.
R. C. Reeves, Chairman; James C. Stewart, E. H. Dixon, J. P. Jones, A. W. Matheson, J. J. McEachern, J. C. Pickett, Dr. J. W. A. Sanders, D. F. Smith.

School District No. 23.
Apportionment \$150.00.
W. H. Macfie, Chairman; W. J. Lemmon, L. W. Hawes, E. M. McNaul, W. D. Park, Jesse Timms.

School District No. 24.
Apportionment, \$250.00.
T. H. Richardson, Chairman; J. E. Muse, C. B. Finley, J. A. Raines, C. B. Taylor.

U. D. C. ENTERTAIN CONFEDERATES

ANNUAL DINNER TO VET- ERANS LAST FRIDAY.

OLD SOLDIERS SPEND DELIGHT-
FUL DAY—LARGE NUMBER
PRESENT.

Once again it has been the privilege and pleasure of the Confederate Veterans to assemble under the auspices of the Daughters of the Confederacy. This meeting on the 10th was by all conceded to have been one of the best in many years.

There was first of all a good attendance. Year by year their line is thinning and their ranks being broken into by that enemy of mankind which has been conquered but once—death. Yet there are with us a goodly number of those who fought for the right when our great country was divided.

A most excellent dinner in a most convenient place was provided, and all gave undoubted proof of their appreciation.

The pleasure of meeting each other was pictured in every face, and the joy of rehearsing their experience was shared in by one and all.

There was no set address. Mr. T. K. Elliott, whom no one can excel in such, acted as toast-master. In a few fitting and eloquent words he expressed the pleasure of the ladies and representatives of the younger generation present, in once again meeting the veterans that wore the grey.

The third toast was "Our Country—an Indistinctable Union of Sovereign States, a Democracy in a Republic," which was responded to by a son of a veteran. The next was "Our Present War," which was responded to in befitting terms by Senator Ketchin.

The third toast was "Our President, Born in Virginia, Reared in Carolina, President of the Whole Nation and the Foremost Statesman of the World," responded to by the Rev. O. J. Frier.

From the manner the old veterans cheered these present day toasts they revealed the fact that they are not living merely in the thought of the past.

The names of Captain McMeekin and Mr. John H. Neil, who had passed beyond the great divide, were mentioned and their sterling worth as citizens and soldiers emphasized.

Your scribe deemed it a great privilege to be there. He is asked by the veterans to thank through public print the ladies for their kind provisions made for their pleasure.

CARD PARTY SATURDAY.
Mrs. J. E. McDonald, Jr., was hostess on Saturday at six P. M., to a bridge party of two tables in honor of Mrs. Jesse Bramlett. After the game a number of other friends arrived, and an ice course with cake was served.

School District No. 25.
Apportionment \$150.00.
M. B. Martin, Chairman; J. W. Crowder, J. H. Aiken, S. R. Crawford, C. M. Ladd, J. W. Milling.

School District No. 26.
Apportionment, \$100.00.
J. A. McDonald, Chairman; W. B. Dixon, J. W. Bankhead, J. T. McDonald, D. McD. Black, J. L. Higgins, Daniel Hall.

School District No. 28.
Apportionment \$60.00.
W. P. Castles, Chairman; J. W. Brice, J. W. Brooks, G. H. Timms, A. A. Young.

School District No. 29.
Apportionment, \$50.00.
P. C. Broom, Chairman; W. A. Broom, C. S. Steadman, J. B. Boney, J. W. Raines.

School District No. 30.
Apportionment, \$250.00.
V. P. Clayton, Chairman; W. B. Wright, A. C. Feaster, I. N. Dickinson, N. F. Shivar, Earl Bates, J. G. Wolling, Jr.

School District No. 32.
Apportionment \$80.00.
L. E. Leitner, Chairman; W. T. McConnell, T. W. Turckett, W. J. Turckett.

School District No. 33.
Apportionment, \$50.00.
J. C. Chappell, Chairman; W. F. Powell, John Dove, John W. Stewart.

School District No. 34.
Apportionment, \$200.00.
J. L. Brice, Chairman; R. E. Shanon, S. L. Montgomery, W. A. Blaine, Dr. C. E. Crosby, Rev. W. S. Hamiter, W. T. McDonald, J. L. Ragsdale.