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S IN KHAKI WRITE INTERESTING LETTERS HOME

Jan 10th 1919
Trier Germany

[illegible] you and the fam[illegible] all hear from [illegible] writing and [illegible] find you all the

[illegible] are fixing to leave here [illegible] think we are going to Rus[illegible] some think we are coming [illegible] the States so I dont know [illegible] will go yet but we are going [illegible] the two places and if we go [illegible] I dont know when I will get [illegible] the States. And if I dont [illegible] this spring take care of all [illegible] and sent the land what you [illegible] and keep a record of it. [illegible] we will leave here the [illegible] belong to the 5th Division [illegible] one that is over here and [illegible] wearing a red diamond on [illegible] soulder every one in the [illegible] wearing them. I am glad that [illegible] in the best division and we are [illegible] a service stride all that have [illegible] here six moghs or more I [illegible] enty to eat and wear and a [illegible] nice to stay and we drill only [illegible] morning and the evening is [illegible] kinds of games and plays [illegible] that I will soon get to come [illegible] and tell you all about my trip [illegible] as I have great and wo[illegible] things to tell its so much [illegible] cannot write it all as it will [illegible] too long and I could not get it [illegible] it would be a big history I [illegible] great sites and wonders and [illegible] in close and dangerous [illegible] the boys back in the States [illegible] even those that have not been on [illegible] front dont know anything and [illegible] tell anthing about the war and [illegible] as soon as I do find [illegible] for certain I will write and let [illegible] know and if we do go to Rus[illegible] will [illegible] the most of my money [illegible] 400 Francs on me [illegible] $12:00 in our [illegible] paved off in a few [illegible] month and that [illegible] and in American [illegible] France is [illegible] money I will [illegible] With [illegible] to you and [illegible]

[illegible] dier Son.
[illegible] Meetre.

[illegible] (Mievre)
[illegible] 26, 1918

[illegible] today write you a short letter [illegible] of the many useful things you [illegible] me in my Christmas box receive[illegible] Christmas morning. Well Bud [illegible] you had a happy Christmas did [illegible] not. Yes I can say I had quite [illegible] one still feel some effects of [illegible] big turkey dinner with a lot [illegible] nuts also give us candy, ci[illegible] and cigarettes, in the afternoon [illegible] few drinks of Ehz well I had [illegible] It is not Merry Christ[illegible] here 'tis Bonnie Noel. Snow [illegible] here yesterday for the first [illegible] year and is very cold today. [illegible] dont think it will be se[illegible] before I can be home again hope [illegible] anyway.

[illegible] getting fat every day and feel [illegible] fine, have got good health have [illegible] been sick two weeks since we [illegible] over and that was Flu hope a[illegible] wont have it more than once [illegible] Write me soon and tell me about [illegible]

Your Bud,
L M SOX

On the German Border
Nov 30, 1918
A P O 716

Dennie Boles
Brother:

[illegible] write you a few lines to let [illegible] hear from me this leaves me [illegible] hope you all are well I am in [illegible] France Luxemburg. We marched [illegible] Belgium a few days ago we [illegible] one night at St. Quentin next [illegible] and the next Luxemburg [illegible] will not be long before we will [illegible] dear old U S A. I am expect[illegible] eat New Year's dinner at home [illegible] it will not be very long after [illegible] for this time will be home [illegible] wishing you all a merry Xmas [illegible] happy New Year from

Your Brother
Corpl Dennie Boles

[illegible] VICTORY SALE.

[illegible] Bros. of Columbia are still [illegible] their big Victory Sale and [illegible] In this issue a page advertise[illegible] telling some of the wonderful [illegible] they are offering the buying [illegible] This sale has been running [illegible] last Thursday and thousands of [illegible] have visited their store picking [illegible] that have never before [illegible] offered to the people of this [illegible] This sale will last until next [illegible] and we recommend that the [illegible] of Lexington county visit their [illegible] and secure some real bargains [illegible] dependable merchandise.

VALENTINE PARTY.

[illegible] will be a Valentine party [illegible] new Box party fish pond cake [illegible] at Cross Roads School House [illegible] night February 14, 1919. [illegible] public is cordially invited to [illegible] a good time and lots of fun [illegible] to all.

[illegible] SALE—One horse, qualities [illegible] for family or farm use.

Rev. A. [illegible] RICE,
Lexington, S. C.

COL KNOTTS ON THE BIG WAR!

To Editor of Dispatch-News:

The cause of the war and who brought it on and for what purpose; and confusion has arisen about it. The condition of Europe for several years and the events which naturally led up to this situation five years ago was really the cause of hostilities and really no Christian nor terms of peace culd have originated and set at rest the real disturbing factors which could only be settled by war. The powers in Europe were paired off in two alliances; the Entente with England, France and Russia; the Central Alliance of Germany, Austria and Italy—Italy joined the Central Alliance in 1883 and remained in still after the commencement of the great war nominally only as the sequel now shows.

In 1912 the Entente Alliance—England, Russia and France—made a secret conclave with Italy to give her a large slice of Austria territory at the head of the Adriatic Sea. This dirty, vicious treason Italy agreed to and sanctioned although in a solemn conclave with Austria. They were instigating and urging Italy to secretly stab her friend in the back trying to get a cause to bring about a conflict with the other two Allies of Italy and secure the Alliance of all against Austria which they well knew would involve Germany in it. That was really the end in view by England's seeking to secure this powerful combination against Germany—England's and Frances' greatest enemy as they saw the situation. About this time and before matters had come to a close with this vile wicked combination; some Servians killed the young Arch Duke of Austria—That brought in a new situation—forced matters to a crisis from a different source but really the same fated unavoidable colission only comes from an apparently new cause and Germany could plainly see that matters were shaping in such a way that an immediate conflict with Russia and France was at hand.

Although England and Italy were concealing their daggers and keeping their vile intrigue in the background but which France and Russia fully understood before it occurred and of which neither Germany nor Austria were warned—when the war started the whole affair was already arranged by the four—England, France, Russia and Italy—and they fully efpected an easy walk over and to reclaim Alsace-Lorraine; capture the German fleet and her foreign possessions and reduce her to a second rate power was the full intention of this concoction with hell. England was greatly relieved when the conflict came from this direction and gave her the right as she contended to enter this war without her Knavish villainy being exposed and then came in so innocently under pretense of the neutrality of Belgium and how easily Italy was induced to enter—their aims all developed and their plot not exposed till the war was about over Belgium contended that we were also honor bound to defend her neutrality but Roosevelt and others contended with the delegation that we were neutral and should remain so but would give all the moral support we could but when the conflict was raging so fiercely and s[illegible]rously for this great combine Col[illegible]lt and others changed their [illegible] Root tried to get the Rep[illegible]nination for president decl[illegible] straightout war as a sacre[illegible]efend the neutrality of Be[illegible]natural and easy for us to [illegible] what we want to be liere[illegible] counted so profoundly[illegible]ds navy and France's and [illegible]nperior millions but these a[illegible] efficient to the awful task [illegible]ress declared her rights ot[illegible] seas. The situation was very [illegible]l and those wealthy republican[illegible] too many millions in British con[illegible]rce

If England and France can induce our envoys there to carry out this wicked conclave with Italy and give these lands so positively promised to Italy it will bring in trouble from several of Americas sacred contorts interested in these possessions and will interfere with hopes and allurements which President Wilson and his counsellors have been making to others concerned in this territory.

This conference will have to meet and adjust or fail to reconcile these troubles and if it succeeds it can only be temporary.

If England now fails to look for the loaves and fishes and fails to show her old historic greed for colonies and possessions and her gluttoning for more power and influence it will be the first time in her history. The secret conclave in the Peace conference is trying to hush these discordant voices which are being heard and appear to the world as majestically peaceful and beautifully harmonious. It is believed that President Wilson's presence there is caused by his anxiety and unrest over these dicordant elements and that he is struggling to keep them silent and in doors. Eng[illegible]h papers are not secret or hidden in [illegible]ing that English diplomacy will ke[illegible]ritain's bark off the coral strand [illegible]tsail the other envoys in the c[illegible]re: Let us wait and see!

D J K

Swansea, February 4.

For sale—5 head of goats [illegible] condition; Apply to

T D Derrick
Chapin,
1tp

SHERIFF MILLER CAPTURES STILL

One Hundred Gallons of Beer Dumped Into the Waters of Edisto.

Late Saturday afternoon Sheriff Sim J. Miller and Deputy Sheriff W. D. Laird captured a complete outfit for distilling whiskey in the lower part of the county near Edisto river. They also found and destroyed about 100 gallons of beer ready for use. No persons were found at the still but the tracks of two men were followed to their home and a half gallon of illicit whiskey found in their possession. They were placed under arrest but claimed no knowledge of the htill, claiming they bought the whiskey from another party. The two men Reidy Argo and Burton O. Daniel were brought to Lexington and placed in jail, until Monday afternoon when they were given a preliminary hearing before U S Commissioner Sloan in Columbia, who bound them over for trial at the March term of U. S. Court at Florence, fixing their bond at $250.00 each.

ROBERT JACOBS RETURNS HOME

Several months ago the overseas casualty list carried the name of Robert Jacobs, Pelion, S. C. as having died in a hospital from wounds received in action. Last week a bunch of convalescents were sent to Camp Jackson from Hoboken, N. J. where they landed December 16, and among them was this same Robert Jacobs, very much alive and in fairly good condition. Mr. Jacobs, was a visitor to our office Monday and told of interesting experiences he had while helping hold the line at Ypres. He was wounded in the foot by a rifle bullet and sent to a base hospital, where he contracted blood poison and it was tohught impossible to save his life. But with aid of an operation by army surgeons and a strong constitution, Mr. Jacobs pulled through and from all appearances will soon be a well man again. His home is near Pelion in this county where he spent the week end with his folks.

NEW ROLLER MILL AT GILBERT.

J. J. Crout and Sons, are installing a new and up-to-date rollerflour mill at the old Crout mill site near Gilbert. This enterprise will prove quite a benefit to this section as the mill when completed will be one of the most up-to-date in the county. All the machinery is of the latest model, and will have a capacity of 40 barrels per day, with four double stand rolls complete with brand duster etc. for cleaning up; thus giving a better turnout than the older mills.

CORLEY—WESSINGER.

A marriage of much interest to this community occurred Sunday afternoon at the home of Rev. W. D. Quick when Miss Mattie Corley became the bride of Mr. Jefferson Wessinger.

Miss Corley is a well known young lady of this section popular with her friends and acquaintances.

Mr. Wessinger is a prosperous young farmer of near Lexington and has a large circle of friends who extend to him ad his bride their best wishes.

ARTHUR S. HARTLEY.

Arthur Symphere Hartley of Batesburg died at his home Sunday morning Rebruary 2 of Pneumonia following influenza.

Mr. Hartley was a fine young man and had many friends who will be grieved to hear of his death. He was 26 years old and leaves a father step mother six brothers and two sisters as follows:

Mr. and Mrs William W Hartley; Jasper J Hartley—Milledge H Hartley; Mose William Hartley; William Hartey Jr Chas. H Hartley J Albert Hartley Mrs John Corder and Miss Esuilla Hartley. All of Batesburg er cept Chas H Hartley of St Cloud Fla and J Albert Hartley of Pelion S C The funeral serices were conducted by Rev. W H Whaley of Pelion S C and the body laid to rest in the family burying ground near Batesburg S C

LIVINGSTON'S SHOE STORE.

We carry in this issue an advertisement for Livingston's Shoe store of Columbia anouncing their annual sale of sample shoes This is a wonderful chance to save big money on shoes and adantage should be taken of this opportunity to secure shoes for the entire family at one half the regular cost. The sale is now going on and those who get there first will get the choice of the bargains.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE

A new farmers rural telephone line is now under construction from the Lexington Exchange running by Pisgah Church on to the residence of James Gillian near Gilbert, which will have about twelve telephones on

[illegible]LLAR IN THE RED CROSS IS [illegible]RTH TWO IN THE BANK.

DOUBLE HOMICIDE AT SWANSEA

Brother Kills Brother and Then Blows Out Own Brains With Same Gun.

According to a long distance message received here late Tuesday afternoon, Jim Strickland, a well known farmer of near Swansea, shot and killed his brother, Henry Strickland, also a farmer and regarded as one of the best men of his community. There had been bad blood between the two brothers, it is said, and Tuesday Jim Strickland went over to his brother Henrys house and calling him to the front door stated that he had come to make friends. Henry invited him to have a seat and sat down himself on the doorsteps, when Jim Logan firing with a double barrel shotgun. The first shot missed its mark, but the second took effect in the neck, causing intantaneous death. Jim Strickland then returned to his home about half a mile away and going inside the house, removed his shoes and returning to the front porch placed the gun against his head and fired, tearing away the left lower part of his face. The double tragedy occurred about 12 oclock Tuesdy and magistrate E M Martin of the Swansea district immediately went to the scene of the killing and began preparations for holding an inquest over the dead bodies. The entire community is shocked over the terrible tragedy as both men were well thought of by all who knew them.

DIES IN NEW YORK.

W. A. Cooner of Batesburg, Passes in Metropolis.

W. A. Cooner, a leading merchant of Batesburg, died in New York city on last Sunday from double pneumonia superinduced by influenza. Mr. Cooner had gone to New York to make purchase of spring goods and was taken with influenza developing pneumonia from which he died.

Mr. Cooner was 42 years of age and is survived by his wife and three children.

The funeral services were held at the Baptist church in Batesburg Tuesday afternoon, attended by a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives. Mr. Cooner was one of the most popular and highly respected young men of the town of Batesburg; and his death has caused universal sorrow in this section

DOUBLE FUNERAL AT POND BRANCH.

The community south of Gilbert was saddened by the death of two of its most prominent ladies last Friday when Mrs. Smith the wife of Will Smith a well known singing teacher of this section died at her home from tuberculosis of the spine and brain and was buried at Pond Branch church at 2 o'clock.

Mrs. Kyzer wife of Frank Kyzer a well known farmer of this same community died at practically the same time with double pneumonia and was buried the same afternoon at Pond Branch church.

A EARL ROOF

A Earl Roof was born December 2 1900: and died in Columbia January 15 1919: making his stay on earth 18 years; one month and 13 days:

His remains were laid to rest at his home church—Boiling Springs—the following day:

Earl was a good boy loved by all who knew him: He leaves to mourn his departure his aged father and mother— L C and B A Roof; four sisters: Mrs Ella Roof Strait of Lancaster; Mrs Daisy Welch of Pelion; Mrs Sallie Walters of Columbia; Mrs Girlie Clark of Pelion and two brothers J W Roof of Pelion and Harold D Roof of Lancaster; besides a host of other relatives and friends.

Farewell loved one deep and lowly!
Rest thee in thou bed of clay;
Kindreds spirits angels holy;
Bore thy ransomed soul away!

SALLIE MAY BISINGER.

Sallie May Bisinger, was born Sept. 3, 1896, and died January 27 1919, making er earthly pilgrimage 22 years 4 months and 24 days. She leaves to mourn her death, father, mother, 4 sisters and 1 brother. She joined the church early in life and remained a faithful member until death.

Sleep on dear daughter
And take thy rest
God called you home
He thought it best.

ATTENTION, FARMERS

Time for Taking Orders for Government Nitrate of Soda Extended to February 15.

The time for taking orders for government Nitrate of Soda has been extended to February 15. I will be at Lexington February 15 to take orders. Farmers can leave applications with either of the banks at Lexington.

J. W. SHEALY
County Agent.

WORKING HARD IN SCHOOLS

Dr. Kneece Reports Hearty Co-Operation by Patrons, Children and Teachers.

Dr B. E. Kneece, field director rural sanitation for Lexington County, assisted by Miss Hill, registered nurse, have been quite active in and around Lexington during the past few days.

Already a number of schools near Lexington have been examined and much good work accomplished.

The teachers and children lend their co-operation and many of the patrons have already taken their children to specialists, carrying out the requests of the doctor.

It is a big work handled in a big way, and Dr. Kneece is sure that the work will be a complete success, if only the parents will carry out the suggestions.

The following schedule has been arranged for this and the first part of next week:

Thursday—Sharps Hill.
Friday—Summit.
Monday—Gilbert.
Tuesday—Macks.
Wednesday—Waterree.

Often it is possible to examine more than one school a day, when close together, or attendance is small; but a more accurate program is not practical. Patrons and trustees are invited to be present.

WARNING AGAINST "FAKE EXPERTS"

A warning against "fake experts" on Income Tax has been sounded by Internal Revenue Bureau, in a statement received by Collector D C Heyward from Commissioner Daniel C Roper

"Business houses and Individual Taxpayers are being canvassed this year by numerous so-called "Income Tax Experts, who offer to use their magic wands of Income Tax wisdom to relieve the busy taxpayer from all worries about his tax responsibilities

I desire to make public announcement, for the information of taxpayers, that an investigation of the qualifications of may of these 'experts' will disclose the fa[illegible] that very few have had the train[illegible] experience that would place t[illegible]ar the expert class

'Some of th[illegible] porary emplo[illegible] who are atten[illegible] fact regardless o[illegible] ledge of the Revenu[illegible] ulations Others are [illegible] on the strength of diplom[illegible] ing long distance courses by [illegible] printed instructions of doubtfu[illegible]

Taxpayers should not allow t[illegible] selves to be imposed upon by stra[illegible]gers who claim to be Income Tax Experts They should discriminate carefully between really helpful, authoritative advice in tax matters, and the irresponsible brand peddled under glittering pretenses

The Bureau is arranging to furnish for the benefit of Income Taxpayers in every City and Town in the country, a free advisory service by trained collectors, agents, inspectors, and Deputies At the offices of Collectors and their deputies and at other central points, free information and advice witr respect to filing returns under the new Revenue Bill may be had up to the final date for filing such returns

Banks, trust companies and similiar responsible institutions have always cooperated in furnishing authentic Income Tax information, and have generously offered to serev the government and taxpayers in this respect again this year

It is the aim of the Bureau to bring its agencies as close as possible to every person and to make available in official form all necessary informtion regarding the requirements of the law The Bureau welcomes aid from every responsible agency in its effort to enlighten the people on tax matters

'Every taxpayer is assured of a square deal from the government based entirely on the tax laws and regulations and the facts in his case No other influence is allowed to enter into Internal Revenue matters and the statement of any firm or individual that they are in a position to exert special influence with Internal Revenue Officers is wholly without foundation in fact Painstaking and open-minded consideration is given in every case regardless of whether the taxpayer in person or by attorney

"Firms or persons who offer to prosecure claims against the Government can secure no special consideration beyond the merits of the claim as determined by the facts and the law

"Any former government officer or employee is barred by statute from acting as counsel, attorney or agent for prosecuting claims against the United States which were pending while he was an officer or employee; an is also barred from aiding in any manenr the prosecution of such claims within two years after leaving the Government service'

JEFFCOAT SENTENCED TO FINE AND PRISON

The most notable case to be tried in the United States court last week was that of Dempsey G Jeffcoat, a 28 year old farmer of Lexington county Jeffcoat was accused of perjury in connection with an illicit still case, tried last year, at which trial he appeared as a wtness for the defense The jury found Jeffcoat guilty and Judge H A M Smith sentenced him to pay a fine of $300 and to serve six months in the Richland county jail

DR. RIDGELL WANTS TO KILL BRIDGE BILL

Introduces Bill in Senate to Repeal Act of 1918 Providing for Two Free Bridges.

The State Legislature reconvened yesterday, after a recess from Friday night. Monday of this week being the first Monday of the month, a recess during that time acording to the custom of some years was had.

Last week Representative Wingard of this county, attended the funeral of Senator Nicholson of Edgefield county, having been appointed by Speaker Cothran as one of the funeral escort from the House of Representatives.

The body has been in session now not quite three weeks, and both houses are getting down to the business of the session. The machinery of both houses has been gotten into working shape, and the committees are now ahead with the work sufficiently to permit the consideration of vital matters upon the floors.

The House last week passed the compulsory education bill, and the measure has now gone to the Se[illegible] for action. It provides that nor[illegible] children between the ages of eight [illegible] fourteen shall attend school for [illegible]ty days at east of each session. R[illegible]resentative Dreher of this Count[illegible] a member of the Committee on [illegible]cation which favorably reported this measure to the House.

In the Senate last week, Senator Ridgell of this County introduced a bill to repeal an Act entitled "An Act to empower the Board of County Commissioners of Lexington County to issue and sell $50,000 of serial coupon bonds for the purpose of building two steel bridges across Saluda River" which was approved at the last session of the Legislature. It will be recalled that several weeks ago, a commission of citizens of the county, appointed by the Governor, under the provisions of the original Act, selected two sites [illegible] location of the bridges.

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De[illegible]
Ple[illegible]
your pap[illegible]
as I am le[illegible]
and it will be [illegible]
some time. Ho[illegible]
have you send it to [illegible]
joy it so much—just the same [illegible]
letter from home. Hope that you [illegible]
well and having a good tim[illegible]

Sincerely,
Robert M. Corl[illegible]

MRS WILLIE RHUCIE HEND[illegible]

Mrs. Willie Rhucie Hendrix, [illegible] of Harry C. Hendrix, died at her [illegible] about five mileh west of Lexington [illegible] Monday evening from an attac[illegible] double pneumonia. Mrs Hendrix [illegible] a woman of many lovable traits [illegible] character and her death has cast [illegible] gloom of sorrow over the entire community. She was 39 years of age and leaves her husband, five sons, three daughters, a loving mother, two brothers, six sisters and a host of other relatives and friends to mourn her death; one son having preceded her to the grave.

The funeral services were held on Tuseday afternoon at St. Peters Lutheran church of which she was a consistent member from early childhood, the Rev. J. A. Cromer performing the last sad rites assisted by Rev W H Riser

COUNTY AUDITORS NOTICE

The County Auditor has made his rounds over the county and is now at the office for the purpose of taking returns. All parties who have not made their returns for fiscal year 1919 can do so between now and February 20, after which time a penalty of 50 per cent will be added for failure to return.

The County Auditor will appreciate it if those who have not returned will do so as early as possible and not put off the matter until the last day when it is almost impossible to take so many within one or two days time.

Come right in early for it is much cheaper to return and pay taxes than not to return and pay taxes with the 50 per cent penalty.

W. D. Dent,
County Auditor.

VALLENTINE PARTY

The Ladies Missionary Society of Red Bank Baptist church, will give a box party and a Valentine entertainment at the home of Mrs. A. B. Goodwin on Saturday night, February 15, 1919 for the benefit of the society. All the young ladies are requested to bring boxes and all the young gentlemen well filled purses. The public who is cordially invited to attend is guaranteed a good time.

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