

## LETTERS FROM OUR BOYS IN FRANCE

MESSAGES FROM OVERSEAS OF INTEREST TO ALL.

All the Soldiers Seem to be Home-sick But Healthy—Many Have Turned in their Arms.

A letter to Mrs. A. Y. Wallace, from her son, Private Boyd Wallace: 117 U. S. Engrs. A. P. 715. January 1, 1919.

Dear Mother:—I will write you all again and let you know how I am getting on at this time. I am getting on very good now and do hope you are all well and enjoying life. I got your letter a few days ago, and sure was glad to get it. Oh, it makes me feel home sick every time I hear from you. You can guess how bad I feel away over here by myself but guess you all understand I am here for a good cause. Well I sent you some views of the town I am staying in now. Do hope you will get them O. K. Well you can bet I am getting tired of this place and long to see the time come when I can be at home with you all again. I am enjoying New Year's Day fine. You said you sent me a Christmas box but I haven't gotten it. I am looking for it every day. Well mother if I ever get to you it will seem so good to me, I'll feel like I am at home Sweet Home again. I will soon be away two years and it seems like ten to me. Well I haven't heard from Jack in a long old time. I wrote him two or three times but haven't heard from him yet. Guess he didn't get my letters. Tell Andrew and Alice to write me also Archie. Tell Effie I wrote her yesterday and tell all the rest to write me as I am always glad to hear from home.

So guess this is all at present. You all write me real soon. Lots of love to you and father and a large portion for the girls, and kisses for every one. Your son as ever,  
BOYD.

From Corporal Leroy Hamilton to his mother, Mrs. W. H. Hamilton:— Lemans, France, January 6th, 1919.

My Dear Mother:—Guess you will be surprised to hear from me but I have been waiting to try and get an address so that I could hear from you. I am well and truly hope you all are the same. I had a very nice Thanksgiving and Xmas, although I was in the hospital Christmas. I was taken sick a little after Thanksgiving and sent to the hospital with influenza, but I am out now and feeling fine. I am in a classification and embarkation camp now.

I don't know if I will get back to my company or go home but of course you know I am praying to go home. I am getting plenty to eat and a good place to sleep and not doing any work at all. I haven't heard from you since the 12th of October and don't know when I will get any mail, but I am not worrying for I am praying that you all are in good health and getting along fine. Hubert Carmichael and all the boys from home in the hospital are not far from here but I have not seen them yet but I run into some of my hardware friends that used to come through home. Mother the Argonne battle was a sight. I was blowing up wire in front of all the infantry; there were only sixteen out of my company with me and I sure did hate to leave them. I had rather died than to have gone away but I had to. I stayed up there three days and nights without a bite to eat; that wasn't because I couldn't get it for we had a small kitchen with us and three days and nights without a wink of sleep. I was as helpless as a baby but when I gave up and went back to the hospital I soon got all right. From all I can learn the boys in Germany are having the time of their lives. You know that was tough luck, staying with the old company from the first of American troops up on the front until twenty five days until it was over. But now there isn't a man in the army in any better condition than I am. Tell the old hardware crew hello and tell them I am hoping to be back to set up binders for them this year. Tell them to keep my job for me. Mother I am about five feet and eight inches higher and weigh one hundred and fifty six pounds. I weighed when I came in service 1917 one hundred and eleven pounds. When I get back home I wouldn't take a million dollars for my experience and I wouldn't go through it again for ten million.

With love to all,  
Your loving son,  
Corp. Leroy H. Hamilton,  
Co. A. 117 Engrs., A. P. O 715  
A. E. F. France.

From Private Clyde G. Hatch, of France, to his father, Mr. J. R.

## QUARANTINE RULES MODIFIED

Board of Health Reopens Public Places Under Certain Restrictions.

At a meeting of the local board of health held on the 2nd inst. it was decided that the influenza situation had improved to such an extent that the quarantine rules could be modified.

It was decided that the public schools might open on Tuesday morning for full work, under certain restrictions; that the churches might be allowed to hold morning services only for the present. That the moving picture theatres might hold afternoon performances in well ventilated buildings. It was ordered that each and every doctor be required to report to the city clerk's office daily all cases he had visited and pronounced as influenza, and that the town officials should then cause to be placed on such homes a placard advertising the fact that there was influenza in that house, and that no member of that family should be allowed to attend school, church or any other place of public gathering. It was ordered that the superintendents, principals, or teachers of all schools in the town, or within the limits of the jurisdiction of the local Board of Health, should allow no child to attend school from the homes where influenza prevailed; that in case a pupil was absent from school for a period of as much as two days the case should be reported to the city clerk's office so that the case might be investigated and the home quarantined if necessary. It was ordered that the town authorities be instructed, where such cases were reported, and no report had been made by a physician, to send a doctor to such homes to make an investigation in order that the quarantine be put in force on that home, if necessary. It was requested that the citizens of the town and community co-operate with the local board in reporting any new or suspicious cases in their community, in order that the same might be investigated at once.

It was ordered that the six o'clock closing hour for all stores, offices and other public places, be kept in force for the present, with the exception of the drug stores, which may be kept open for the sale of medicines, or medical supplies only—no soft drinks may be served after 6 p. m.

The Board of Health feels that the town is to be congratulated that the situation has been kept as near normal as it has, while other towns in this section, who have been more lax with their quarantine laws have had a recurrence of influenza. It is hoped that every citizen will feel it his duty to co-operate with the local authorities to keep the situation well in hand.

W. E. CALDWELL,  
Chairman Board of Health.

### A Card.

I take this method of informing my patients that I am in Florida for a short stay. Since having the influenza I have not been able to do night practice and I found it necessary to go to Florida in order to get my strength back. I hope to be able to return to Dillon in the next week or two and resume my practice.

C. R. TABER, M. D.

Dear Dad:—I haven't heard from you in a long time but I have been waiting so long that our mail comes not catch up with us.

We left Dillon on the 15th of January and we are now at the village of Jouy des Cotés in France. I am some glad to tell you that we are on our way home. We will leave this place in a few days for the railroad where we will entrain for the port of embarkation and then to the states. Dad we have been hiking ever since December 17th and we are some tired too. The team have all played out. Those that were not dead were turned into the remount station and the best part of it all is we have turned in our guns which means that the war is over so far as we are concerned. We haven't even got our side arms.

I am still enjoying good health. Haven't been sick yet and hope I don't get sea sick. I hope that by the time you get this letter that I will be home but don't guess I will for we are going to be quarantined for two weeks after entering the states.

How is the market business progressing now. I am getting anxious to go to Dillon to see you and see how you are fixed.

You can look for me home about the first of March which is about as early as we can get there.

We are about four thousand miles from home, which is some distance.

Write soon. Well you might as well wait until I get home to answer this.

Clyde.

## DON'T WANT CAMP BRAGG.

Farmers and Land Owners Indignant at Treatment Received.

While certain business interests in Fayetteville are trying to move heaven and earth, congress and the war department in an effort to keep up the construction of Camp Bragg there are some people in that section who want the thing stopped. The construction of the camp had just started when the war closed, but by spending money and wire pulling at Washington, Fayetteville interests have been able to get the work continued, and millions of dollars thrown away by the government.

The following is from the Charlotte Observer:

Southern Pines, Jan. 21—"Camp Bragg has become a mighty unpopular theme in Hoke county," said Frank Cameron, who was a visitor in Southern Pines today from across the county border. "Months ago we were notified to make no crops this year, and we planted no fall and winter grain. We were told to be ready to move out by the first of the year, and we let our farm plans disorganize. Now we get no information, no satisfaction, and we seem no nearer to disposing of our farms to the government than we did a year ago.

"Things in the upper half of Hoke and the west side of Cumberland are in a bad predicament. Our farm help has left us. Two or three miles from our farm lived a community of colored people who own their homes, and who have made creditable places for themselves. They have practically abandoned their homes, moving away to other places and they have not been paid for their farms, nor will they stay to work for any one else.

"I do not know of any farmers, white or black, who have been paid anything on their lands, yet the government will give us no notice, that we may go ahead and farm this season. Our schools have been wrecked, our churches interrupted, we are getting rid of our stock, and it looks now as if the military committee in congress, by putting the army matters over to the next congress in December, has hung us on the fence indefinitely. It seems to me if there is any justice anywhere the farmers in this 135,000 acres that has been condemned by the government have a case against the government for the practical loss of their year's work. Government men come in and appropriate anything they want and when we protest they give us that cheap answer that the government will pay but so far it has not shown the color of its money. Close by my house they cut about 10 acres of the finest round pine timber in this section, but N. S. Blue, the owner, has not heard anything that sounds like money rattling, and he has succeeded in stopping them. The people are very tired of the whole thing, and the one subject of talk now it is different. An appeal has been made to get some pay for what has been done in the way of damage. I think a million dollars to the farmers, who have been played with this way, would not pay them for the losses they have sustained in their year of interfered work. I think my claims will be filed before long. Everybody was tolerant while they thought the government really needed the land, but now it is different. An appeal has been made to Senator Martin, Senator Borah and others to have the whole project killed. The people are very tired of the way it has gone."

## Rushing the Work.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Jan. 22—Today the Cincinnati Federal Employment office is furnishing 800 men wanted to work on a United States War Department Artillery Cantonment to be constructed at Fayetteville, N. C., said a notice issued by Superintendent Robt. Rice of the United States Employment Service under the authority of Col. H. D. Sawyer, U. S. A. who formerly had charge of the construction work at the fifteen million dollar anchor nitrate plant near this city. From 400 to 500 carpenters at 60 cents an hour and from 200 to 300 laborers at 30 cents an hour, are sought at the Fayetteville project. Classified laborers are to be paid 35 and 40 cents an hour white, or negro laborers are acceptable. Employment is guaranteed for six weeks. Board will be furnished with lodging at \$5 week, according to U. S. government officials here.

Other large shipments of men are expected to be made from this point next week if the necessary help is not obtained in North Carolina, according to officials here.

## KILLS HERSELF AT GRAVE.

Woman Commits Suicide in Atlanta Graveyard.

Atlanta, Feb. 2—The dead body of Mrs. Hal M. Gilbert was found early today lying across the grave of Fireman John Abbot, who was shot and killed by his wife several days ago after confessing to a love affair with Miss Mary Powers. Mrs. Gilbert had shot herself through the heart after an attempt at suicide with chloroform, according to the police.

The sexton of Greenwood Cemetery where Abbot was buried, said he had noticed Mrs. Gilbert visit Abbot's grave daily, placing flowers on the mound, and that on Saturday afternoon she was kneeling and weeping by the graveside. When her body was found today she clasped a small revolver in one hand and a chloroform-saturated handkerchief in the other. To one side was found her wedding ring, where she had dropped it after removing it from her finger.

Mrs. Gilbert was a daring automobile driver and had participated in local races on several occasions.

## TALK ACROSS ATLANTIC.

Prediction That by Time Peace is Signed Wireless Telephony Will Render Phone Service.

London, Jan. 25—(British Wireless)—"By the time the peace treaty is signed we shall be talking across the Atlantic by wireless," says Godfrey Isaacs, managing director of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company, in an interview. "One day in the not far distant future," he adds, "I think we shall walk about with wireless telephones attached to our bodies and we shall be able, standing say in Piccadilly Circus, to call up a friend who is flying somewhere. Or we may have an invitation by wireless telephony from a friend flying in France to join him at dinner in the evening.

"Wireless telephony has been very largely used in war for communication between airplanes and headquarters and for artillery work. But there is no reason why it should not be available over very much longer distances.

"It will not be very long before one will be able to sit at one's desk in London and speak to New York practically instantaneously. Equal facilities will be available for communicating with Paris, Rome, Moscow, or Amsterdam. In my view it will be as easy to speak to Sydney or Melbourne or to New Zealand.

"Long distance wireless telephony will apply also to ships at sea and to airplanes and airships."

## McNeill-Shackelfud.

Miss Annie Rachel McNeill will be married today to Mr. Lee Newman Shackelfud of Meridian, Miss. The ceremony will be performed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Bethea with whom Miss McNeill has been making her home for the past several years. Miss McNeill, who is a sister of Mrs. Bethea, is a native of Meridian. During her residence in Dillon she has been prominent in the social and religious life of the community and has endeared herself to many friends, by whom she will be long and pleasantly remembered.

Mr. and Mrs. Shackelfud will leave on the 6:35 train on a honeymoon through Florida.

The out-of-town guests will be Mrs. W. C. McMillan of Columbia; Miss Annie McMillan of Little Rock; Miss Daisy Bethea of Claussen; Miss Lizzie Bethea of Bennettsville.

## Care for the Old Confed.

Fair Bluff, N. C. February 3, 1919. Memorials in Tennessee, North and South Carolina to commemorate the glorious deeds of their sons in the great war is praiseworthy and commendable and the sons have more than won this coveted honor, and every man, woman and child in these three states who can raise a nickle should help in honoring these heroes who did what was thought impossible.

And now while our solons are discussing grave problems in the state houses would it not be well to remember that a great number of the boys of the 30th division are sons and grandsons of confederate soldiers. A glorious heritage they have in being fathered by the old boy in gray that won matchless victories against great odds where Lee and Jackson led. Yet these old boys that made the rebel yell and Dixie immortal are fast passing away. Their shadows are lengthening out to the sun set of life. Their step is faltering and their once superb manhood has passed away; decrepit old age has

## URGES CUT IN ACREAGE.

Commissioner Harris Suggests 30,000,000 Acres Be Planted.

Columbia, Feb. 3—Drastic curtailment of the cotton acreage as a counter irritant to the alleged "bear" propaganda to depress the price of the staple is advocated by B. Harris, State Commissioner of Agriculture, Commerce and Industries, in a statement today. The commissioner is of the opinion that a 30,000,000 acre crop next year will increase the price of cotton ten cents per pound and save the South from bankruptcy. His statement follows:

"Already it is being freely predicted in high cotton circles that the cotton growers are going to plant the biggest acreage ever known. The report is that this year they will plant forty million acres. Now this is all bear dope, they want to scare spot holders and get them to turn loose their spot cotton. Pay no attention to future quotations; they cannot spin board cotton. The spinner is out of the market both the European and the American spinners. They are looking to the cotton brokers who are bear speculators to furnish the mills their cotton, of whom they have contracts with for future delivery, and the mills will soon begin to call on them to fill their contracts. Then they will put the price up on spot cotton a little, for they know some sucker will bite and they will get a little spot cotton to keep them going for a short while. No one knows the farmers better than the bear speculators in the cotton market. They know exactly how to handle him and scare him so that he will turn his spot cotton loose.

"I hope the farmers will learn a lesson from such bear dope and plant this year thirty million acres instead of forty million acre crop. A thirty-million acre crop will add ten cents per pound on the spot cotton now on hand, of which there is now about six million bales in the hands of the farmers and merchants. If this cotton is held for the price set for it, thirty five cents per pound, it will add millions of dollars to the South and save the South from bankruptcy. It will also add twenty cents per pound to the crop we will grow this year. Figure this and see if it will not pay you to hold this crop until the price, thirty five cents is secured.

The way to get this price is to curtail cotton acreage 30 per cent this year, fertilizer 50 per cent. Is it not better for you to raise ten bales and get \$200 a bale for them than to raise twenty bales and get \$100 for them? Brother farmers, stop, think and figure, and you need not be asked to cut the acreage. All you have to do is just to use good common horse sense and you will win this fight. It is in your hands. Will the farmers do it? I believe they will, I am proud to say that the farmers are not the farmers they were, even two years ago. The farmer has learned more in the first thirty days of this year than he has learned in any ten years of the past. When you can get a man to think along lines for his success you have done the greatest thing for him you could do; he will work out the rest for his betterment. If you give a man money he will spend it, probably the next day or the same day you give it to him. If you give him knowledge he has it all the balance of life, and he can impart it to others, and all he needs is to come into possession of real facts and conditions, and then he will change his methods of marketing his crops. Farmers hold-out acreage and fertilizers; use well directed brains and victory is yours."

overtaken many of the old boys and they are unable longer to earn their bread without an income from any source. Then why not ye solons instead of wrangling about automobile roads, give these worn out old boys a pension in monthly payments sufficient to give them three square meals a day?

Think about them when you are awake, dream of the old boys that opened Frances glorious golden portals, for Lee, Jackson and Hampton to enter, and while honoring their sons and grandsons, don't let their daddies starve. Thirty five dollars a year is far from being a kings ransom, much less to feed and clothe one old veteran. You may say there is a soldier's home for the indigent old boys. Sure enough, also there is a death chamber in State prison; they are equal in their results. The prisoner goes out to his death, the old soldier to his grave, with no one to shed a tear or breathe a sigh in his behalf. Make his last days worth living and this proud old Palmetto State that never faltered in doing its whole duty surely can rescue many of the afflicted heroes of the sixties from want of a square meal each day of their lives.

ELIHU MULDROW.

## COUNTY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

NEWSY LETTERS BY REGULAR CORRESPONDENTS.

News Items of Interest to Herald Readers, Ebb and Flow of the Human Tide.

**Sellers.**  
There have not been any serious cases of "flu" among the white people here as yet. The negroes have been pretty hard hit however. William Lester and his son both died on the same day last week. William was a hardworking, prosperous citizen. Zeke Hunt lost both of his children recently.

Mr. W. D. Sellers and family have had light cases of "flu", all are up now.

Mr. B. B. Sellers is on the sick list this week and Mr. Cherry Watson, who was 89 years old in January, has been slightly ailing for the past several weeks.

Mr. Judson Watson was buried at Latta cemetery recently. He was a son of the late Samuel Watson. He leaves several orphan children, two brothers, Mr. Elliott Watson, of Washington and Mr. L. L. Watson of Latta and one sister, Mrs. J. F. East-erling also of Latta.

Mr. Lynch Watson of Montana is spending a few days with friends here.

Mr. Felix Smith and family are moving to their farm near here this week. He and his brother, Alyn, will run the farm this year, while their father, Mr. D. L. Smith will conduct a mercantile business at the station.

Mr. T. S. Hughes was badly hurt at Tighman's Mill last week. He was carried to the Florence hospital, where he is getting along fairly well. Messrs. D. M. and T. B. Watson attended the burial of Mr. Rufus Bethea at Little Rock Sunday.

There was no preaching at Antioch Sunday, the pastor being away on a trip to Florida.

A telegram was received here last week that Mr. John Deer had died at his home in Evergreen, Ala. He was a brother of Mrs. Cherry Watson, and was 35 years old. Six years ago, he with his two daughters, visited their relatives in South Carolina.

## Fork.

Mr. H. P. Dubose spent last week with relatives at Hartsville.

Miss Lucile Bethea is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Dave Rogers of Latta.

Mr. M. E. Carmichael is spending some time at Hamer.

Mr. C. E. Taylor returned last week from a visit to Georgia, where he visited relatives.

Miss Louise Rogers is visiting her sister, Mrs. Blake, of Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bethea, of Hamer, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Bethea.

## Eggs in Chicago 35 Cents.

Chicago, Feb. 3—The cost of living came down sharply today in one important item, eggs. Owing to plentiful arrivals here, totaling nearly twice as many as a week ago, wholesale prices fell 4 1-2 to 6 cents a dozen. New quotations ranged from 33 1-2 to 35 cents.

## Services at 1st Baptist Church.

There will be Sunday school at the Baptist church February 9th at 10 o'clock, preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. C. Allen at 11 o'clock. The public generally is invited to attend any and all these services.

## D. A. R. Meeting.

The Rebecca Pickens Chapter D. A. R. meets on Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. C. L. Wheeler. A full attendance is urgently requested.

## Services at the Methodist Church.

Main Street Methodist church, Dr. Watson B. Dunsan, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m., Mr. W. Harry Muller, Superintendent. Preaching at 11 a. m. by the pastor. Subject: "The Master's Message to the Church"—No. 3, "The Church With a Mixed Membership." No evening service. Public cordially invited to the morning service.

## Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to our many friends in Dillon and surrounding community for their many deeds of kindness, sympathy, and assistance rendered us in the sickness and death of our son and brother.

MRS. C. J. MCDANIEL,  
and Children.