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LAURENS, S. C., MARCH 6, 1918.

Gen. March says to modify the censorship, March on Gen. March! You're on the right track. Let the government keep secret such things as the airplane program, the improved guns, the new shells and such things as it has allowed to be explained in minute detail, but let us know what the army is doing in France. The Germans seem to know anyway, so why not us?

DIETING PRISONERS.

The visit here of the secretary to the Board of Charities and Corrections brings up in the mind the system of dieting prisoners in our county jail and other county jails which should be changed at the earliest possible date. To some few who are not familiar with the many details of the county government, it will be information to learn that under the present system of jail management, a system that has been in force for many, many years, prisoners are fed by the sheriff at so much per day without any stipulation as to amount of food. In some counties of this state the system has been changed so that a strict accounting is kept of the food cost and this amount paid to the sheriff or the jailer, whoever may happen to be in charge, by the county. Where the new order of things prevails, the prisoners are generally fed three times a day and in many cases at less cost to the county than under the old system. Under the old system, which prevails here, the prisoners are often given but two meals a day and nobody knows whether the prisoners get all the countess pay for or not. Now, The Advertiser does not charge that the present sheriff or the sheriffs before him have taken advantage of the helplessness of their charges and reaped an unjust profit out of this business, for The Advertiser has made no investigation and does not know. Outside of some complaints by soldiers recently in confinement in the jail, we do not recollect having heard any criticisms along this particular line. Yet, the system is radically wrong and any sheriff or constable of prisoners who desires to do so could use it to great financial advantage. On the other hand, prisoners would be very liable to suffer from lack of food if the amount set aside for that purpose were not sufficient to cover its cost.

LEGAL SALES MONDAY.

Several Pieces of Property Sold at Public Outcry.

Monday being the legal salesday for March the following sales were made by the clerk of court and judge of probate:

In the case of Lanford vs Wolff, 16 1/2 acres at Lanford Station, were bought by Laurens Motor Car Company for \$1,350.

In the case of Weathers vs Weathers, twenty acres in the Pea Ridge section were bought by T. J. Weathers for \$175.

In the case of the Peoples Bank of Fountain Inn vs C. C. Jones, 11 acres near Fountain Inn sold for \$2,825.

In the sale of the executors of the late T. J. Hughes, of Youngs township, one tract was bought by A. J. Hughes for \$6,950 and the other tract by J. C. Owings for \$7,025.

Pension Commissioners Met.

The county pension board, consisting of W. A. McClintock, R. P. Adair and Geo. M. Hanna, with the pension commissioner, J. P. Caldwell, held their annual session this week to revise the pension rolls. Thirty-two names were removed from the roll because of death and ten new names were added by application. Of the ten added, only one was a soldier. There were 267 names on the roll last year.

Rumor Corrected.

Military officials have given notice that the rumor which has gained circulation during the past few days to the effect that orders had been issued to discharge from the army men with dependent families is entirely groundless. Military officers and exemption boards have been flooded with applications from relatives for the discharge of such soldiers and great inconvenience has been caused by it and nothing has been gained. No change in the regulations have been made, according to latest reports.

LETTER FROM FRANCE.

Laurens County Boy in Aviation Section Writes of His Experiences in France.

The following letter from Marvin L. Robertson, who is in the aviation section in France, to his father, Mr. G. L. Robertson, of Gray Court, will be read with interest by the young aviator's friends in the county:

Somewhere in France, January 16, 1918.

Dear Dad:— I received two letters from you today, one dated Nov. 17th, the first you wrote, and the other was dated December 9th. I just supposed that you had written me after you got the cablegram but the letter was lost or misplaced, which it was. It had been sent to two other stations and I guess held up at each one a week or two before being sent back to headquarters in Paris. You remember, I was in Philadelphia several days before I sailed and all my mail was forwarded from Pensacola, but I did not have time to answer from there.

The weather for the last week has been warmer but we still have snow every day or two, plenty of rain and wind last night and cloudy all day today. You can never depend on this weather, the sun may shine for one hour and the next one will be snowing, but after all, I have made out much better than I expected to when I arrived here. The commander has issued us extra heavy underwear, socks, rubber boots, gloves and a rain coat without any charges but of course we are held responsible for it. I have bought \$25.00 worth myself in the way of additional blankets and an overcoat so I think I will make it through very comfortably. I am not out very much in the weather but there have been days that we had to wear our overcoats in the huts to keep warm by a stove. The food we are getting now is pretty good, no kick coming from me at all on that part. I wish that I could tell you where I am and the kind of work that I have been doing since I landed here. They change me about every week and put me on a different job, the one I have now is a "teich", all inside work and just the kind that I like to do. I guess I will be on something else next week but I hope not.

I guess there are just lots of the "shackers" trying to dodge the next draft by enlisting in some branch of the service that offers the least chance of seeing the front. What does the papers there have to say about the war now? Do they think it will end this spring? I wish that I could send you some clippings out of these newspapers over here and let you see what the English and French think about it. They all expect the "Saunders" to "mop up" with "Fritz" and put a stop to all this foolishness this spring and the sooner they do it the better I will feel. I thought maybe I would like this country and after the war, I would stay for awhile but I will tell the world that there is no place for me like Dixie. Several of the boys say on their way over that they would never stand for a trip back, that rather than be sent back for 14 days, they would stay here, but yesterday, one of these same boys said he would be willing to start back in a sailboat if he had the chance. I think that some of the boys have cold feet, they are a little too near the front, and we have a lot of fun out of one of the boys they call "Mississippi Flyer". As soon as the alarm is sounded, he runs over everything in his way going for the dugout, and they say I hold all records about getting dressed quick and getting "under way" so after all, I guess he hasn't very much on me, but I always look where I am going and consequently, I have not run into any "Fords" or trucks yet. We are not so very near the front, but near enough that "Fritz" makes it mighty inconvenient for us at times, especially when we are sleeping nicely around 2 and 3 o'clock in the morning and have to get up and beat it out in the cold. You need not be uneasy about me, we have a pretty good hole in the ground and always have a few minutes to get there before "Fritz" reaches here.

No papers yet. I guess about the only way that they will reach me is all in a package and packed so they will not be seen as I hear that every paper that arrives in Paris (headquarters) is thrown aside. Try to get a few back numbers, the most important ones and mail me. I do not know one thing that has happened back there except what you told me in the letter.

I will write you next Sunday or before if I have time. I am doing a little study every night trying to make heads and tails of this language. With love,

Your son,
Marvin.

To Serve Lunches.

Lunches will be served in the Service League rooms Saturday to which the public is invited. Moderate prices will prevail.

RAID ON AMERICANS CAREFULLY PLANNED.

(Continued from Front Page)

seemed like every shell in the world started coming our way. Where the Germans got them is more than I know. I never believed that many existed. One burst near where I was. "A piece hit a fellow on the other side of me who came from Texas. The corporal picked him up in his arms and started with him for a first aid station in the midst of a perfect shower of dirt and mud which was being kicked up. I do not know whether he ever got there or not.

"By that time I got into a machine gun emplacement with another corporal, whose home is in Missouri, leaving my rifle outside. Things got so hot we decided to get to a steel shelter at the end of a trench.

"The corporal went first, but a few feet away a shell exploded, almost on him and killed him. I stepped out and saw that my rifle had been blown to pieces. This left me defenseless, so I started in another direction, hoping to find a rifle or a pistol, because I knew that the Germans would be around soon. About the same time, a piece of shell hit me on the left side, and down I went. A sergeant yelled an order for me to go to a first aid station.

"I was just approaching the station in the rear of two stretchers bearing teams who were proceeding bent over to escape, if possible, the flying pieces of shell, when a shell plumped down on top of the station, exploded and whied it out. A piece of rock hit me in the head. When I woke up some stretcher-bearers had me, hauling me over the shell holes.

"I've sure got to hand it to those men with the Red Cross on their arms. They all worked like dogs in that hell out there. They seemed to have but one idea—to do their duty—and apparently cared nothing for their own lives while doing it. They were game right to the core."

In this connection, it may be said that there are a certain number of men who wear the Red Cross whose names are on the casualty list.

Boyd-Walker.

Miss Blanche Walker, of the Laurens Mill, and Mr. J. Cecil Boyd were happily married yesterday. Rev. J. L. McLin performing the ceremony.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

Strayed—One negro boy, twelve years old; left my home near Waterloo Sunday afternoon. Wore blue suit, blue hat and white tennis shoes; carried clothes in basket. Named Carl Anderson. Please arrest him and notify me. Fletcher Hill, Waterloo, S. C. 33-11

For Sale—Practically new eight cylinder Jackson automobile. Just been driven few hundred miles. Reason for selling, too late for owner. Write or phone Mrs. Esther Fowler, 901 South Harper Street, Laurens, S. C. 33-11

Mule Lost—One brownish colored mule, about 12 years old, eight about 1,000 lbs. Shod with toe-calls on front shoes. Please notify Lyon Nichols, Cold Point, S. C. 33-11-pd

Notice—All persons are hereby warned under penalty of the law, against hiring or harboring Sam and Henry Montgomery, who have run away from home. Henry and Mary Jane Owens. 33-11-pd

Wanted—A mitch cow, J. C. Barksdale, Laurens, S. C. 33-11-pd

For Service—The pure bred Poland China boar, known as the Brown Franklin hog, Wate Finley, Laurens, S. C. 33-11-pd

Hogs—I still have some good pork hogs, weigh about 150 pounds, for sale at 20 cents per pound. Also some nice bred gilts for sale. T. B. Sumner, Laurens, S. C. Route 2. 33-11-pd

For Sale—One mule, one two-horse wagon, one buggy and some farm implements, gears and plow tools. Lewis Anderson. 33-11

For Sale—One house and 6 1/2 acres of land, high state of cultivation, all necessary outbuildings. All under fence. Lewis Anderson. 33-11

Notice—Hog Cholera Serum and Tetanus Antitoxin, scientific treatment of all contagious diseases. Earle C. Owens, Veterinary Surgeon, Gray Court, S. C. 33-11-pd

Notice—No charges made in case your cow dies after being treated with latest improved methods. Earle C. Owens, Veterinary Surgeon, Gray Court, S. C. 33-11-pd

For Sale—Upright piano, fine instrument, a real bargain. For particulars call at Mrs. McCord's Studio. 32-51-pd

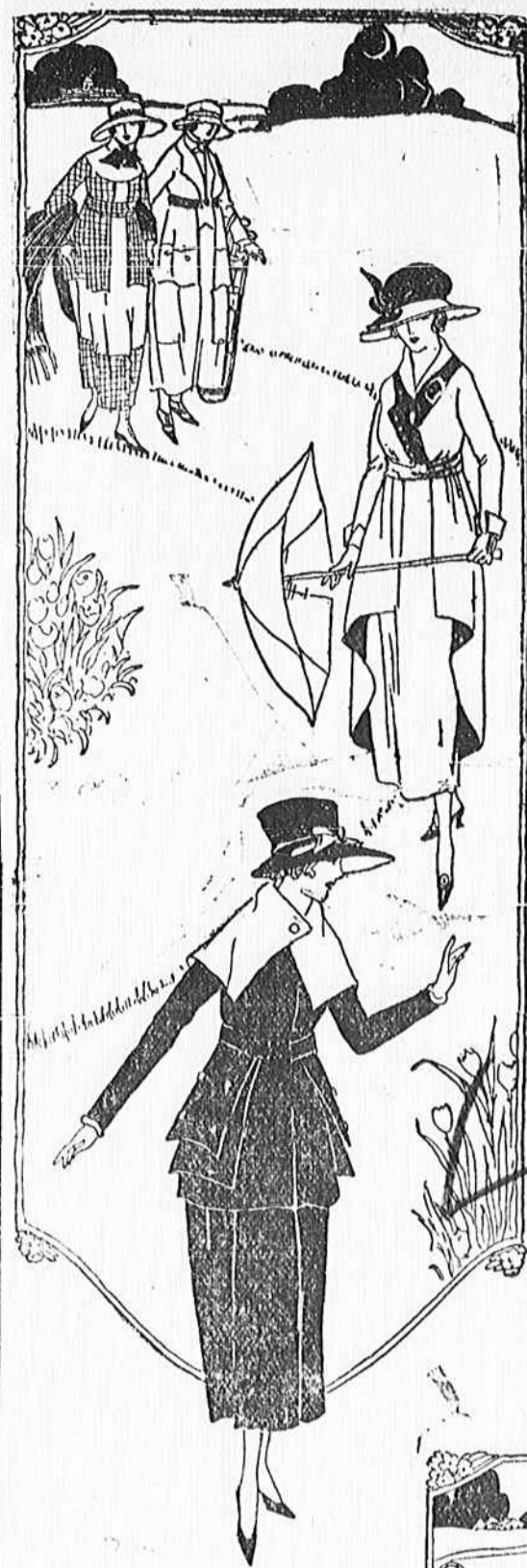
For Sale—Eggs from my S. C. White Leghorns and Barred Plymouth Rocks. \$1.50 per setting of 15. Pens headed with prize-winners. Grover C. Roper, Laurens, R. F. D. 5. 29-111-pd

Money to Lend—I am prepared to place long time loans on improved farms in Laurens county, repayable in easy instalments. Low interest rate, small expense. Persons wishing to borrow should apply early. C. D. Barksdale, Atty. 30-101

Wanted—White corn in any quantity and in any shape, just so it is good. Market price paid. Bramlett-Babb Milling Company, Laurens, S. C. 29-51

Money to Loan—On farm and city property from three to ten years at 6 per cent interest. Reasonable valuation and reasonable expense. Properties quickly inspected and loans closed promptly. Dial & Todd, At.orneys. 29-101

For Sale—My house in the western part of town. One-third cash, balance 7 per cent interest. H. Nichols. 17-3



Fashions of Charm and Distinction For Spring Wear

HERE one will find a most fascinating layout of all that is new and charming in spring suits, frocks and coats. You may look far and wide before you will encounter another such display, which for variety, quality and attractive pricing is unexcelled. The present season has brought to this store a most wondrous assortment.

Suits In a veritable rainbow of handsome colorings—swagger Pony Coat ideas, Bolero Models, Tricontine Tailored Styles, many vest effects and scores of other ideas in a wide choice of fabrics.

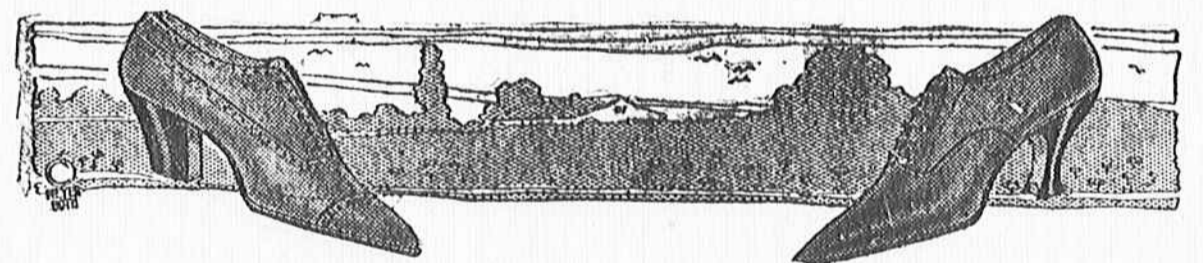
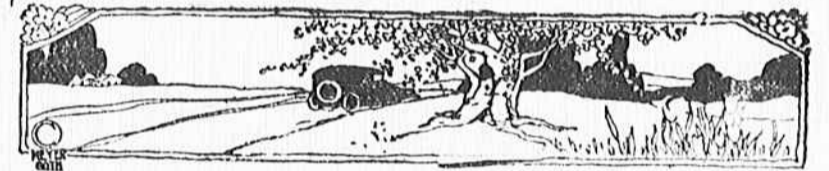
Waists Crepe de Chine and Silk Worth and Wirthner Waists, just arrived by express.

Shoes Ladies' Slippers, Oxfords and Pumps, all for Easter.

Frocks A host of dapper ones in Tricontine, Serge, Jersey, Poirat Twill, Taffeta, Satin, Crepe de Chine—all in stunning shades and combinations.

Shop Early and Get the Best Selections.

H. TERRY



Spring Footwear

Our showing of women's spring footwear is a display of the smartest women's footwear made. It affords us no little pleasure to show the many new and handsome creations.

The short skirts, which will continue to be worn, actually demand that a woman's shoes receive careful attention.

We've a Beautiful Showing

There are low shoes in new colonials, pumps and slippers. Dainty colors and color combinations. A feast of beauty for the woman who cares.

While everybody is aware that shoe prices have advanced, we still offer the best shoes at any stated price—with a shoe service that stands for satisfaction.

Clardy & Wilson

Shoes of Special Merit