

LETTERS FROM THE FRONT

From John T. Patterson,
Near Toul, France,
Dec. 9, 1918.

Dear Homefolks:
When you get the letter I wrote on Dec. 6th, guess you will think I closed rather suddenly.

I was called out to move. We are about 2 miles from the other hospital, where I had mumps. Am still in a hospital, but I am not sick now. We are inside a 10-foot stone wall with iron gates with a guard at each gate. Nearly everything of any importance in France has a stone wall around it. All the towns and cities have stone walls around them and for fortifications. Most every hill is fortified in some manner. It is no wonder the Boche never succeeded in overrunning this country and again it is no wonder it cost so many lives to retake any part which they lost. It was already fortified, all the Germans had to do was to hold it. Houses, barns, walls, drinking troughs and wash basins are stone. Roads and railroads are covered with stone. They evidently expected things to last forever, but these American trucks and wagons soon wore holes in their roads. But Mr. Frenchman, nothing daunted him, just patiently hauls more stone and fills in the worn places. Papa wants to know about the country. It is rather hilly here but the hills are low, with long sloping sides. The trees and woods look much like ours, except the pines are more of the smooth bark variety. There is much oak, beech, willow and a tree that looks like our S. C. poplars. Also one that looks like our sycamore and others I cannot name. The land is of a black, sticky nature and looks as if it might be good 50 feet deep. When I tell you it is rich you won't begin to have any idea what I mean. It is in the highest state of fertility and from its stick black nature and the fact that it does not rain those floods like we have in S. C., it never washes. The streams are all clear and where there are no towns or camps the water is good to a thirsty man. The principal crops are wheat, grass, some oats and some corn, but for some reason the corn does not seem to do well here. As a rule the stalks are about 3 feet high and much of it never makes an ear though I have seen some pretty good ears. It makes a great deal of forage when they sow it.

Sugar beets are grown a great deal, also turnips, cabbage, beans and Irish potatoes, all of the finest quality. In fact almost all of the vegetables grown in the United States are grown here. There is also a plant of a fiery red nature that resembles some of our weeds. It grows about 2-2 feet high and as thick as possible for it to stand. When I made the trip from Brest to Bordeaux in September, they were harvesting it. They cut it with knives similar to our cane knives, bind it in bundles and shock it like wheat. In places the shocks were so thick they almost touched each other. It is used for stock feed and they can feed a lot of stock from a small spot of ground. They have a peculiar way of working their fields. They have narrow strips of from 20 to 25 yards wide and perhaps one half mile long. One strip of wheat is just sown, another just up a few inches, another ankle high and so on with strips of vegetables or grass in between. Gee, but I know I would not make my rows so long. For hundreds of miles that is the way you will see the fields with herds of cattle grazing in between the cultivated strips.

Why they don't make a break for those gardens is a wonder to me. I have seen hundreds of bunches of cattle grazing thus but have yet to see one in a garden. There is usually a boy or girl somewhere near, watching them, but they are often farther from the cattle than the cattle are from the gardens. They must be educated cattle. The farming methods are very crude but of course we have to make allowance for the fact that this country has been at war and have probably worn out most of their machinery. But for truck farming they are far in advance of anything I have seen in old S. C. They do all of this truck farming by dint of hard labor. They do not seem to know anything about labor-saving devices. The yuse hoes, spades and forks, etc., to work with but they get results and that is the main thing after all. That is where the American army won this war, when they went into a battle they got results no matter what it cost. So, with the Frenchman in his truck patch, he gets results no matter how much work he has to do, so he is satisfied.

Well, here's hoping I see you all

real soon. If however, I do not, just remember 'tis God's hand that is leading, so all is well. My regards to all relatives and friends.

John T. Patterson.

MADDEX NEWS.

Madden, March 21.—The congregation at Prospect was again disappointed by absence of our well-liked pastor, Rev. Williams, Sunday. He was away at the funeral of Mr. Mart Poole at Langston church. Editor B. Y. Culbertson was moderator and preacher, pro tem. One new member was received into the church. He then introduced to the congregation two laymen, well known consecrated Baptists from the First Laurens, Mr. M. L. Smith and Mr. W. P. Thomason. They spoke fervently of the need of awakening and informing Baptist laymen of their duty towards the evangelizing of the world. These two brethren had just before attended the S. C. Baptist Laymen's meeting at Greenwood which was indeed a great meeting.

Uncle John Finley and B. W. Davenport were also in attendance at Greenwood and made short speeches for the benefit of those who did not go. Uncle John summed up the good it did him "It cost \$2.00 and I wouldn't near take \$5.00. I'm in 150 per cent financially. I helped me physically. I feel good for 10 more years. And I know it benefited me spiritually." So the blessing was three-fold. Several visitors were in our midst for Sunday. Miss Lula Watkins and brother, Henry, were guests of Miss Grace Finley.

Mr. and Mrs. William Byrd and son, Henry Downs, accompanied by Miss Sara Bryson, visited at the home of their grandmother, Mrs. H. C. Cunningham, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude P. Finley and children and the Messrs. Williams were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Finley.

Miss Juanita Martin, who is traveling in Tennessee, spent the week with her parents here.

We are glad to see the faces of several of Mr. Pleasant's friends Sunday among them Mrs. Bob McDaniel, Messrs. B. M. Cunningham and Wade and Frank Williams. We are glad to have these neighbors and friends worship with us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Martin had

quite a family re-union at their home Sunday, when all their children were there. We were glad to have J. Roy Martin, whose home is now in Anderson, back at the old home church for services Sunday.

Miss Ozella Murray and Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bryson were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee Langston Sunday.

Miss Hettie Cunningham spent Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. Lena Brown. Friends and relatives of Mrs. Brown will be glad to hear that she has taken a decided turn for the better. We are all hopeful that she will again fill her accustomed place in church.

Miss Mattie Sue Wofford spent Friday night with her schoolmate, Miss Ruth Riddle. The eleventh grade, of which these two are members, chaperoned by their teacher, Miss Love, had a pleasant trip to Renno school house Friday night, an oyster supper and home made candy were the attractions, after which the young people "tripped the light fantastic toe" at the hospitable country home of Mr. and Mrs. Bell near the school house. The Laurens party were delighted and appreciated the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Bell. Two of the Laurens party, B. K. Humphries and Miss Harriet Hughes, were the winners of the cake at the "cake walk".

Friends of Mrs. J. S. Machen, of Laurens, were glad to greet her at the services Saturday afternoon. This is the home of her childhood and she is

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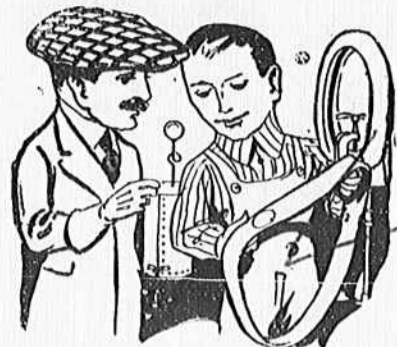
Miss Nell Madden, a student of high school at Greenwood, spent the weekend with her mother here. Sunday she was guest of the Misses Chapman of Cold Point.

Several children of this neighborhood, have been sick. Two of the little ones at the home of Mr. Coggins, Bruce Wofford, the baby boy at the home of Mr. J. A. Wofford and Pierce

Martin, son of Mr. J. W. Martin. We are glad to report all better and that Pierce was able to be at his place in school again Monday.

We trust that all will bring a liberal contribution for Home and Foreign Missions, to Sunday school on Sunday, March 30th.

Mr. J. H. Power, Miss Ora and Mrs. Mary Allison attended the funeral of their uncle, Mart Poole, Sunday.



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