

# CLINCH VALLEY NEWS

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## If You Haven't Bought Your Allotment of War Stamps, Do So Before Saturday Night.

### TAPS SOUND FOR JOHN H. WHITLEY

Tazewell's Last Confederate Chieftain Passes On After Long Illness—Was Officer in Famous Regiment.

Capt. John H. Whitley, 76 years old, one of the best known and most highly respected citizens of the county, died at his home at North Tazewell, on Tuesday afternoon, after a illness of several months from a complication of diseases.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon from the Methodist church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. H. E. Kolso. The remains were interred in the Whitley Cemetery Wednesday afternoon.

Besides a widow deceased leaves three sons, J. W. Whitley, of North Tazewell; William Whitley, of Graham and E. Lane Whitley, of Galax, Va. Three daughters born to him are all dead.

He is the last of the family of the late William Whitley, his brothers, Wesley, James and Elgin, are all dead. His wife, who survives, is sister to Maj. Jas. P. Whitman, of the Horsepen Cove.

Capt. Whitley was a life-long member and officer in the Methodist church and enjoyed for many years the confidence and respect of his brethren.

He was a gallant and brave Confederate soldier, going out as Lieutenant in Capt. Titus Williams' company in 1861 and was assigned to the 45th Virginia Regiment. In 1862 he joined the 16th Virginia Cavalry, Co. I, commanded by the late Capt. Wm. E. Peery. In 1864, in July, Captain Whitley was captured at Monocacy Junction, in Maryland, and taken to Fort McHenry, where he was held a prisoner until the close of the war.

After the war he engaged actively in farming, and later in the mercantile business with his son, J. W. Whitley at North Tazewell.

Capt. Whitley was a good man. He leaves behind him a clear record and enjoys, no doubt, the unalloyed association now, of his comrades and friends and loved ones in the "Land of the Blest."

### WOMEN BEHIND THE FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN.

Mrs. James W. Harman has returned from Lynchburg, where she attended a Conference of the County and City Chairmen of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee of Virginia. Most of the counties and cities were represented at this conference, and plans were made for a vigorous campaign among the women of Virginia to help float the Fourth Liberty Loan.

Secretary McAdoo has called on the women of the Nation for their active support in this drive, and much is expected of them. The women did effective work during the Third Liberty Loan campaign, and it is the plan of the committee to put forth a greater effort in soliciting bond-buyers for the Fourth Liberty Loan, which campaign begins Saturday, the 28th day of September.

Mrs. Harman is now appointing committees and perfecting an organization throughout the county to push this work; and every woman who is able to buy as much as \$50.00 bond should be ready to do so on the 28th. Buy as large a bond as possible—not the smallest possible. Save, economize, and buy bonds, in order to help win the war. We can and must subscribe our quota.

### THOMAS-VAUGHT.

(Washington County Journal.) The home of Rev. and Mrs. S. B. Vaught, in the Southwest addition, Johnson City, Tenn., was a scene of rare charm and beauty on Tuesday afternoon, when at four-thirty o'clock in the presence of the immediate friends and members of the families the lovely young daughter of the family, Miss Marie Vaught, was united in marriage to Mr. Baker Thomas, a prominent young man of Newport News, Va. The bride's father, Rev. S. B. Vaught performed the ceremony.

The bride, who is of the blonde type of beauty, possessing all the admirable traits of character of a christian home, was gowned in a chic traveling gown of navy blue, with trimmings of fur, hat and veil to match. She wore a corsage of pink Kilmory roses.

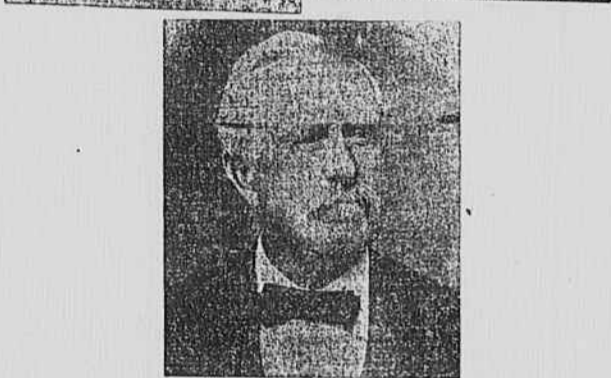
The groom, a young man of sterling character and untiring energy, is connected in a prominent capacity with the government work at Newport News, being one of fifteen in the camouflage department, and is a son of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Thomas.

This young couple were former residents of Abingdon, where they have a host of friends who join this paper in wishing for the ma happy life.

### PLEASE READ THIS—IT IS NOT A DUN.

The figures opposite your name on the label of your paper is not the day of the month, but the year, to which your subscription is paid. For instance, May 18 does not mean the 18th day of May, but May, 1918. Sept. 19 means September, 1919, and so on. Some smart people fail to understand. One man reviewed on Tuesday, saying "my subscription expired on the 17th. Renew for another year." His subscription expired in September, 1917, not September 17th, 1918. Please get this once for all, and save all of us trouble and misunderstanding.

### Quartette of Tazewell's Confederate Officers, the Last of Whom Has Answered the Final Summons



The death of Captain J. H. Whitley marks the passing of Tazewell's last Confederate chieftain. The above cut shows (1) the late C. A. Fudge, Captain of Company "A"; first on the left J. H. Whitley, Captain of Company "K"; on the right the late James S. Peery, Captain of Com-

pany "G"; and at the bottom the late Joseph Harrison, Captain of Company "I"; all of the Forty-Fifth Virginia Regiment of Infantry, which was so shattered and decimated at the battle of Piedmont, June 5, 1864, that it was not afterwards reorganized.

### FOR SALE.

I offer for sale my property, situated in west end of Tazewell, adjoining property of J. N. Harman, containing 7 1-2 acres blue grass land, fronting on West Main Street. Newly fenced, new barn, chicken house, forty young fruit trees, grape vines, and young shade trees. Modern cess pool. No better building of in Tazewell. Price, \$3350. Terms to suit. Sept. 20-2t. H. CLAUDE POBST.

### A REAL, GENUINE VIRGINIA STOCK FARM.

No. 865. 525 Acres. \$20,000 Located "back" from the railroad about six miles. This is a stock proposition but a good one and a bargain. No better soil for grass or grain will be found anywhere. 150 acres is "bottom" land and balance is gently rolling up-land of best character. The farm produces 2500 to 3000 bushels of shelled corn every year. About 100 acres are in fine hardwood timber. Improvements consist of a fine 10-room house, gas lighted, good barn, grainary, chicken house, meat house, two good tenant houses, gas plant, etc. Corn, hogs, and a few cattle will make this place pay for itself. Reasonable terms and immediate possession.

Offered for sale by— EDWARD S. WILDER AND CO., 9-20-1t. Charlottesville, Va.

### HUBBLE FARM FOR SALE.

We have in our hands for sale, the Hubble farm, containing sixty-two acres, located on Hubble Hill, about three miles from town of Tazewell. For price and terms inquire at our office.

### HARMAN AND POBST, Attorneys for Hubble heirs.

### DESCRIPTION OF MARE WANTED.

Chestnut color, blaze face, 2 white hind feet, about 10 or twelve years old, name Fancy Golden. She was bought about 6 or seven years ago from a man in this county by Geo. Harris of West Virginia. A reward of \$10.00 is offered for her registered papers when properly transferred. Mare is believed to have been purchased from a man on Flat Top Mountain. John D. Gillespie, Wintons Mills, Va. 9-20-3t.

### REDUCED R. R. RATES TO THE GREAT ROANOKE FAIR.

The Norfolk and Western will sell reduced rate tickets from all points to the Great Roanoke Fair, sale beginning September 23 to 27th, with return privilege good until and including the 28th. Ask your ticket agent about these specially reduced fares. You can return any time following the day of purchase.

Have you bought your W. S. S.?

One of these tractors has been tipped on end to nearly ninety degrees without falling over. The center of gravity is so low that the machine can do almost incredible things in the way of climbing steep places. Besides hauling batteries of guns and caissons, these tractors are also intended for hauling other material in an emergency. Several sizes of special trailers are being built—a three ton, five-ton and ten-ton—on which will be mounted guns out of commission to be hauled back to the base repair shop.

It takes one man to operate a tractor, instead of three, four or five artillery drivers for six, eight or ten horses. When the allied spring drive starts next year American-built tractors in quantity should be on the front to bring the supporting field guns up to the advancing line—and they won't ask for roads to bring them over.

### WILL SWING THE AXE.

Last week a number of subscribers in arrears on subscription, on our foreign lists, were dropped. These will not receive their accustomed news letter this week. They all had sufficient notice.

Next week our county list will be overhauled. All subscribers in arrears must pay up or be dropped from the list. This is the last call. Read the label. It shows month and year in which your subscription expired. If we do not hear from you before the 26th, we shall be forced to say, "Goodbye."

### GRAHAM CASHING IN.

Report reaches Tazewell that quite a number of War Savings Certificate holders have cashed their holdings. Holders of bonds have taken advantage of the ten-day notice privilege and demanded their money from the postmaster, so reports say. This, of course, the owners of the certificates had a right to do under the conditions. Pity that this should be necessary. This course robs the government of needed money at this time and cannot but be detrimental to the owner of the certificate in the long run. The "mess of pottage" is, however, very attractive to a hungry man.

Wonder what "Steve" Harman, the Graham boy injured in France, will think, when he hears, while lying on a bed of pain, that some of the people in Tazewell for whom he suffered his wounds have gone back on him? Hold your War Stamps and buy more and let's get it over with.

### SOME TOMATOES.

The following interesting letter was received a day or two ago. Some of our readers may conclude that Kee-see is a candidate for membership in the Ananias Club. It reads: Whiteford, Md., Sept. 10. My Dear Mr. Leslie:

Enclosed you will please find check for the Clinch Valley News. Sorry I have neglected it. But I could not pass these cold winter days without my home paper. I got lots of news I could not get otherwise. This is a fine country—crops are fine this year. Fruit is good. Thousands of bushels of tomatoes were raised here. The Marylanders claim the average crops are five hundred bushels per acre. I have one acre and have sold three hundred bushels and it looks like I can get that many more. I suppose I had better close before you class me in the Ananias club. My best regards to old Tazewell. Yours truly, K. H. KEESSE.

### MISS KATHERINE GROH TO ADDRESS S. S. MEETING.

Next Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Miss Katherine Groh, State Superintendent of Primary Work in the State S. S. Association, will speak in the Christian church. She wishes to meet all the primary S. S. workers of the town and surrounding community and S. S. workers generally.

At 8 o'clock a general meeting will be held in the interest of teacher training and other Sunday School work. A number of speakers, besides Miss Groh, will make short addresses. All Sunday School workers are urged to attend.

### F. H. FORBES, Secreary.

### J. M. NEWTON, President, County S. S. Association.

### BIG FAIR OPENS NEXT TUESDAY.

The Great Roanoke Fair opens next Tuesday, continuing through the 27th. The exhibits, it is said, will be specially operated on lines in compliance with the wishes of the Government, along lines of utility in the matter of conservation of all food supplies and the production of farm products. The farmers of the country are promised an unusual exhibition of the work of the farm tractors, and of improved farm machinery generally.

The Midway, or "Pleasant Plaza," has been given special attention by the management and this feature promises well this year—exceeding any previous show. Roanoke is an attractive town for the visitor, and no doubt the "Magic City" will be crowded next week.

### SINCERE APPRECIATION.

It would be a pleasant task to publish the names of the people who have renewed their subscriptions the past week or two, as well as new ones entered, but it would be taking too much space in our "little paper." We thank all of them. They are helping us to comply with Uncle Sam's requirement, and at the same time helping themselves.

Read your label again, please. This will be our last call to subscribers in the county. The chopping axe and block must be used next week.

### 181,838 MEN FOR OCTOBER DRAFT

Only Those Qualified for General Military Service Will Be Sent to Camp By October 16—10,000 Colored.

Draft calls announced today by Provost Marshal-General Crowder will send 181,838 men qualified for general military service to the army camps before October 16. All States have quotas to fill. Of the total, 142,000 will be white registrants who will be called before October 7th and 11th.

The remainder will be negroes who will move in two groups, 29,016 entering between September 25 and 27 and 10,752 on October 16. Men who registered last Thursday may be needed in a few districts to fill the quotas, it was said at the provost marshal-general's office, but in most localities sufficient men remain in class I from the registration on last June 5 and August 24 to meet the requirements.

Virginia's quota of this call will be 1,343 for Camp Humphreys.

### Colored Men to Entrain for Camp Lee About October 7.

The following colored men will be called here for entrainment about October 7th:

- Ballard Sanders, Graham.
- James Harris, Boissevaire.
- Jaynes Higginbotham, Graham.
- Walter Green, Newmans.
- Charles Walker, Bonding Mill.
- Laey Goodman, Graham.
- Kit B. Eley, Graham.
- Oscar E. Brown, Poehontas.
- Wm. P. Robinson, Poehontas.
- John R. Webb, Boissevaire.
- Hobart Harris, Tip Top.
- Wm. M. Lunderback, Graham.
- Roy Ross, North Tazewell.
- George Robinson, Graham.
- George Alley, Poehontas.
- Richard Simford, Tip Top.
- Walter F. Smith, Tazewell.
- Willis Spook, Graham.
- James Saunders, Graham.

Twenty-five white men will be called for entrainment about the same time for Camp Humphreys. The list had not been completed at the local office yesterday afternoon.

### OVER THE TOP AGAIN.

Tazewell County Exceeds the Government's Estimate of Men Between Eighteen and Forty-five.

The registration of men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five in Tazewell county exceeded the estimate of the Government by fifteen men. There were 3,126 men registered at the twenty-eight registration places in the county. Following is the tabulated list:

- Richlands, 347; Boissevaire, 213; Red Ash, 50; Jewell Ridge, 46; Graham, 391; Cedar Bluff, 101; Poehontas, 434; Freestone, 31; Raven, 122; Poor Valley, 41; Crockett's Cove, 42; Baptist Valley, 32; Burke's Garden, 47; Benbow, 31; Gap Store, 58; Midway, 52; Thompson Valley, 25; Falls Mills, 96; Pounding Mill, 81; Dry Fork, 53; Bluestone, 51; Tip Top, 91; North Tazewell, 141; Tazewell, 225; Lockhart's Chapel, 93; Gratton, 30; Liberty Hill, 65.

There were registered at the office of the local board 111 men in addition to those mentioned above.

### WHAT IT TAKES—WE'VE GOT.

A story is told in a recent number of Everybody's Magazine that goes to show the kind of fellows Uncle Sam has in France pushing the Hun back on their own dung hill. The story is told by Herbert Cory:

"I shall always think of an Ohio man at the foot of Blemery Hill as typical of the Americans in war," he writes. "He was a mule driver for the supply company, and the two-mile, long straight road to Blemery was fairly lighted up by bursting shells. The mule driver had made the trip once that night and then his officer came to him, 'I'm sorry, Jacobs,' he said, 'I've got to send you up there again. There's another load to be hauled out.' The mule driver fairly shook, he was so frightened. But he saluted and climbed up on his wagon. Before he chirped to his leaders he spoke to his officer: 'I hate hell to go up there, sir,' said he, 'but what it takes to go—I've got.'

Whereupon the Lynchburg News comments as follows: "That American mule driver was emblematic of the American expeditionary forces. What it takes to get to Berlin, they've got it. Slangily that expresses a truth that our allies perceive over the outcome. And the light is beginning to dawn upon the German national consciousness as well, judging from the criticisms and recriminations which the press and the leaders are now bandying back and forth.

"We don't believe that Ohio mule driver was so badly scared as Mr. Corey makes out. Nervous he might have been, but scared—well, the Yankees in France don't scare easily, as everybody over here has long ago found out and if this chap was scared it's a good bet that there was abundant cause. Anyway, he went—and that's the only thing that counts."

### NEXT SUNDAY AT CEDAR BLUFF.

The editor of this paper and other speakers expect to speak at Cedar Bluff next Sunday at 11 o'clock on "The War and the Sunday Schools." Everyone is cordially invited.

F. H. FORBES, Secy.

### NEW RULES GOVERNING TELEPHONES.

The postmaster General has issued the following order:

### Order No. 1931.

Owing to the necessity for conserving labor and material and to eliminate a cost which is borne by the permanent user of the telephone, a readiness to serve or installation charge will be made on and after September 1, 1918, for all new installations, also a charge for all changes in location of telephones.

Installation charges to be as follows:

Where the rate is \$2.00 a month or less, ..... \$5.00  
Where the rate is more than \$2, but not exceeding \$4.00 a month, ..... \$4.00  
Where the rate is more than \$4 a month, ..... 15.00

The moving charge to the subscriber will be the actual cost of labor and material necessary for making the change.

In accordance with bulletin No. 2 issued by me August 1, 1918, stating that "until further notice the telegraph and telephone companies shall continue operations in the ordinary course of business; through regular channels," and all cases where the rate adjustments are pending or immediately necessary they should be taken up by the company involved through the usual channels and action obtained wherever possible. In all cases, however, where the rates are changed such changes should be submitted to me for approval before being placed in effect.

(Signed) A. S. BURELSON, Postmaster General.

Patrons of the Bluefield Telephone Company in this section are requested to make note of the above and act accordingly.

W. W. HAWLEY, General Manager.

Sept. 20-4t.

### FREE MAIL DELIVERY.

Town of Tazewell to Enjoy City Privileges, Beginning October 1.

Postmaster Buchanan announces that the free delivery of mail in the town of Tazewell will begin on October 1. Mr. William Kimbel has been appointed carrier. The plans as now arranged will call for a delivery twice a day—in the morning and afternoon. The details of the innovation have not been completely worked out.

### DAYS OF PRAYER.

God is calling for a patriotic class of men and women—those who will their very busiest time to Him.

"Time that is not utilized in anything worth while will not be accepted of God as a sacrifice. Let us see Abraham: God said to him, 'Take now thy son, thine only son, Isaac, whom thou lovest, and offer him.' The Lord said, 'Behold to obey is better than sacrifice.' 1 Sam. 15: 22. Then why not the church be obedient to the great head of our country as we have been asked to unite in prayer, asking God for the victory.

Allow me to say that the First Baptist church bell will ring each day at 12 noon and everybody is expected to give God one minute of prayer. Ask God to bless the boys on the battle field and to give to them victory, and to guide and direct the mind and thoughts of the great head of this country and the heads of allied nations.

Respectfully, REV. J. T. BENNETT.

### GRATTON NEWS.

Gratton, Va., Sept. 19.—Mrs. Henry Peck has been ill for several days at her home here. Her condition is now improved.

Mrs. R. G. Yost and children, of Graham, are visiting friends and relatives here this week.

Mrs. Farley and little daughter, niece of E. C. McFarland, of Hockmire, is visiting here a few days this week.

Mr. John Whitt made a pleasant call on friends here Sunday.

The farmers are rushed very much just now—corn to cut, buckwheat on hand, wheat sowing, cane to make up, and all need to be done just now, and help is out of the question.

Concord has its service flag up now. We have eight stars in the flag and are expecting more from the new registration.

Miss Belle Rutherford, granddaughter of F. P. Rutherford, left on Monday for Radford to attend school this winter.

Mrs. C. E. Leedy, of Graham, is in the vicinity for a visit for several days among relatives and friends.

The Misses McNeel have started out very successfully with our Mountain View School. The compulsory law has made the enrollment much larger this year, but they are getting along nicely so far.

### REMARKABLE WEATHER.

A story telling contest between two old settlers, recorded in the Argonaut, stimulated their memories to such an extent that they recollected fogs that surpass the most picturesque descriptions of those postmasters of the art of exaggeration—the ancient mariners of our coast.

"The worst fog I ever seen," said the old settler, "was back in '74. I remember I had to go to the henhouse that night, and the fog was so thick I had to get three hired men to push me through it."

"I remember that there '74 fog well," said the second old settler, "but it wasn't nothin' to the '63 one. That was a fog! Solid! Why, us boys sat on the fence behind the distillery all that day makin' fog balls and heaven! 'em at the people that went by."

Have you bought your W. S. S.?

### ONE U. S. BOY HAS TOUGH LUCK

Caught in Shell Hole and Lives For Seven Days on One Raw Potato—His Three Companions Are Killed.

A special from Paris says:

Under a baptism of German lead, of hunger and thirst, Private Barnett of the 1st U. S. Infantry, came out of a shell hole to tell of seven raw days.

A raw potato was his only food. Every drop of water had been squeezed from his canteen. Three comrades in his squad of automatic riflemen, who took refuge in the shell hole when a German artillery and machine gun barrage cut them off, fell trying to make the American lines.

It was near Fismes. The trapped squad, observed by the Hun and instantly made the target of machine-gun fire crouched down and decided to wait for darkness to join their comrades.

But the moon came up over the hill and lighted the narrow strip of defensible ground. At midnight, however, a corporal tried to get back. He fell a few feet from the shellhole.

Before daylight the next morning another tried. He fell.

The next afternoon at 4 o'clock two men were left in the shell hole. They drew straws. The one drawing the short straw was to go for help.

Private Barnett drew the long straw.

Two tortuous days Barnett waited. His comrades did not return.

The fifth day he devoured the remainder of a raw potato he had harvested from a potato patch a few days before. But his canteen was dry; it had been drained the second day.

Things turned black the sixth day. Private Barnett sank down and could not rise. He despaired of rescue.

A mere chance brought a turn in the fortunes of Private Barnett the seventh day. An observer with the replacement unit saw something lying in a shell hole between the American and German lines. His glasses showed it to be an American soldier.

The night of the seventh day a sergeant and three men crept out to investigate. They found Barnett—a boy of wasted frame, unconscious, pale as chalk and limp. The sergeant thought he had been gassed. But it wasn't gas, nor was it shrapnel injury. It was worse.

Private Barnett told what scraps of his story he could remember. And he will be out of the hospital shortly to rejoin his unit—for revenge on the Hun.

### LOCAL NEWS.

"Uncle" Davy Church was in the office yesterday and left an old hat wing that, honest-to-goodness, looked like it had been in use on the Mexican border ever since the civil war.

Joe Hazy, one of the big and efficient Gillespie managers out about Wintons Mills, sent us a batwing by his pretty daughter, whose name we failed to catch. Jo is getting to be a fine farmer and only one of a number of young men the Gillespie people have helped up the hill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bradshaw and a whole car full of pretty children, passed thru town the first of the week on a visit to Mrs. Bradshaw's relatives. She is a daughter of Everett Lee. Bradshaw is with the Norfolk and Western, stationed now at Crumpler, W. Va.

L. S. Hening, formerly a Burke's Garden citizen, now living in Montgomery county, has been on a visit to his old tramping ground. He says he likes Montgomery "very well."

Our old friend, Azariah Lundy, who has been visiting among old friends and relatives here for several weeks, "broke camp" Wednesday. He went from here to visit a son, Rev. Eldridge Lundy, in Wilmington, N. C. Father Time has dealt kindly with Mr. Lundy. He looks and feels young as the years go by, and better still, his faith is still young and strong as he nears the goal.

R. O. Crockett, Assistant manager of the War Stamp Drive in the county, has been the busiest man imaginable for the past two weeks "carrying on" in the stamp drive. He has made a great fight to put the county over the top, and it is believed that when the pledges are all turned in, the result will show that Tazewell remembers the boys in the trenches, and has lined up with the other counties in the State that have contributed what the Government asked for.

However, if you haven't bought your allotment do so at once.

"A man who is not willing to die for his country, is not fit to live in it," said Ex-President Theodore Roosevelt in an article appearing in a magazine this week. The Government is not asking you to do die for its preservation, but only to invest in its securities that you may be permitted to live in peace hereafter. If you haven't bought your quota of War Stamps, you should do so at once. Don't delay. Tazewell soldiers on the Western Front are distinguishing themselves in battle. Are you doing your part at home?