

ARTILLERY UNIT PREPARES FOR CAMP

Will Leave for Fort Bragg Next Sunday, August 10th—Will Be In Camp For Intensive Training 15 Days — Battery Will Be In Charge of Captain Dan B. King, Who Recently Took Charge as the Successor to Captain C. E. Teague, Resigned.

On next Sunday, August 10th, the members of the local battery will leave, about 65 strong, for Fort Bragg, where they will spend 15 days drilling and handling the big guns on the range some distance out from the fort. The members of this unit are in fine trim and will no doubt make a splendid showing while in camp, as they did a year ago. The unit stationed at Sanford is made up of local young men and is known as Battery E. Third Battalion, 113th Field Artillery, North Carolina National Guard. This battery is commanded by Captain Dan B. King, who was recently commissioned to this office to succeed Capt. C. E. Teague, resigned. Captain King will have charge of the battery at camp. He will be aided by 1st Lieut. Max Heins and 3rd Lieut. L. P. Wilkins. Second Lieutenant H. Camon resigned several months ago, and it is understood that his successor will be commissioned while the battery is at Fort Bragg.

The peace-time strength of the battery is four officers and personnel of sixty-five men. The existence of the battery in Sanford is dependent upon the willingness and patriotic spirit shown by local men in volunteering their services, for which they are paid by the Federal government. They also receive an additional bonus check from the State. Its existence also depends upon the moral and financial support of the community and county. It would be of much interest to the people of Lee county to stop in at the armory from time to time and see just what this unit means. It would be of still more interest to visit the battalion drill night which is Tuesday night of each week and observe the men at work.

The equipment for the battery which is furnished by the Federal Government represents an investment of more than \$150,000. This equipment is composed of 4 large guns, one 55 MM Howitzer, trucks, tractors, signal devices, telephones, uniforms, tents, and various other things necessary for the battery. The instruments used in collecting field data are very expensive. There is one "range finder," valued at \$900; there are two B. C. Scopes valued at \$1,800; two French aiming circles at \$400. Visitors on drill nights would see these instruments in practice.

The rent of the armory is \$840.00 annually, paid by the State. The battery members are paid quarterly with Federal and State checks. The annual aggregate sum of these checks will amount to nearly \$7,000, practically all of which is spent right here in the county.

For the encampment which begins August 10th and lasts for fifteen days the battery will receive a full quarter's pay. Its members are furnished uniforms, food, medical attention, when necessary, and proper training. Besides the military instruction received at Fort Bragg, special attention is paid to training the men in hygiene and athletics.

The National Guard is looked upon by military authorities as the country's first line of defense and the different units pride themselves on their efficiency. The men in the local battery are taught telegraphy, signalling, telephone communication map-making and map-reading, the use of various instruments, rules of military transportation, and the proper care of all rolling and motor equipment. Each man is well trained in his particular line of duty and the battery is an organization of which Sanford and Lee county are justly proud.

The local battery invites the public to visit the armory on drill night and see what is being done. Visitors will be taken through and a detailed explanation will be gladly given.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE METHODS ARE CHANGED

Duplication of enrollment evidently has greatly injured North Carolina's record for average school attendance, and though measures have been taken to remedy this error, State Superintendent of Instruction A. T. Allen has informed all county and city superintendents.

A set of revised rules for reporting has been worked out and will be put in use at the beginning of the next school year, Dr. Allen announced. By this move, State school officials hope, they said, to get a more accurate record of enrollment and attendance.

"On account of the fact that many children move from one school district to another during the school term," Dr. Allen said in a letter to city and county school officials, "it is evident that there is some duplication in our records. This duplication makes our per cent of attendance run very low in comparison with that of other states."

With view of correcting this, a committee of superintendents was appointed to study the entire question of child accounting. At a meeting of county and city superintendents, the committee submitted a plan for revision of the present registers and reports, and the plan was approved.

The revised forms which have been worked out by the State department are based on the principles

set up by this committee. They will be ready for distribution to superintendents for next year's use.

MERCHANTS ASKED TO BOOST STATE GOODS

What do you know about manufacturing and manufactured products in North Carolina? The average citizen knows of the State's leadership in the manufacture of cotton and tobacco, knows of her large towel, denim and underwear mills, but what does he know about scores and scores of individual items manufactured within the State? How many stores stock an adequately display of North Carolina goods, and how many buyers call for such items when making purchases, even when price and quality and style are in favor of the home product?

In order to make it possible for the average North Carolinian to make satisfactory answer to these and similar questions, the State Department of Conservation and Development is planning to launch a campaign in the near future to advertise North Carolina made products by having them displayed, properly marked and shown by retail stores of the State. Such a campaign, it is believed will not only acquaint our own people with what is made within the State, but will also point the way for further diversification of manufacturing, stimulate the sale of goods and thereby stimulate industry and agriculture also. This program fits in with the Governor's Live-at-Home program and secured his entire approval in a statement made public a few days ago.

A list of the principal consumers' goods made in the State is now being compiled by the Department. This list will be placed in the hands of wholesale and retail merchants, who are willing to stock at least some goods made in the State. It is hoped that this campaign can be inaugurated simultaneously, perhaps early in September, by leading stores in all parts of the State, and that it will spread until every department, dry goods, and general store will be stocking and properly advertising and displaying North Carolina made goods. The cooperation of Chambers of Commerce, Merchants Associations, the Press, Civic Clubs, Women's Clubs and similar organizations is sought in order to make this effort to "Know North Carolina Made Goods" effective.

SHOWER OF METEORS DUE

AUGUST 11-12.

Astronomers ask everyone to turn scientific census taker for one night and count the noses of Perseid meteors on the evening of August 11-12.

On that night "star dust" parties may afford not only relief from the monotony of bridge and other pastimes, but a real service to science. For meteors are the only solid messengers from outer space and the count is wanted for use in calculations to piece together the story they tell. The night that begins August 11 is chosen because it brings the Perseids, for many years the only reliable annual meteor show.

The invitation is issued by Dr. Charles P. Aliver, director of flower observatory of the university of Pennsylvania. He conducts this research for the American Meteor Society. Dr. Olivir said that hourly counts of all meteors are wanted particularly from amateurs. He warned that observers must be away from cities. Then if the night is unusually clear from 50 to 150 meteors an hour may be seen, the rate increasing until about 3 a. m. after midnight is the best time to watch, and the direction northeast.

Occasionally there is a brilliant Perseid, and for such an object more details are useful. They are the hour and minute of appearance, duration of flight, full course across the sky identified by stars, and also, if they occur—the colors, fiery train and explosion.

BEGINNERS MUST BE VACCINATED BEFORE ENTERING SCHOOL.

The Sanford public schools will open for the 1930-1931 term on Wednesday, September 3rd.

All children beginning school for the first time must enter by September 17th. All children entering the first grade must be six years old by October 1st. If children are not six years old by October 1st, they will not be allowed to enter for the fall term. They may enter in January, but must be six years old by February first. These beginners must be vaccinated for small pox. Dr. McIver, the County Health Officer, will do this vaccination free of charge. It would be well to have this vaccination done immediately so that the child's arm will be well before school opens. We would like to urge that the parents have this done as soon as possible so that the child may be well and happy at the opening of school.

We are hoping to have a good school year and we want everyone to cooperate and help make the school year the best and most profitable we had had.

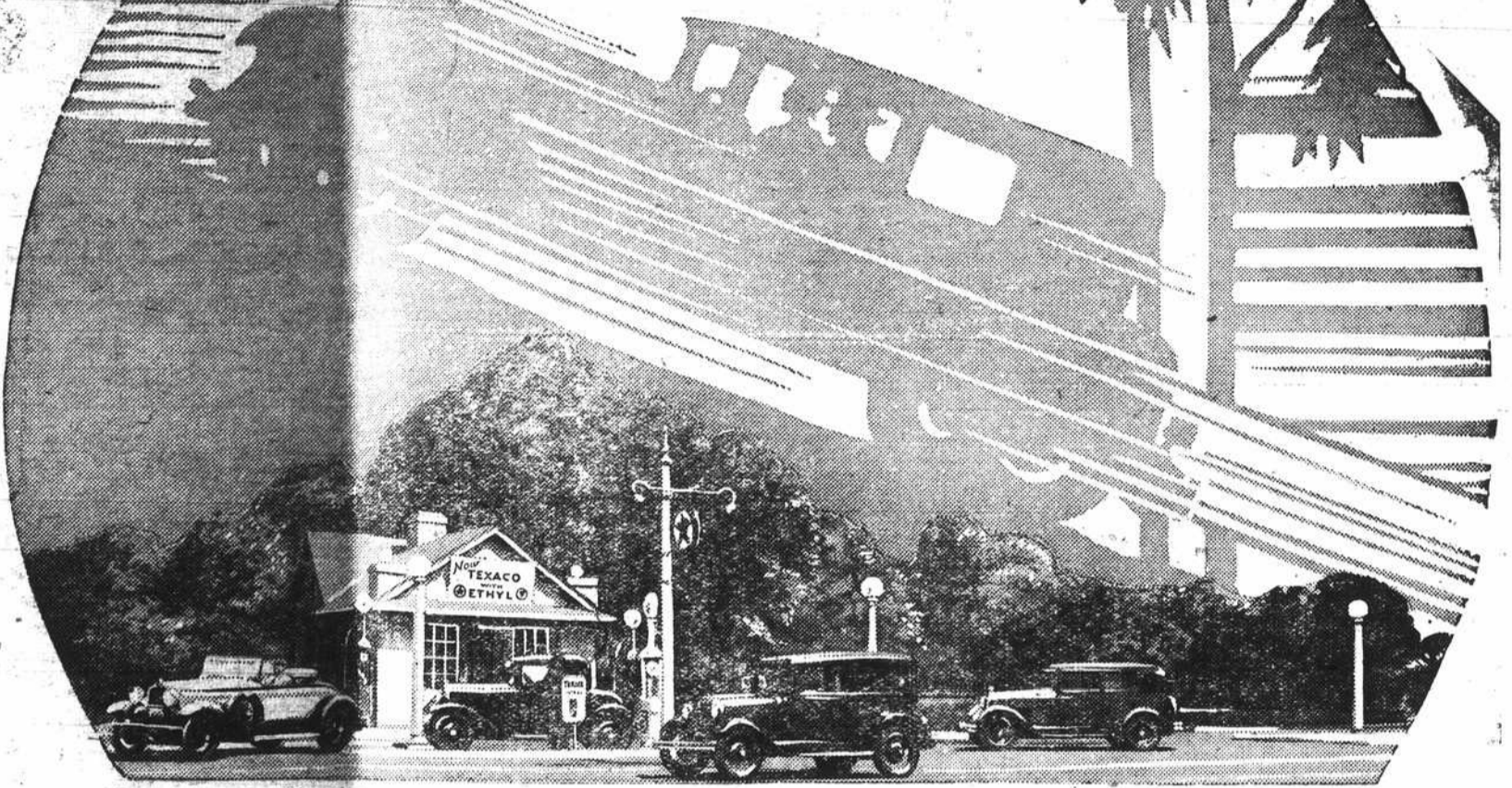
FAMILY REUNION

The Coggins Annual Reunion will be held at Bear Creek Station on Friday, August 22nd. All persons related to the Coggins' by blood or by marriage are requested to attend and to bring well filled baskets.

W. O. Coggins, President. Mrs. C. B. Fitts, Secretary.

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Employer: "Well, you certainly need one."



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TOBACCO COMPANIES PROFIT AT FARMERS' COSTS SAYS TAYLOR

There is no good reason why tobacco should not command much better prices than at present on the market, is the opinion of J. A. Taylor, prominent Wilmington wholesale grocer and an outstanding figure in civic and commercial affairs.

There is nothing reasonable in the consistent decline in recent years in the price of tobacco to the farmer and the fact that manufactured tobacco has remained at the same price level, said Mr. Taylor in discussing the tobacco situation. "The case of tobacco is entirely different from that of other commodities such as steel, cotton, and wheat, in which the manufactured products have declined in price along with the raw material," said Mr. Taylor. "From this, it is clear that the tobacco situation is unique and in a class by itself. Moreover, the business of the tobacco companies is excellent, showing that temporary depression does not affect the demand for a luxury."

Pointing out that under the existing marketing system for tobacco the growers are largely powerless to help themselves, Mr. Taylor declared that he thought the tobacco companies were offered in the present situation a rare opportunity for the exercise of a wise and far-reaching industrial statesmanship.

"The companies," said Mr. Taylor, "can afford to pay good prices for the leaf to the great benefit of the farmers and without injury to themselves, and I hope that the companies will pursue this policy. The effect will be to increase the debt-paying and purchasing power of the South Atlantic states and do much to start restoration of normal conditions in this depressed region."

The prosperity of the tobacco companies, said Mr. Taylor, is amply attested by the fairly frequent extraordinary dividends and stock "splurges" which they declare. On the other hand, he pointed out, it is a struggle for the tobacco farmer to make ends meet with tobacco prices at the levels which they have maintained for the past few seasons.

First Patient: "What would happen if all the simple-minded people were to die?" Second Patient: "Then your little boy would be an orphan."

She: "I guess you played around with all the French girls while you were in Paris?" He: "Not all of them. I was only there for two weeks."

I see berry sorry, Deacon Johnsing, to see you comin' outa dat bootlegger house."

"Sain't help it, Sister Goldberg, I see gotta go home once in a while."

Tourist (to farmer): "Which weeds are easiest to kill?" Farmer: "Widows weeds. You have only to say 'Will thou and they wilt'."

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