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OFFICERS' TRAINING CAMPS.

Eastern Department, U. S. Army.

In order to provide for the forces to be authorized by Congress for service during the war, the War Department has announced the following plan:

Fourteen officers' training camps will be established throughout the United States in territorial districts such camps to train candidates for commissions as officers to serve with the troops to be raised subsequently in similar territorial districts. The course of training will be for three months beginning May 8th. Men will be obligated to accept such appointments in the Officers' Reserve Corps as may be tendered them by the Secretary of War.

From the men trained, about 10,000 will be selected to officer the first increment of 500,000 troops which Congress is expected to authorize. Men trained but not chosen for this service will, if found fit, be commissioned in the Officers' Reserve Corps for service with later increments of troops.

This plan will be carried out under the provisions of Section 54 of the National Defense Act. The plan is a modification, suited to war conditions, of the Federal Military Training Camps for civilians as heretofore maintained, including the intensive methods of field training therein employed. The plan also includes further training for members of the Officers' Reserve Corps, and those who have been recommended for commissions in said Corps or have heretofore applied for such commissions.

Location of Camps.

Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., for New York City and Long Island and for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, and Rhode Island.

Madison Barracks, N. Y., for remainder of New York state and Pennsylvania (i. e., 10th, 11th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 25th and 28th Penn. Congressional Districts.)

Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., for North Carolina, South Carolina and Tenn.

Fort McPherson, Ga., for Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

Qualifications.

Men Eligible: The camps will be open to the following classes:

Reserve Officers of the line (Infantry, Cavalry, Field and Coast Artillery) and Engineers; Members of any Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit over 20 years and 9 months and other cadet students of the same age. Members of the National Guard when duly authorized; Graduates of military schools between 20 years and 9 months and 44 years; and other citizens between 20 years and 9 months and 44 years of age with or without previous military experience provided they are otherwise qualified.

The qualifications are those stated in Section 57 of the Officers' Reserve Corps Regulations: Men are eligible provided they are college graduates or undergraduates or clearly well educated men, and provided they have demonstrated in business, athletics or other activities that they possess to an unusual degree the ability to handle men. All applicants must be citizens of the United States, of good moral character and sound physical condition and capable of undergoing the severe physical work of drill and maneuvers with full infantry equipment.

Age Limits for Grades.

Under present law and regulations no man is eligible for appointment as 2nd Lieutenant after he has reached the age of 32 years, as 1st Lieutenant 36, as Captain 40, as Major 45. It is expected that Congress will shortly be asked to raise these age limits by five years, for men successfully completing the training in these camps.

Obligation.

Each man attending must enlist for a period of three months and agree to accept such appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps, U. S. Army as may be tendered him by the Secretary of War.

At the date of this bulletin, owing to the absence of specific appropriation, there is no authority to order Reserve Officers to active duty, but all such are invited by the War Department to attend these camps for the full three months for purpose of training, and applicants who have been examined and recommended but not yet commissioned will be admitted to the camps. Reserve Officers and such applicants will receive the necessary information from Department Headquarters.

Expenses.

The general plan contemplated for citizens' training camps in regard to furnishing transportation, uniforms and subsistence will be followed.

The government will furnish transportation to the camps. The government will furnish sub-

sistence during the training period. All attendants at the camps are urged to furnish their own uniforms in advance, if practicable, as follows: Hat, Service. Hat Cord, U. S. T. C. Coat, Service, O. D. Shirts, Flannel, O. D. Breaches, Service, O. D. Fair Legging, Canvas. Pair Shoes, Marching.

The government will furnish rifles, ammunition, haversacks, mess and cooking outfits, tentage, cots, bedding and such other articles of a general nature, as may be necessary.

Manner of Application.

The applicant must apply on the official application blank. This form when filled out must be mailed to "Officer in Charge, Officers' Training Camps, 19 West 44th Street, New York City."

If the applicant's papers are approved he will be notified and directed to report in person to an examining officer near his home. Officers of the army will be detailed at various points throughout the Eastern Department to examine in person applicants for the camps and inquire into their individual qualifications.

This will include an inquiry into the applicant's physical condition. To facilitate such inquiry and in order that the applicant may ascertain in advance his probable physical fitness, each applicant is strongly urged to undergo preliminary physical examination by a competent physician or surgeon. A form for this purpose containing full instructions is provided. The physician's report on this form should be submitted to the examining officer when the applicant presents himself in person.

If accepted by the examining officer the applicant will receive an assignment to a camp and must promptly report in accordance with such assignment.

The course of instruction for the camps is for the training of officers of the line and engineers. During the first month all attendants will undergo a uniform course of instruction in infantry and in those duties of officers which are common to all arms. Thereafter they will be assigned to the various branches of the service for which they seem best qualified, for the purposes of training during the last two months.

Address all inquiries for information and to obtain application and physical examination blanks from

"Officer in Charge Officers' Training Camps,

19 West 44th Street, New York City."

Sunday School Convention.

The Mt. Airy Circuit of the M. E. Church will hold its annual Sunday School convention at Oak Grove Sunday, May 13. The program follows: Song, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Congregation.

Devotional Exercises, Pastor. Speech of Welcome, Eva Caudle, Oak Grove. Response by Eva Joy Worrell, Salem.

Children's Song, Oak Grove. Reading, Elsie Welch, Oak Grove. Reading, Woodie Pruett, Salem. Song, Salem.

Reading, Laurel Nichols, Laurel Bluff.

Reading, Lillian Gordon, Zion.

Male Quartette, Oak Grove.

Reading, Roy Willard, Epworth.

Reading, Lucy Gardner, New Hebron. Song, Zion.

Reading, Arthur Moore, Beulah.

Reading, Clarence Sutphin, Oak Grove. Song.

Reading, Hattie Parker, Salem.

Reading, Claudia Davenport, Laurel Bluff.

Statistical exhibit of the Sunday Schools, Pastor.

Reading, Lettie Miller, Zion.

Reading, Nettie Westmoreland, Epworth. Song.

Reading, Lonnie Jarrell, Beulah.

Reading, Frank Gardner, New Hebron. Song by congregation.

Reading, Louella Short, Oak Grove.

Reading, Sarah Lee Brown, Salem.

Duetto, Oak Grove.

Reading, Elizabeth Terry, Laurel Bluff.

Reading, Dick McMillian, Zion.

Reading, Mamie East, New Hebron.

Reading, Willie Vernon, Beulah.

Male Quartette, Salem.

Reading, Lundy Willard, Epworth.

Reading, Essie Collins, Beulah.

Reading, Irene Armfield, Oak Grove.

Children's Song, Salem.

Dinner.

Organization, Male Quartette, Standard of Efficiency, Rev. W. R. Shelton, Sunday School secretary of the Western North Carolina Conference.

The Sunday School Teacher, William Graves, Mt. Airy.

Song and benediction.

Parents Take Notice.

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Curse For Him That Withholdeth Food.

Monroe Enquirer.

A great deal is being said just now about the man who attempts to make a corner on foodstuffs and buys up things to eat and holds on for an exorbitant price. Solomon, who was wise in the affairs of men but very foolish concerning women, said in some observations he made and reduced to writing, "He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him; but blessings shall be upon the head of him that selleth it." The fellow who tries to make a corner on the corn market now will hear cussing and a plenty of it.

(And the same applies to wheat and flour and other foodstuffs. There is a belief that the prevailing price of wheat and flour is due in part to speculation; that while the price is actually high on account of the scarcity of wheat and the extraordinary demand, that something is being added as a result of speculation. By and by, it is believed, the government will reach people whose greed is extracting unreasonable profits in this time of stress, and when it does they will get all that is coming to them. Public sentiment will demand it.—The Landmark.)

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greater relief is derived by constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy, it cures internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Cure fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

List Your Property.

We the list takers for Mount Airy Wards No. 1 and No. 2 Mount Airy Township will be at Banner warehouse from the 9th, to and including the 19 day of May for the purpose of listing the taxes of the said Wards. All parties subject to list either polls or property will please come forward and list without delay, as the law requires that all polls and property shall be listed during the month of May. Please do not neglect to do this, as it will save all of us trouble.

J. R. Patterson for Ward No. 1.

A. L. Sparger, for Ward No. 2.

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Business Conditions in Country Continue Good.

Washington, May 2.—General business conditions throughout the country, the federal reserve board announced tonight in its monthly review have not been materially affected by the entrance of the United States into the war, although in every district there is going on a process of readjustment which is reflected in many lines. The report as to Richmond and Atlanta says:

"Richmond—trade is in good volume, orders in wholesale jobbing plentiful for immediate shipment in all lines, provisions and manufacturers active, building supplies in demand, stocks of merchandise limited and buying cautious owing to high prices.

Atlanta—the nation's entrance into war has given a quickening impulse to all industries connected with war activities and produced little or no change in other lines.

Why Franklin Borrowed a Book.

Benjamin Franklin was one of the shrewdest philosophers this country has ever produced. And generally he turned his philosophy to good account in practical life. For example, there was an influential man whose opinion he feared and whose support he very much desired. How do you suppose Franklin endeavored to win him? By doing him a kindness? Not at all; but the exact contrary. He went to the influential citizen and asked to borrow a book which, as a matter of fact, he had no use for in the world, other than to get the owner of it to do him the slight favor. Of course the book was loaned without hesitation and the lender is more interested in the philosopher and later gave him cordial support in realizing his ambition. Truly, says Dr. Cole: "If you wrong a person, you are likely to think ill of him in consequence; if you do him a kindness, you are likely to think well of him in consequence and to do him another kindness." This lesson every leader must learn in order to lead.—Biblical Recorder.

Chinaman—"You tellee me where railroad depot?"

Citizen—"What's the matter, John lost?"

Chinaman—"No. Me here. Depot lost."

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French Beat Germans to Hill; Took the Prisoners.

From Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press in France May 2.—Prisoners are still being brought in today as a result of yesterday's French success between Beme and Moronvilliers and two fierce, though successful German counter-attacks to the northwest of Monthaut.

Combatants who have taken part in the recent fighting declare that the German positions are of the strongest character and the resistance most obstinate. A French assaulting wave of infantry found a deep cavern at the foot of a steep cliff in Chivey ravine, west of Craonne into which the grenadiers threw grenades while their comrades continued to advance up the slope.

When they arrived at the top they observed a column of smoke pouring out of a hole on the summit of the plateau and soon afterwards a crowd of Germans numbering about 250 in all came out, having climbed 150 steps through a chimney cut in the solid rock from the cavern below. The French had scaled the hill quicker than the Germans had gone up the stairs and they took the Germans prisoner.

A German officer was caught in the act of telephoning to his headquarters. He stopped, holding his arm up with the telephone receiver in one hand.

Changing our Faces.

There are many ways of modifying the human face. Food, for example, has a direct influence upon the face. And, as we know, the man who drinks liquor, or has become a dope fiend, tells it to the world through his face. There is no doubt, also, that one can by sheer force of will so control the facial muscles that the face may become appreciably changed after a while. It is unquestionable, however that our thoughts and feelings change our faces far more than anything else. "These," according to an expert psychologist, "have a way at times of leaping into the face and proclaiming themselves to all the world as from a housetop; more commonly, however, they stray thither without our knowing it, and this tendency becomes a fixed habit; they come and go and leave their tracks behind them; the same thought or feeling takes the same path each time, wearing it into greater and greater distinctness, till the observing world begins to learn what sort of travelers have passed that way; and our faces, thus lined and written upon, become as epistles known and read of all men." Had you thought of it just this way before? We, as much as our ancestors, are responsible for our faces.—Biblical Recorder.