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SUGAR.

County Food Administrator W. F. Carter complains that the Newspapers of this city are not having enough to say to the people about the supply of sugar. He may be right. It may be that enough has not been said. It is a fact that sugar is a necessity in the homes, or is so considered. The authorities have so planned that a part of the program of distribution is for citizens to go to the office of the local food administrator and get special permission to buy from the local merchant. To say the least this is putting a mint of work on the man who fills this office, for a string of citizens is coming and going at all hours of the day securing their certificates.

It may be information to the citizens to give out this bit of news in this connection, which throws direct light on this sugar problem. Fred Johnson, son of the editor of The News is assigned to duty on the Ship Calvin Austin and sailed from Boston, Mass., last Friday at 5:30, P. M. Before leaving that port he wrote home, and among other things he wrote about, he told how they are feeding him on that ship. He told of the eggs and fish and beef and mentioned the fact that he had seen no sugar. No sugar for coffee or tea. Now to the citizen who is clamoring for his allowance of sugar, that should be a pointer to what the Government is facing in trying to meet the situation. If the men who are in the service are deprived that the folks back at home may have supplies it is very evident that there is a real shortage.

Now the truth is that all this to do about a bit of sugar is not necessary. Right here in Mount Airy people refuse to buy brown sugar, and it is packed up in stores and stands there a dead weight and investment because our people are so particular as to demand granulated sugar.

It looks very much like the high authorities are going the limit to please the folk back at home when they deprive the boys in the service that the demands back at home may be met.

The truth is that it is a nice way to hoard to make up preserves and jellies and store them away for next year. The truth is that people are using too much sugar. A doctor will tell you that plenty of people could cut out sugar from their diet and live longer.

These are times in which people can give serious thought to many problems that have passed unnoticed in other days. The strange times through which we are passing give ample opportunity to people to show the moral they are made of, and let no man fool himself, before this war is over the folk back at home will bear the stamp of the patriot or the slacker. The time is not far distant when the citizen who idles away his time or lives in an extravagant way is going to become the subject of scorn among his neighbors. And wealth and position is not going to save him. No man now has the moral right to not fall in line and do what he can to aid in these strange times, even by saving a bit of sugar.

TO OUR GIRLS.

There is no cause for discouragement for our girls since the Mount Airy Citizen has placed his figures rather high as to money consideration. He wants a woman worth a million and would compromise on say \$300,000.00. Now the facts in the case are that many of us men wanted money and compromised on much less than \$300,000.00. The citizen may be willing to do the same. Because Surry county has no girls worth a half million—that is if none of them are able to draw their check for that amount, they should not be discouraged. An even \$25,000.00 goes a long way in this neck of the woods. And a much less amount, say ten thousand might get consideration.

If a woman has the good looks and shapely ankle—every man admires a pretty ankle even if there is no money—if a woman has the looks and fine qualities she might win without the money. Many a one has Japan wanted a billion from Russia and compromised on nothing. And so our girls should not miss this opportunity, if they are on the lookout for a man, because of any money consideration. Surry has plenty of women who should be able to capture any man living and not contribute a red cent to the transaction.

Mr. W. F. Carter has received a telegram from his son Edwin, saying that the ship on which he sailed has arrived safely overseas.

88 MORE MEN CALLED.

The following is a partial list of men who are called, or will be called, to leave this county for some training camp, leaving during the week beginning August 26. The date has not been set yet for their leaving, and the men will be notified in due time. This list published is not all required to make up the call. Men who are in class 5 are being re-examined to try to get the required number without taking men who have dependents. Most of these men are in the class that became of age since the first registration. And this call takes all the class 1 men in the county.

- The partial list follows: Thos. Bryan Baker, Siloam. Albert Lee Bingham White Plains. Clint I. Burgham, Mount Airy. Cuthbert Boyles, Pilot Mtn. Harvey Brevenburg, Siloam. Clarence S. Baker, Round Peak. Wm. R. Belton, Mt. Airy. Press J. Amburn, Round Peak. Omer A. Brannock, Mount Airy. Wm. Brown, Mt. Airy. Arthur T. Ashburn, Siloam. Milton Y. Ashburn, White Plains. Edward A. Booker, Mt. Airy. Abner J. Detherage, Mt. Airy. Charles Detherage, Mt. Airy. Reid Madison Cook, Pilot Mtn. Rural Jennings, Doss, Rockford. Jessie Collins, Pinnacle. Wm. J. Collins, Mt. Airy. Joe M. Collins, Dobson. Robert M. Colbert, Thurmond. Walter Hunter Critz, Mt. Airy. Robert L. Cockerham, Mt. Airy. Jas. F. Collins, Round Peak. Charles R. Fowler, Pinnacle. Grady M. Emerson, Round Peak. Will F. Greenwood, Mt. Airy. Jno. S. Galyeon, Round Peak. Walter M. Giley, Pilot Mtn. Robert P. Harris, Thurmond. Brady B. Hiatt, Low Gap. Dallas M. Holder, White Plains. Willis Hodges, Mt. Airy. Marston H. Hill Pilot Mtn. Austin Gentry, State Road. Luther M. Hardy, Siloam. Romie H. Hardy, Mt. Airy. Joe M. Holliday, Thurmond. Claud J. Johnson, Mt. Airy. Arthur Joyce, Mt. Airy. McKinley Jones, Brim. Willie F. Johnson, Round Peak. Jno. Dee Johnson, Mt. Airy. Bryan Johnson, Elkin. Chasie M. Jessup, Brim. Samuel G. Joyce, Mt. Airy. Wm. McK. Jackson, Elkin. Wm. B. Leftwich, Ladonia. Babe Keiger, Shoals. Jno. Key, Siloam. Arthur W. Kirkman, Mt. Airy. Oliver Light, Mt. Airy. Edward Lyd, Thurmond. Geo. D. Mitchell, Mt. Airy. Alvah A. Matthews, Pilot Mtn. Jas. A. Marshall, State Road. Worth Money, Elkin. Wade C. Moody, Mt. Airy. Grady V. Mcser, Rockford. Sandy S. McCormick, Round Peak. Willis Emory Parker, Rockford. Thomas V. Rachels, Siloam. Jas. Romey Riddle, Mt. Airy. Van Ray Poindexter, Rockford. Charlie McNeil Rose, Mt. Airy. Edgar M. Schaffner, Elkin. Jesse Welburn Stewart, Pilot Mtn. Walter H. Sisk, White Plains. Dewitt T. Sparger Round Peak. Ernest C. Sticker, Thurmond. Roy A. Thomas, Pilot Mtn. Early Thompson, Elkin. Francis M. Terry, Mt. Airy. Jno. H. Vaughn, Pilot Mtn. Roby L. Wilmoth, State Road. Jesse L. Willard, Mt. Airy. Wm. L. Vernon, Round Peak. Carl Williams, Mt. Airy. Dan W. Whitaker, State Road. Bascom Wall, Siloam. Joseph D. Wilmoth, Dobson. Jas. Emory White, Rusk. Ossie P. Walls, Elkin. Issacs L. Wright, Round Peak.

NEW REGISTRATION

The following notice is published at the request of the Local Board. By proclamation of the President all men who have become 21 years of age on and since June 5th, 1918 will be required to register on August 24th. The Local Board will have men at their office in Mount Airy, the courthouse Dobson, Elkin, and Pilot Mountain, N. C., that date to register men.

A MOST POPULAR PAPER.

Our esteemed contemporary the Elkin Tribune is in a fair way to become highly appreciated by some of Surry's citizens. The republican party of this county is blessed with some politicians who, when defeated, want the people to know exactly why, and so to write a letter to the Elkin Tribune telling all about how the trick was turned is getting to be something of a habit with some of the republican lame ducks. It all makes interesting reading to a democrat, and it may be a mighty good turn the Elkin paper is doing in giving publicity to this kind of edifying literature.

According to letters published recently by some of the would be office holders, things have gone wrong in old Surry this year in a way to make a patriot think mighty serious as to the drift of the times. It is something fearful the way the republican ring of the county have played the game of politics and shelled men who had evidently dreamed of place and power. It was all brought about by the Ring, and never should have been done, according to the Tribune's contributors.

A free-will offering for reconstruction and civilian relief work in France will be taken at Friends Church next Sunday morning. The American Red Cross having entrusted this branch of Red Cross work to American and English Friends who are supplying both men and money to carry on the work. Any one wishing to aid in this great cause can do so.

WANTED—A WIFE.

A Mount Airy citizen wants to get married, but that is not strange for men have always wanted to get married. And why not? But it is a little bit out of the ordinary for our citizens to go about hunting for a wife by way of the advertising columns of a great city daily. But why not, again we ask? If a man wants to select a fair bride from other parts of the earth that is his business. Not all of us have cared to confine our attention to the girls here in Surry, not meaning the least bit of reflection on the Surry girls, to be sure, for no finer ones can be found anywhere.

Mount Airy has a citizen who wants a wife and prints the following advertisement in the Saturday Evening Blade, of Chicago, for which he paid in the coin of the realm the nice sum of \$87.39. To say the least the advertisement is interesting; reading and may be a pointer to other marriageable people. It follows:

PERSONAL

"Christian Gentleman, Single, Methodist, just in the very pink and prime of life, weighs 160 lbs., 5 ft. 10 inches height, brown hair, fair complexion, some property interests, made careful study of mountain and foreign missions, have employed experienced mission worker and two helpers, but the work is so great and important—needs number of native trained workers, also have plan of operating native converts in Orient through church boards. I am handicapped in carrying plans out—would like to meet lady of means, not less than \$300,000 cash to million or more and thoroughly Christian woman whose views and beliefs coincide and would devote say some of the income of investments to the advancement of the work and locating in the town near field where can build modern home in town of all conveniences, rolling hills and pure water. This home to be equipped with every convenience and comfort, including small mission chapel within, supplied with maps and works and data on all home and foreign missions. This home to be place of entertainment of workers. There are many fine candidates that can be picked up for to be trained in training schools. My ideal of woman is spiritually minded, good health, and looks, brown or dark, acuburn hair, fair, medium size and weight, not over 25 to 38. Would like to get in correspondence with such one, view of matrimonial alliance and with such means, willing to build up a family home in the prettiest part of America and most romantic locality in any, and where domestic Christian home life and large service for good can be actually realized. Like the exchange of photos and particulars in correspondence under real names, to be treated strictly confidential. If interested, address Mr. L., care P. O. Box 322, Mt. Airy, N. C."

Here is wishing that the citizen will be successful and find the woman of his choice and live happily the remainder of his life.

TOBACCO MARKET

OPENS AUG. 20th.

The tobacco market in this city will open for the sale of leaf on next Tuesday, August 20th. This is much earlier than has been the custom in years past but the farmers have learned to prime and save the bottom leaves, and thus get ready to sell much earlier in the season than when the old habit of cutting the whole stalk was the rule in the country.

This city is preparing to sell large quantities of the leaf this year. All the warehouses are ready for the fall trade and the buyers are anxious for the season to open, so great is the demand. Many improvements have been made about the warehouses, thus improving the accommodations offered to the farmers who sell on this market.

Four warehouses will this year cater to the trade, the Planters, the Banner, the Farmers and the Piedmont, the last named being a new organization by well known Surry county citizens, Messrs. N. C. Marion, Albert Bunker, and C. C. Hutcheson.

Citizens of Surry are justly proud of the local market that has been established for years at this point. It means much to the citizens of this section, for it is a great inconvenience to sell tobacco on a market fifty miles away, and many farmers prefer to do this. It remains a fact that a very large per cent of the most progressive citizens in the county are satisfied that they get as good prices on the Mount Airy Market as they do on any other, and they continue to patronize the home market year after year, and they do as well financially as those citizens who go away from home to other markets. These are facts that no man can deny. In a way it is patriotic to trade at home, all things being equal.

Lieutenant Jay Franklin Wounded in France.

A letter received this week by Mrs. Jay W. Franklin brought the information that her husband is in a hospital in France as the result of a wound in the leg. A shrapnel shell injured the limb below the knee, and from the way Lieutenant Franklin wrote about it the wound is not serious. Mrs. C. R. Merritt and son Will have returned to the city after spending several months in Colorado where they went to visit relatives.

Rupprecht's Armies Are

Crushed by the Allies.

The French have driven the Germans before them for an important gain east of Montdidier in Picardy. That city, which was the apex of a German salient that now has been wiped out, fell to the French first army at mid-day Saturday. Before nightfall, according to the French war office statement, the victorious French forces had carried the battle line onward to an average depth of six miles on a front of approximately twenty miles.

In the three days of engagements that culminated in the taking of Montdidier the French took 8,000 prisoners. Their captures also included 200 guns and an enormous amount of material.

Crushed by the impact of the British, French and American offensive on the battle line from Albert, northeast of Amiens to the Oise river north of Compiègne, German forces are streaming back toward the Somme river and the NeuleNoyon canal. So far as can be determined, the enemy is in full retreat all along the front against which the allies flung themselves on Thursday morning. It is reported from Paris that French patrols are in Chaulnes, the principal German center west of the Somme.

Montdidier, the tip of the German salient in Picardy, has been taken by the allies, who cut off large numbers of the enemy when they sought to beat a retreat from the city. Thousands of prisoners were taken there by the allies, it is reported.

North of the Somme, stubborn gneiny resistance at Chipilly spur, a height which dominated the whole valley of the Somme in that region has been broken and the Germans north of the river have joined their comrades in retreating.

South of Montdidier, the French have plunged through the German lines on the hills west of the Matz river and are reported to be in the valley of the stream at Marquessigne.

When the situation is studied on a map it can be seen that the Germans are in a serious position east of Montdidier. The allies have closed in on Chaulnes and have had the railroad junction south of that town under artillery fire for two days. If Chaulnes is lost to the Germans they will be forced to make a long, perilous march eastward over country roads toward Noyon. The rapid progress of the French below Montdidier has placed even this road under fire and made it almost impossible as an avenue of escape for the harassed enemy.

In the center, the Germans are reported to be in full retreat. Allied airmen have seen roads filled with German motor lorries and have been active in bombing these lines of transport. The bridges of the Somme river south of Peronne are under fire and the one at Peronne is reported to have been broken. This will throw new complications in the German high commands task of extricating its shattered armies from the field where they have been defeated.

It now appears that the German lines in Picardy must have been stripped when Crown Prince Rupprecht sent troops to the rescue of the German crown prince's armies south of the Aisne three weeks ago. Paris newspapers remark on the fact that the captives taken for the most part, rather old and it is said that they are members of reserve divisions.

Crown Rupprecht however is known to have a large number of splendid troops which will probably be thrown into battle at once. So far, only two of these divisions have come in contact with the allies but they have been unable to check the onward rush of the victorious armies of Haig and De Beney.

The number of prisoners captured during the first three days of the offensive is very large. It is hinted at Paris that it exceeds by far the figure given out in the official statements. Two divisional headquarters, with their staffs, are said to have been taken. The guns and war materials lost by the enemy constitute a very heavy loss.

Since the American forces occupied Fismette the northern suburb of Fismes, on the Vesle, there have been no reports of further attacks in that region. It is believed, however, that the allies there are gathering themselves for a new assault which may have its effect on the great battle going on further north.

Although there have been rumors of heavy fighting south of Arras there has been no confirmation of them as yet. Nothing is known as yet of the situation in Flanders, where on Friday the Germans are reported to be withdrawing from their advanced position.

Washington, Aug. 10.—Mounting casualty lists from the army overseas were cited by the American Red Cross tonight in an appeal emphasizing the necessity for meeting the call of Surgeon General Gorgas for the enrollment of 1,000 nurses a week during the next two months. There must be 10 nurses at least for each hundred of wounded, the statement said otherwise women already fagged must go double hours of duty.

To The Citizens

of Surry County.

During the period June 23rd to 28th, a War Savings Campaign was conducted in this County.

As a result of this special drive I was able to report in stamps actually sold since December 1st last, together with pledges taken during the drive \$510,757.50

I am glad to advise you that our County stands 17th in the State at this writing. Only 16 counties have raised a greater per cent of their allotment than Surry.

But we are short of our quota about \$143,000.

Our County stands with the best in the State in Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. contributions. Surry has never failed to take its allotment of Liberty bonds.

No County in North Carolina or so far as I know anywhere, has a better record in supply man power than Surry.

I am sure we cannot afford to fail in raising our allotment of War Savings. I am sure that no patriotic citizen would have us fail.

Listen to Sparger Marshal Harrell, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Harrell of Pilot Mountain, a Surry boy, now in France as he speaks to us who are at home. "You people ought to urge the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps for the end of this war is not in sight. The people back in the States don't know what sacrifice is." This is a quotation taken from a letter recently received by his Mother. Our boys, near 600 of them, have their eyes and hearts on the people back home. They are expecting us stand by them in every way we can.

Any person who does not do his or her full duty to help win the war is looked upon as a slacker.

And any County which fails to do its full duty—fails to reach a reasonable set goal—is a slacker county.

There is no room for a slacker in Surry. I am sure that Surry is not in any sense of the term a slacker county.

But in order to save the County—before a permanent Government Record is made of those who failed to pledge at all, or who failed to pledge in accordance with their ability, there will be conducted a "Wind-up" drive during the period September 9th to 14th. Think it over now and get ready to pledge to the limit when the canvassers call upon you. Remember all the money that you have or ever will have, is poor stuff to weigh in the scales against a Mothers Broken heart or against the sacrifices, the blood, the lives of our boys.

The following Townships went over the top with a liberal margin in the first drive:

ELKIN LONG HILL SILOAM SHOALS PILOT

Many others did well, in fact most of them did well, but failed to go over.

Our county is held responsible for \$653,510 maturity value. If the Townships already over can help more in raising the quota for our County it will be greatly appreciated. But no special drive will be conducted in those already over the top. It may be that the Township Chairmen of such Townships know of certain parties who failed to pledge as they should. If so, they should be solicited again.

A list will be made of all those who failed to do their duty in the first drive, and only those who will be canvassed in the second drive.

Get ready for the canvassers and pledge all you can for our boys over there.

Yours truly,

A. V. WEST, County Chm.

Rev. C. H. Utley recently resigned all his churches in this county and accepted work teaching and preaching in one of the counties in South West Virginia.

WORDS FROM HOME.

Statements That May be Investigated. Testimony of Mt. Airy Citizens.

When a Mount Airy citizen comes to the front, telling his friends and neighbors of his experience, you can rely on his sincerity. The statements of people residing in far away places do not command your confidence. Home endorsement is the kind that backs Doan's Kidney Pills. Such testimony is convincing. Investigation proves it true. Below is a statement of a Mount Airy resident. No stronger proof of merit can be had.

T. L. Jacobs, prop. of meat market, Main St., says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on a good many years. I caught a cold, which settled in my kidneys and made my back weak and lame. My kidneys didn't act properly and I felt tired all the time. Doan's Kidney Pills were recommended to me, so I began taking them. They brought me great relief. When I haven't felt just right since, a few doses of Doan's have never failed to put me in good condition again."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Jacobs had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

BIG CAMPAIGN TO ELECT LOYAL WAR CONGRESS

National Security League Announces Nation-Wide Non-Partisan Participation in Fall Elections.

Active participation by it in the Congressional campaign, which will shortly commence throughout the country, has been announced by the National Security League. The League declares that unusual measures must be taken to insure the election this fall of a Congress which will stand militantly behind the carrying of the war to a decisive victory.

The entire force of the League's 281 branches and its membership of over 100,000 patriotic American citizens will be thrown into this campaign. The creation of support of the movement outside the League will also be undertaken by means of an active propaganda among the leading citizens of every state in the Union, irrespective of party.

Elihu Root Takes Lead.

Elihu Root, who is Honorary President of the National Security League, at the recent Annual Meeting of the organization laid particular emphasis on the necessity of non-partisan support of the Government in its efforts for the aggressive prosecution of the war and the consequent importance of this year's Congressional elections. The matter was then taken up by the National Executive Committee of the League and the campaign decided upon at a meeting attended by Alton B. Parker, who is Honorary Vice-President of the Security League; James W. Gerard, former United States Ambassador to Germany, one of the League's Vice Presidents; S. Stanwood Menken, President of the League; Lawrence F. Abbott of the Outlook, and other prominent men.

The League for National Unity and other great national organizations have already endorsed the movement. The leading newspapers of the country are also expressing their approval. The following are a few of the favorable editorial comments which are appearing in all parts of the country:

Editorial Approval.

Williamport (Pa.) Sun: "The National Security League's effort will have the hearty support of all patriotic voters."

Springfield (Mass.) Union: "This idea is sound and eminently worthy of serious attention."

Des Moines (Ia.) Tribune: "Here in Iowa we may well emulate this example which will lead to victory for Americanism regardless of party designation."

Saginaw (Mich.) News: "This campaign will have a strong and growing following all over the country."

Helena (Mont.) Independent: "Americans upon whom party lines rest lightly and many who are strong for their party will find reasons for commendation of the plan of the National Security League."

25,000 Letters.

The League's campaign will be conducted by a committee headed by Charles D. Orth, a prominent New York commission merchant. This committee, as a preliminary step, has laid the matter before 25,000 leading citizens in all parts of the country and of all political beliefs in the following letter:

"The conduct of the war and, in fact, the very future of America are dependent not only upon the election of a War Congress that will enact necessary laws, but upon the presence in the National Legislature of men of vision, ability and broad experience, who are the best qualified of our citizenship to correctly solve the great internal and international questions which will come before the next Congress.

"Grave Duty."

"The National Security League, pursuant to unanimous action of its Executive Committee, has taken upon itself the grave duty of impressing these matters upon you and asking you to pledge your service for prompt action to prevent disaster which might follow the election of incompetent or disloyal men to Congress. This can be prevented through definite and concerted action on the part of loyal citizens, who are in the vast majority. Neglect and indifference may prove fatal.

"The remedy is for every one to assume the personal obligation of speaking with or writing without delay to political leaders, newspaper men and others who form public opinion in their Congressional Districts. Make them realize sharply that the need of the nation is the election of men of absolute and unconditional loyalty who are determined to prosecute the war to victory and who possess the strength of character and unquestioned ability to be of real service to the country in this crisis. The problems before the nation are such as to try the very souls of the best men that we can elect.

Personal Responsibility.

"The people of your district will undoubtedly take the right stand if awakened to the political situation in time to secure the highest type of candidates to vote for in the primaries. Every citizen can directly influence results to that end, and we earnestly hope that you will recognize the responsibility of so doing."