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BUSINESS NOTICE.

We know exactly how much paper will be allowed to the publishers of The News during the coming months. During the next two weeks we must drop from the list about 200 subscribers, this being necessary to reduce the circulation to the 85 per cent required by the government. Subscribers who are a year or more behind with their subscription will be dropped first and then those who are farthest away where it cost most to pay the postage on papers will come next. The only sure way to get the Mount Airy News is to see that your paper is paid for in advance. The label on each paper shows the date to which it is paid.

REGISTRATION DAY

The 12 of this month has been designated by the Government as the day for all men from 18 to 45 who were not registered in the previous registrations, to enroll for military service. It is planned to make it a great day all over the nation. In many places there will be patriotic speaking, music and other entertainment. It will be a red letter day in the history of the world.

Just how many soldiers will be had from the registration it is impossible to say, but there will be enough selected to utterly annihilate the military power of the Hun. The taking of 18 year old boys and of mature men is going to entail sacrifices hitherto unknown in this country, but we believe that any sacrifice made will be in a cheerful spirit on the part of our people. The honor of our great country, the security of our homes, and the future happiness of the race are all at stake, and he would not be a man worthy of the name who would shirk his duty.

There is doubtless some inclination on the part of some people to dodge their duty, but it is going to be well nigh an impossibility. There is not a man but that his age is known to others than his family, and the person who comes within the limits, and then claims that he is too young or too old, will surely be found out; and that means disgrace and dishonor. In some sections are those who were sixteen years of age two years ago in order to get automobile license, and are still just sixteen. We have heard of one young man who though he was eighteen and so did his family and friends, but since the draft law was arranged, they began searching the records and upon finding that he was only seventeen, were so overjoyed that they invited in a lot of his friends and made him a great dinner in honor of his SEVENTEENTH birthday.

We believe however that any attempt to evade responsibility will be very exceptional. Most of our people are willing to leave their homes and business at the call of the country, and do it gladly. If any do try to dodge it is the duty of any who know of it to report the matter to the authorities, for a man who will play the coward when his country is imperilled, ought to be covered with the contumely of a free people.

Let us enter into the spirit of the times and by our whole-hearted loyalty say to the Hun that this country, the giant of the western world is ready with treasure and blood to see the scrap through.

Soldiers Addresses Wanted.

The News has been collecting for some time the names of citizens of Surry who have sons in the army. We have secured a number of these from the records in the Local Board office, but there are many citizens who have sons in the army who volunteered or went in some way that no record is shown at the office of the Local Board. The only way we have to secure these names is to get them direct from the parents. We also are sending the News to France to a number of the young men as regular subscribers. It would be an act highly appreciated if a fund could be raised and the paper be sent to every boy in France. If we can get the addresses of the boys away from home we will be able to mail out a few copies of the paper each week, copies that are left over after regular list is mailed out. If parents will send us the present address of their son we will make a record of it here in the News Office and it will be found handy in many ways. Our people will not be able to keep in too close touch with the boys, and every one of them should be kept up with as much as possible by the folks at home.

COUNTY POLITICS

This journal of education has mighty little inclination these days to get interested in politics—there are so many other subjects to get ones attention. And yet the country must look after home affairs, and one is the election of officers. Here in Surry the contest is waxing warm. Both parties are making a fight for the places that pay good salaries, and one is made to think that there is much doubt about how the election is going. This is due to the fact that republican candidates have found it necessary to make attacks against democrats that are not usually made. The attacks are of such a nature as to make one think they are uneasy and afraid of defeat, and willing to grab at the proverbial drowning man's straw. Now it is well known that to attack the personal character of a candidate is not good politics, unless the candidate attacked is bad to a degree not common among men in public life. No man of sense is expecting perfection in this age, and no man is looking for candidates who have no imperfections.

The republican organ of this county has been, from week to week, making indirect attacks on the democratic candidates and appealing in the strongest terms to republicans and citizens to vote only for GOOD men. Again and again this has been repeated, to vote this year only for GOOD men. Now every one knows that this issue is mighty poor fighting ground for a party that can make no stronger claims for its candidates than can the republicans of this county, and we never would have said even that much against the republican candidates, if they had not raised the issue themselves. If there is a man on the republican ticket who would care for the word "good" to be displayed in capitals along with his name we doubt it.

But the party Organ would make an issue this year of the fact that the republican candidates are GOOD men, therefore every GOOD citizen should vote the republican ticket.

Well strange things do happen in politics, and may be this issue of GOOD men will catch the voters.

The truth is the candidates of both parties in the county are men of such reputation as to meet the approval of their supporters, and are men of as high character as one expects to find in politics.

Now every one can remember very well when republicans in Surry appealed to the voters to vote the republican ticket because of the "full dinner pail and high prices of tobacco" and right then tobacco was selling for eight cents per pound. Now tobacco is selling for more than thirty cents, and republicans never mention tobacco when talking politics.

When Wilson was elected six years ago the voters were told that the country would go to the bow wows, and that the people would starve. Now a man pays his debts in one year and clears enough off his tobacco to buy a new automobile. Republicans never mention prosperity now that the scale has turned. And these conditions existed before the war, too. Now a man sells a load of cabbage for more money than he could sell a load of tobacco for during the times when republicans controlled the country.

No party ever worked a scheme harder for votes than the republicans of Surry did the subject of prosperity. For many years the voters were told that the party that brought prosperity was the party to vote with, and this carried such weight that men were caused to turn republican. For 40 years tobacco sold under republican rule for eight cents, and men of Surry lived in two room houses and rode in one horse wagons, and voted the republican ticket. And republican orators told them that was prosperity.

When Wilson was elected tobacco jumped at once to such prices that life time renters became land owners, and put the little wagon under the shelter, and now Mary Ann and the children go to church in the tin Lizzie. And now the republicans have quit talking prosperity, have you noticed, and are telling the voters to vote for GOOD men.

Any way there is a warm contest on in this county and every one is predicting that part, at least, of the democratic ticket is going to be elected, even if the republicans have put out GOOD men against them.

It is truly embarrassing for some of the boys who got automobile license two years ago to now be claiming their age to be just 16.

Patrick Man Shot.

Walter Webb, a citizen of Patrick county was brought to the hospital in this city Wednesday night to be treated for a gunshot wound. He was operated on at once and it was found that one shot had gone into a kidney, and one into the stomach and some into the intestines. The man is in a dangerous condition and not expected to live. Report has it that he and his neighbor Thos. Dobbins had played cards for money together and that Dobbins shot him with a shot gun as the result of the game. Webb is a man of family and has property.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE BEEKEEPERS

Beekeepers in this state are in grave danger of not securing sugar for winter feeding. This has been an off year in much of this state and bees are sure to need feeding to carry them through the winter.

It has already been decided definitely by the authorities at Washington to allow beekeepers all the sugar they need to feed, but the authorities in this state are not allowing yet the certificates that are necessary to have before the sugar can be secured.

Early in July it was given out from Raleigh that all persons needing sugar for any purpose should apply by July 15th. Beekeepers about this town made application and were referred to the local Food Administrator. In one way and another the issuing of certificates has been put off and winter is approaching and no definite decision has been reached in this state as to what will be done.

In reply to a letter of the Food Administration at Raleigh we got a letter wanting to know if we had any other food for them. Of course if beekeepers had honey they would not be asking for sugar, and sugar is the only food that can be used for winter feeding.

The local food administrator for this county is not a beekeeper and knows nothing of the needs of the bees. In this county some of the men in authority are under the impression that bees are able to shift for themselves and should not be allowed to consume sugar.

The Department of Agriculture at Washington appropriates annually \$5,000.00 to be spent in North Carolina to educate the farmers on the subject of beekeeping. Last summer a trained field man came through this part of the state and held many meetings at which he lectured the farmers on how to keep bees. His lectures created much interest and accomplished just what the government desired.

Now any man who is informed knows that the production of honey calls for artificial feed for the same reason that the production of milk and butter calls for grain. The bee can no more live off the range than can the dairy cow, and for the same reasons. And yet the food administrators have so far ruled that beekeepers must have only a limited supply of sugar, in this state, and beekeepers have been able to get no ruling that will allow them to buy the sugar. Of course the food administrators can put the beekeepers out of business, but it would be the part of wisdom to stop field agents from travelling over the state lecturing on bees before they make conditions such that bees cannot exist.

And so in the light of these facts it is the duty of the authorities to post up on the business and not cause the purpose of the government to be defeated by not allowing sugar where it is needed.

It appears to us to be the duty of the North Carolina beekeepers Association to get busy and see that some ruling is made in this state that will allow sugar where it is needed.

Men who are interested should write to Mr. Franklin Sherman, Jr., Raleigh, N. C. He is President of the North Carolina Beekeepers Association and he should be able to get the relief needed.

AN OPPORTUNITY

FOR JOHN DOBSON.

It was something in the way of entertainment to hear the Hon. John Dobson, back in his palmy days, tell the voters about the many nice things farmers brought home with their money after selling their tobacco for eight cents a pound, under the glorious republican rule. It was a day of great rejoicing, Mr. Dobson would declare when the farmer went away to market and sold the product of his labor and got the money and brought back things the family needed. If Mr. Dobson cared to get into the game, on the right side, it would be something now to hear him tell of the 30 cent tobacco, and the cancelled mortgage, and the tin lizzie standing out under the barn shelter, and the deed to the broad acres, and the nice painted cottage where once stood the little boxed-up three room house. Mary has been to college and is now teaching the neighborhood school, the old man has taken on pride and wants to be the neighborhood magistrate, and now walks the earth a free and independent citizen. In our imagination we can hear Mr. Dobson handle these facts in a way to carry the country all one way, if he cared to get back into the game, on the right side.

Mr. Columbus F. Norman, a highly respected citizen of Westfield township, died at his home near Brim, on last Friday about noon, in his 71st year. The funeral services were conducted at his home on Saturday afternoon, by his former pastor, W. M. Wall. He was buried in the family graveyard near his residence. Mr. Norman was a consistent member of Mt. Merman Methodist church for about 60 years.

Democratic County Ticket.

For Solicitor—11th Judicial District
S. PORTER GRAVES
For Senator—27th Senatorial District
CEBRON C. HUTCHENS
For House of Representatives
ROBERT A. FREEMAN
For Clerk of Superior Court
WILLIAM D. HAYNES
For County Treasurer
PRESTON H. SNOW
For Register of Deeds
MILLARD F. PATTERSON
For Coroner
DR. S. T. FLIPPIN
For Sheriff
R. CLEVELAND LEWELLYN
For County Commissioners
OLIVER N. SWANSON

Registrars for September 12th.

Pilot Township. R. E. Smith, Chief, Pilot Mountain; I. M. Gordon, Pilot Mountain; J. S. Patterson Pilot Mountain; W. J. Swanson, Pilot Mountain.
Rockford township. W. Y. Davenport, Chief Rockford; J. Frank Burrus Rockford.
Siloam Township. Dr. S. T. Flippin, Chief, Siloam; W. T. Crissman, Siloam.
Shoals Township. R. S. Scott, Chief, Shoals; J. P. Owens, Shoals.
Stewart Township. Will Lovill, chief Mt. Airy; T. D. Golding Round Peak; J. H. East, Mt. Airy; J. W. Johnson, Mount Airy.
Westfield Township. N. D. S. Hill, Chief, Westfield; W. B. Blair, Westfield; Dr. J. Thos. Smith, Westfield; Reid Snoddy, Mount Airy.
Bryan Township. A. H. Wolfe, Chief, Thurmond; J. C. Kapp, Kapps Mill.
Dobson Township. A. D. Folger, Chief, Dobson; B. F. Folger, Dobson; R. A. Freeman, Dobson; S. G. Brim, Dobson.
Eldora Township. W. L. Chilton, Chief, Ararat.
Elkin Township. J. H. Allen, Chief Elkin; J. S. Atkinson, Elkin; C. N. Bodenheimer, Elkin; C. G. Armfield, Elkin.
Franklin Township. Willie Gentry, Chief, Low Gap; Edgar Cockerham, Low Gap.
Long Hill Township. G. J. Key, Chief, Ararat.
Marsh Township. J. M. Key, Chief, Rusk; J. C. Bass, Rusk; Scales Draughn, Crutchfield.
Mount Airy Township, Ward No. 1. A. E. Tilley, Chief, Mount Airy; Winston Fulton, Mt. Airy; G. C. Lovill, Mt. Airy; E. H. Hennis, Mt. Airy; J. D. Minick, Mount Airy.
Mt. Airy Township, Ward No. 2. JohnBanner, Chief, Mt. Airy; J. B. Sparger, Mt. Airy; J. H. Carter, Mt. Airy; Henry Wolfe, Mt. Airy; E. H. Koehitzky, Mt. Airy.

Fine Meeting at Flat Rock.

Rev. J. H. Haynes, pastor of the Baptist church at Flat Rock closed last Sunday a meeting of two weeks that attracted great throngs of people and added many new members to the church. 26 were baptized last Sunday afternoon at Hamburg mills and 18 others joined the church. Others will be baptized on the 3rd Sunday in this month at the same place at 3 p. m.

The Germans are Working Among the Mexican men.

Los Angeles, Cal.—United States and California state officials are investigating a report that German sympathizers below the border are spreading the report that Mexican laborers who come to this country are liable to be impressed into the United States Army under the new 18 to 45 draft law. As many of the laborers on the ranches of the Southwest are Mexicans, such propaganda is one of serious import to the nation.

In some cases, according to reports made to United States Collector of Customs John B. Elliott of Los Angeles, German propandists have induced Mexican laborers to quit jobs in this country to return to their homeland through the circulation of such reports.

That steps to counteract this propaganda will be taken at once, is the assertion of both Mr. Elliott and the officials of the State Council of Defense. Many of these Mexican laborers are now earning as high as \$30 a week in this country.

Aside from this propaganda, it is reported that various sinister reports are being circulated in Mexico as to this country's purpose in the war, particularly emphasis being given to the insinuation that under conditions as they are at present all Mexicans are better off in their home country.

To put a partial check on this kind of German intrigue in Mexico, plans are being made by men who have business interests below the border to finance a tour of the Mexican border states, where the Germans are now more than ever in control of business. The plan is to send a score or more of Spanish-speaking business men into these states to acquaint the Mexicans with conditions as they really are in this country and to reassure them as to the attitude of the United States toward Mexico and the Mexicans.

Final Opening for Schools.

897 children entered school in this town last Monday. Just three less than even 900. The children brought their books and showed an interest that is not common. The first day was a work day and the little tots came home with lessons assigned and got down to business the first day. The schools this year are largely under a new management throughout. And those who have had the opportunity of meeting and getting acquainted with the new Superintendent, Prof. Eggs, think he is a man of ability and tact and will make us a fine school.

23 teachers are aiding in leading the young minds out of the tangles, and many are girls who live here, but have had experience at other points. It seems to be the impression that the school this year has a fine selection of teachers who are to do the real work of teaching.

Shoes! We Need Your Shoes! Shoe Trade! Shoes!

Don't forget we can fit the whole family at the right prices of course you know how shoes have advanced, but we have a large stock on hand. We bought a good while ago and we are going to give our customers the advantage of it. Be sure and give us a chance before you buy we can save you money.

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Mount Airy, North Carolina

1918 Race Program For Surry County Fair

First Day, September 24	
No. 1—2:27 Trot	\$400.00
No. 2—2:24 Pace	400.00
Second Day, September 25	
No. 3—2:20 Trot	\$400.00
No. 4—2:16 Pace	400.00
No. 5—2:23 Trot	400.00
Third Day, September 26	
No. 6—2:14 Trot	\$400.00
No. 7—2:19 Pace	400.00
No. 8—2:13 Pace	400.00
Fourth Day, September 27	
No. 9—2:17 Trot	\$400.00
No. 10—Free-for-all	400.00

All races under rules of the National Trotting Association, with stated exceptions. Colord drivers barred. Hopples allowed. Money divided 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent. No horse can win more than one money. Entrance fee 5 per cent of the purse, with 5 per cent additional from money winners. Two or more horses owned or controlled by same stable may start in any race by paying 5 per cent on each horse started. Mile heats 3 in 5, six to fill, four to start.

Rights reserved to change program or declare off for bad weather, or any other unavoidable cause. Entries close September 17th. Records made that day no bar.
EDW. M. LINVILLE, Sec.,
Mount Airy, N. C.

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