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## GREAT REGISTRATION DAY.

June 5, 1917, Will Become One of the Most Conspicuous Days in Our History, on Which the Manhood of the Nation Comes Forward in Defense of the Ideals To Which the Nation Is Consecrated. "The World Must Be Made Safe for Democracy."

(By Joseph Hyde Pratt.)

The Council of National Defense and the State Council of Defense have made several suggestions regarding Registration Day, and it is the desire and hope of the State Council of Defense that the people of North Carolina will carry out these suggestions as fully as they can in their several communities.

1. From press and pulpit, and in the school-room, every effort should be exerted to impress upon all citizens their duty at this vital crisis in the history of our country.

2. Registration Day should be celebrated as a consecration of the American people to service and to sacrifice. It should be a welcome to those registering. It should be a public expression by each community of willingness to surrender its sons to the country.

3. It should be celebrated in a serious spirit and kept as Registration Day only. It must be distinguished from the ordinary holiday. No other objects should be allowed to intrude thereon.

4. Elaborate and costly decorations should be discouraged. It is suggested that every household try to have displayed an American flag.

5. The celebration should be centered around registration places, and those who register should be especially distinguished.

6. The registration places should be decorated with the National colors and emblems. If possible, have one large American flag flying from a flagstaff at registration place.

7. At seven in the morning, the hour of the opening of the registration booths, church and fire bells should be rung and whistles blown.

8. In many places, parades can be made a feature of the day; and the men registering should be made a special part of the parade. If the men to register can group themselves, they should be escorted to the registration places with patriotic music by their kinsfolk, neighbors, and friends. Another suggestion is that near the close of the Day a parade be organized in which those who have registered would form the center of the parade. The march should be made to some suitable place where a short patriotic address should be made by some prominent citizen. It is also suggested that the President's proclamation be read. All National Guard units and anyone connected with any Federal military organization should play patriotic music.

9. A uniform badge, consisting of an arm band three inches wide of khaki colored cloth, is to be given to all those who register, and only to those who register. This badge will be uniform throughout the country and must be provided by each community. It is suggested that Chambers of Commerce, Boards of Trade, Community Clubs, and other organizations or committees should be appointed to see that suitable material is provided for making these arm bands to be pinned around the arm of each one as he registers. Women should be appointed to be at the registration places during the Day to pin the badges on the arms of the men registering.

10. "I earnestly trust that throughout the State it may be made a day of consecration and prayer. I do urge that every man who can spare time will turn out on Registration Day and assist in every possible way in securing a complete registration in every precinct." (Governor Bickett.)

In many cities and towns, it may be found advisable to hold a patriotic rally on the night of June 4th. At this rally there should be patriotic music sung and a clear and concise statement made of the requirements of the law. It would also be a good time to read the President's proclamation.

In order to insure a full registration, it is going to be necessary to call the attention of the people of the rural sections to the need of registration; and it is suggested that the Chambers of Commerce, Boards of

## LOWER PRICES IS TO BE AIM.

Steps to be Taken by New Food Administration as Soon as Congress Passes Bill. Margins To Be Cut Down. Hoover Convinced That With Co-Operation of People the Food Problem Can Be Solved With Minimum Dislocation.

Reduction of the present high prices the consumer pays for food, it was announced at Washington Tuesday, will be one of the first aims of the new food administration which will be created with Herbert C. Hoover at its head as soon as Congress passes the government's food control legislation.

This will be undertaken by cutting down the margin between producer and consumer through a system of executive s under the central administration each to study means of shortening the speculative chain that handles a particular commodity. The first staples to be studied probably will be grain, flour, meat and sugar.

Stability of prices, Mr. Hoover believes, is vital to the successful lowering of costs to the consumer, both here and abroad. The executives will have under them boards, on which will be represented producer, middleman and consumer. Their efforts will be in the direction of modification of present trade methods, and the stimulation of production.

Emile Level, food expert with the permanent French commission here, presented to Mr. Hoover and Secretary Houston today France's food needs for the next few months. M. Level will make all French food purchases in this country until a permanent arrangement is made among the allies. When that is done he will represent France on the allied food purchasing commission.

The food administration, it was said Tuesday, will take up this work step by step, determined to adopt no irrevocable measures. Mr. Hoover is convinced that with the co-operation of the people, the food problem can be solved with a minimum of dislocation.

Offers of volunteer service to the administration continue to pour into Mr. Hoover's office. Virtually every occupation and industry is represented.

## U-BOAT SINKINGS DECREASE.

Eighteen British Merchant Ships of Over 1,600 Tons Sunk During the Past Week.

London, May 30.—Eighteen British merchant vessels of more than 1,600 tons were sunk during the past week, it was officially announced tonight. One vessel of less than 1,600 tons and two fishing vessels were sunk.

The text of the announcement reads: "Weekly summary: arrivals 2,719; sailings, 2,768.

"British merchant vessels sunk by mines or submarines, over 1,600 tons 18; under 1,600 tons, one.

"British merchant vessels unsuccessfully attacked, including one previously reported, 17.

"British fishing vessels sunk, 2." The report invariably includes all merchant tonnage known to have been sunk by mine or submarine whether employed by the government or otherwise.

The loss of British shipping from the submarine war as reported this week total 21, as compared with a total of 30 in the previous week. While the losses of vessels exceeding 1,600 tons each remain the same as in the last previous report, the number of vessels of less than 1,600 tons is reduced from nine to only one. The number of fishing vessels sunk is reduced from three to two.

British Columbia last year exported to the United States 117,864 bushels of potatoes, valued at \$113,703.

Trade, and other organizations arrange to send out into the rural sections to explain registration day and urge upon all the necessity for registering.

Considerable attention should also be given to the question of registering the colored men. They are obliged to register the same as the white men, and they need instruction in regard to what Registration Day means and the necessity for their registering. Meetings should be called of the colored men and Registration Day explained to them.

Form 1		REGISTRATION CARD		No. ....	Age, in yrs.
1	Name in full	(Given name)	(Family name)		
2	Home address	(No.)	(Street)	(City)	(State)
3	Date of birth	(Month)	(Day)	(Year)	
4	Are you (1) a natural-born citizen, (2) a naturalized citizen, (3) an alien, (4) or have you declared your intention (specify which)?				
5	Where were you born?	(Town)	(State)	(Nation)	
6	If not a citizen, of what country are you a citizen or subject?				
7	What is your present trade, occupation, or office?				
8	By whom employed?				
	Where employed?				
9	Have you a father, mother, wife, child under 12, or a sister or brother under 12, solely dependent on you for support (specify which)?				
10	Married or single (which)?	Race (specify which)?			
11	What military service have you had? Rank	; Branch?			
	Years	; Nation or State			
12	Do you claim exemption from draft (specify grounds)?				
I affirm that I have verified above answers and that they are true.					
(signature or mark)					

## KAISER FAR FROM DEFEAT. ANTI-DRAFT MEN TO GO TO JAIL.

Dr. David Jayne Hill Not Sure Germany Will Be Beaten. Warns Country of Dangers. Former Ambassador Says United States Must Lay Wealth and Lives at Altar of Defense.

(Baltimore Sun.)

New York, May 29.—Dr. David Jayne Hill, former Ambassador to Germany, in an address to the trustees of the American Defense Society here today, warned that Germany was far from defeat, and discussed the theory that the Hohenzollerns alone were responsible for that country's imperialistic ambitions. He asserted that the present war was a struggle of political systems.

"The people of Germany," declared Dr. Hill, "are more loyal to the Emperor than the Democratic party is to Wilson today. The President has said that we have no hostility toward the German people, but do not the German people support the Imperial German Government to a man? Didn't a wave of general rejoicing go through Germany when the Lusitania went down? How many Germans in Germany can you find who are not imperialistic? I have never found one."

"This," added Dr. Hill, "is going to be a different world if the Central Powers win the war, and it is by no means certain that they will not. Unless we conscript ourselves for this battle and lay our wealth and our lives at the altar of the defense of our institutions we will find our descendants in the vortex of world dominating schemes of autocracy."

Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard, in an address to members of the executive committee of the National Security League, sounded a similar warning.

"The danger confronting the United States is as great as that of 1776," he said, "and not one-third of the people realize it."

"The need," added Professor Hart, "is very grave for immediate impressing upon the people of this country the reasons for entrance into the war and the fact that the life of democracy—the very life of the nation itself—hangs upon our victory over Germany."

## GRAIN PRICES TAKE A DOWNWARD SWING

Chicago, May 31.—Optimistic crop reports and the northward spread of the harvest gave a decided downward swing to the wheat market today. Prices closed unsettled three and a half to 9 cents nets lower, with July at 194 and September at 180. Corn finished one and a half at three and three-quarters off, and oats at a decline of one and one-fourth at one and three-fourths cents. In provisions the outcome ranged from a setback of 17 cents to a rise of 25 cents.

## RUSSO-GERMANS MORE ACTIVE AT THE CAPITAL OF BANNER.

Austrians Suffer Another Defeat by Italians East of Gorizia and on the Vodic. Driven Back in the Plava. On Both the British and French Fronts Tuesday Was Another Day of Calm.

On the southern end of the line near the head of the Gulf of Trieste, in the Austro-Italian theatre, the Italians for the moment have paused in their titanic effort to push forward to Trieste and heavy fighting again is in progress to the north around Gorizia, Plava and the Vodic. East of Gorizia and on the Vodic the Austrians attempted to carry the offensive to the Italians, but artillery fire stopped the assaults and in the last named sector the Italians themselves delivered an attack and notwithstanding stubborn resistance made progress on the southeastern slope of Hill 52. Likewise in the Plava sector the Austrians were driven back and lost 100 men made prisoner.

Around San Giovanni and Duino at the lower end of the line the Austrians heavily bombarded the Italians in their new positions and ineffectually tried to oust them. Both sides are claiming the capture of large numbers of prisoners since the new battle from Tolmino to the sea began, the Italians asserting that they have taken 23,681 and the Austrians 14,500.

Tuesday passed with relative calm on both the British and French fronts in France.

Following reports of an increase in the Russian artillery activity against the Austrians in the eastern theatre comes a statement that there has been a renewal of the activity of the Russo-Rumanian forces against the Teutonic allies in Rumania and that early attacks by them are expected. The visits to Jassy the new capital of Rumania, of M. Thomas, the French minister of munitions, and M. Kerensky, the Russian minister of war, possibly may be connected with the revival of the activity of the Russo-Rumanian troops.—Associated Press Summary for Tuesday.

## MARRIED MEN NOT EXEMPT.

Only Those Whose Dependents Must Rely Solely On Them for Support Should Claim Exemption.

In Monday's Greensboro News a dispatch from Washington was published about the exemption of married men. This news story was published in The Herald Tuesday. In Tuesday's edition of the Greensboro News was published a modification of this story, as follows:

Provost Marshal General Enoch H. Crowder denied yesterday the rumor which had gained great currency that it had been decided to discharge all married men from selective draft. The story from the remark of Secretary Baker of the war department that he hoped it would be possible to exclude from the draft all married men whose dependents were "solely dependent." It was found that a number of married men not only were under the impression that marriage itself provided exemption from draft, but that it obviated even registration itself. In order to correct this misunderstanding, General Crowder issued the following statement:

"The act establishing the selective draft authorities the President to exclude or discharge from the draft 'those in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their exclusion or discharge advisable.' The census estimate shows that almost half of the men available for draft, under the act of Congress, are married and any sweeping exclusion of married men would, therefore, be inadvisable. Only those whose dependents must rely solely on them for support should claim exemption and, of course, all married men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, must register whether or not they propose to claim exemption."

## Change of Sunday School Place.

We are requested to announce that the Sunday school which has been conducted at Yelvington's Grove will be held hereafter in the Tabernacle on the Selma road near the Massey place. The time of meeting is 3 o'clock every Sunday afternoon.

British Columbia cities have an aggregate public debt of \$73,676,039.

Deputy George F. Moore, Charged With the Killing of John Denning, Gets Verdict of "Not Guilty." John Hudson Must Undergo Operation for Appendicitis Before Assuming His Task in Atlanta "Pen." Other Items of Interest.

Benson, May 31.—Mrs. J. B. Benton and little son returned Sunday from an extended visit to relatives in Jonesboro, N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Cavenaugh are spending the week with relatives in Wallace.

Mr. Willie Allen who has been visiting here, from Jacksonville, Fla., for the past several days, will leave today for Petersburg where he will spend some time before going home. Mr. John Hudson, who was sentenced to the Atlanta Pen for one year by Judge Connor last week, is sick with appendicitis and will not be taken to the Pen till operated on.

Mrs. George F. Moore and child have been spending a few days with Mrs. Moore's father, Mr. J. D. Lassiter, of Wilson's Mills, recently.

Messrs. J. B. Holmes, A. W. Hodges, L. A. Hodges and Telfar Tart went down to Cumberland County this morning and will spend the days fishing.

Mrs. J. R. McLamb returned Wednesday from Sampson County where she has been for the past few days visiting relatives.

Messrs. Claud Henry and R. L. Flowers and Deputy George Moore spent the past few days in Raleigh attending Federal Court which has been in session there.

Miss Florence Adams, of Four Oaks, was here for a few hours Monday evening with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boon and children went up to Raleigh Wednesday, spending the day on business matters.

Mrs. J. R. Barbour and son, J. R. Jr., returned home from Hamlet Wednesday, after spending several weeks there with relatives.

Messrs. Eli Tarlington, J. D. Morgan, J. W. Whittenton, J. F. Lee, Paul Lee, R. T. Surles, Claud Henry, A. Parrish and others attended the trial of George F. Moore in the Federal Court Saturday. Deputy Moore was charged with the killing of John Denning at a still in operation near Dunn last summer. The jury returned a verdict of "not guilty" after being out barely three minutes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rose and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Rackley went down to the home of Mr. J. J. Rose Sunday and spent the day.

Misses Flora Canaday and Ruby Hobbs are spending a few days with friends in Selma this week.

Mr. N. W. Porter had the misfortune to fall while at work on the apartment house near the Methodist church Friday and hurt himself painfully, though not seriously.

Dr. W. T. Martin went up to his old home in Yadkin County last Friday and spent a few days with his father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin and Messrs. J. H. Boon and Dr. J. F. Martin spent Sunday in Clayton, where Dr. Martin delivered a lecture to the Sunday school there.

Messrs. R. F. Smith, J. R. Barbour, W. H. Royal and S. F. Ivey were visitors to Raleigh Monday.

Miss Eloise Turley, of Clayton, has been spending a few days here recently at the home of Miss Velma Brady.

Mr. D. M. Hall, of Clayton, was here Sunday at the home of his brother, Mr. J. L. Hall.

Mrs. J. H. Boon returned from Oxford the first of the week accompanied by her daughters, Misses Alta and Vada Boon, who have been in college there.

Mr. Jesse T. Morgan has returned home from Chapel Hill where he has been in school for the past year.

Mr. Percy Barbour, of Cleveland township, recently spent a few days here with his sister, Mrs. J. F. Lee.

Mr. Robert Jones, of Lillington, was here yesterday for a short while to see his father Mr. C. B. Jones.

Mr. Jack Ryals, of Rocky Mount, was here for a few days recently on a visit to relatives.

Mr. B. I. Tart, cashier of the Four Oaks Bank, was in town for a short while Tuesday on business matters.

Odessa, Russia, last year sent 385,000 pounds of beet seed, valued at \$31,738, to the United States.