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MEN WHO FAILED TO APPEAR.

Names of Those Who Have As Yet Failed to Show Up for Examination Before Exemption Board Number One at Smithfield. Unless They Appear at Once for Examination They Will be Enrolled in the Army and Treated as Deserters.

The work of the exemption boards is a difficult one and every time any man fails to appear or makes excuses which are not allowed under the law he makes the work more difficult.

Exemption Board No. 1, sitting at Smithfield, called 298 men to appear last week. All of these except 16 made their appearance and were examined. The following have not yet been heard from:

- 50—1264—Will Ennis. Smithfield, N. C.
- 64—1685—Manuel Jackson. Smithfield, N. C.
- 82—1395—Donnie A. Benson. Smithfield, N. C.
- 85—513—Hansom Wadsworth. Four Oaks, N. C.
- 90—1636—Edgar Whitley. Smithfield, N. C.
- 107—983—James W. Johnson. Four Oaks, N. C., R. No. 4.
- 119—1673—Roy Womble. Smithfield, N. C.
- 126—343—Jonas A. Stanley. Four Oaks, N. C.
- 131—905—Ernest Crowder. Clayton, N. C., R. No. 1.
- 154—677—James B. Weaver. Benson, N. C.
- 168—1580—Doris Thomas. Smithfield, N. C.
- 186—269—George S. Weaver. Bentonville, N. C.
- 196—923—Lee O. Perry. Four Oaks, N. C., R. No. 4.
- 255—1423—Major R. Jones. Smithfield, N. C.
- 273—1677—Will Smith. Smithfield, N. C.
- 279—1715—Edgar M. Denning. Benson, N. C.

The above will, under the law, be treated as deserters and dealt with severely unless they appear immediately for examination with just cause for delay.

RAISING PART OF SIX BILLION.

Both Branches of Congress Wrestle This Week With Knotty and Great Financial Problems.

Washington, Aug. 12.—While the Senate continues debate on the \$2,000,000,000 war tax bill this week, initial steps will be taken in the House toward raising part of the additional \$6,000,000,000 needed to carry on the war until July 1, 1918.

More ready money, possibly \$1,000,000,000 or \$2,000,000,000, will be necessary to meet current expenditures before Congress can appropriate it at the next session, so Secretary McAdoo has arranged a meeting with Democratic Leader Kitchin, for early in the week, probably Tuesday, to discuss the situation. Members of the ways and means committee, both Democrats and Republicans, have expressed willingness to pass without delay legislation for any reasonable amount the government may require. Senate leaders are also ready to cooperate.

Sentiment for raising additional funds at this time by a bond issue and certificates of indebtedness and not by taxation is strong in both houses.

Administration officials have not stated the exact amount they desire authorized now, but a request for more than \$2,000,000,000 additional would meet with strong opposition in the House. The "pay-as-you-go" element is strong in the ways and means committee.

Food Control by the Government.

On Friday, when President Wilson signed the Administration's Food Regulation bill and appointed Herbert Hoover food administrator, the regulation and control of the country's food supply passed into the hands of the government. The first work of the food administration will be the regulation of the system of the distribution of wheat and in the manufacture and sale of flour and bread.

Heat Gets Heavy Toll.

The hot wave which ended on August 4th was responsible for the death of 955 people, the weekly health bulletin says.

FLANDERS BATTLE HAMPERED.

British, However, Gain a German Crater In Face of the Stormy Weather. Mackensen Using Strong Forces Against Russo-Rumanians. War Progress on Sunday.

Unfavorable weather again is hampering large scale operations in Flanders, but in Southern Moldavia the desperate fighting between the Russo-Rumanians and the Teutons continues with increasing ferocity.

Field Marshal von Mackensen is using strong forces in an endeavor to break through the entente line toward the railroad junction of Tecuchiu. The Russians and Rumanians are resisting valiantly the numerically superior enemy, but have been forced to give up, at least temporarily, their positions along the railroad line north of Fokshani.

A Russian-Rumanian retirement to the villages of Marascehti and Furtzeni, on the Sereth river, is reported by Petrograd. In counterattacks preceding their retreat the Russians and Rumanians took 1,200 German prisoners. Berlin says that von Mackensen's troops withstood strong attacks and captured more than 6,700 prisoners as well as eighteen cannon and 61 machine guns.

The weather was wet and stormy in Flanders Saturday night and early Sunday and there was little infantry activity, but the artillery firing continues to be intense. In an isolated section north of Lens the British gained possession of a German crater.

During Saturday night and Sunday morning the French re-captured all the remaining trench elements taken by the Germans Wednesday night. A German attack south of Allies on the Aisne front was repulsed by General Petain's men. Berlin reports the repulse of French attacks in the region of Cerny on the same front.—Associated Press.

VICTORY BY AUTUMN OF 1918.

Says Governor T. W. Bickett Who Makes Splendid Address in Asheville to Large Audience.

Asheville, Aug. 12.—"By the time the last leaves fall in the autumn of 1918 and the boys come marching home crowned with victory and success, the whole nation will rise to a higher position in the esteem of the whole world than it has ever held before and the world will know that Old Glory has saved the civilization of the world."

This striking statement was made here tonight by Gov. Thomas W. Bickett, speaking to an audience that jammed the large auditorium here, while hundreds of others, unable to obtain entrance to the building were turned away disappointed. Governor Bickett was introduced by James J. Britt, former congressman from this district.

The meeting was held under the auspices of the First Baptist church, Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the church, arranging for the presence of Governor Bickett and transferring the services from the church to the auditorium, in order to accommodate the crowd. Former-Governor Locke Craig and other distinguished citizens occupied the stage with the speaker of the evening.

"We can't stay out of the fight one minute longer and preserve even the semblance of self respect," the governor declared.

"They are coming from Greenland's icy mountains and from India's sunny shores to battle with the Goliath of autocracy, and America must do her share for the democracy of the world."—Charlotte Observer.

AIR RAIDERS KILL 23 MORE.

Nine Women and Six Children Victims of Bombs When German Raiders Visit Essex.

London, Aug. 12.—Twenty-three persons, including 9 women and 6 children, were killed and 50 persons were injured at Southend, in Essex, 40 miles east of London, by bombs dropped today by German raiders, says an official statement issued tonight.

Considerable damage to property was caused at Southend by the nearly 40 bombs dropped upon the town.

Two men were injured at Rochford, but four bombs dropped on Margate, in Kent, did little damage.

WILMINGTON MAY GET CAMP.

Major General Wood Says He Expects Before Spring To Use Site Offered. Either Training Camp or Convalescent Hospital to be Placed on 7,000-Acre Tract.

Charleston, S. C., Aug. 11.—Major General Leonard Wood, commanding the Southeastern Department, stated today he expected to use a 7,000-acre tract near Wilmington for either a convalescent hospital or training camp before the winter is over.

He stated that unquestionably more camps would have to be established in the South to care for the men undergoing training in the North who would be forced to the South with the first snow. In the event of using some other place, he will strongly urge the construction of a hospital at Wilmington because of a 26-foot channel to the site, its excellent drainage and the splendid climate the year round. The hospital would be used largely for wounded returning from the European fronts.—Wilmington Star.

PREPARE FOR MAIL DELIVERY.

Street Signs to Be Erected and the Houses of Smithfield to Be Numbered.

At their meeting Thursday night, the following resolution was passed:

Whereas, the Post Office Department of the United States has signified its willingness to institute and install village delivery of mails in Smithfield, provided the Town shall erect name signs on all streets of the town, and have the houses and buildings of the town properly numbered;

And, Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Smithfield are of the Opinion that such mail service will be beneficial to the citizens and residents of Smithfield;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, That the Street Commissioner be and he is hereby directed to proceed at once to procure and have erected suitable street names sign-boards or plates on all the streets of the Town of Smithfield as required by the United States Post Office Department.

Be it further resolved, That all property owners in the town of Smithfield be and they are hereby requested and required to have properly numbered their houses and places of business, according to plan to be outlined by the Town under the direction of the Mayor.

Killed In Well by Gas.

On last Friday, John Morgan, a colored man living on the farm of Capt. H. L. Skinner, in Clayton township, was killed by poisonous gas in his father's well near Smithfield.

This well when being dug gave trouble to the diggers on account of gas which came into it. Alonzo Smith, a brother-in-law of John Morgan, went into this well last Thursday and next day warned John not to go into it, telling him he would not live ten minutes in the well. John went into the well and in about five minutes asked to be drawn out. The well is thirty-five feet deep and when about half way up he asked to stop. It was seen that he was in bad condition and holding to the rope with only one hand. Very soon he turned loose the rope and dropped head foremost to the bottom of the well and broke his skull in two places and broke one of his legs also. Next day a chicken was let down into this well and died in a few minutes. There is said to be one other well in this community which has this gas. John Morgan was a noted well digger, having worked for many years in this business of digging and cleaning out wells. He was the main worker in this line in the section between Clayton and Smithfield and between Swift Creek and Neuse river. He leaves, with his wife, nine dependent children.

Gruesome Express Package.

A startling story was printed in the daily papers Saturday, sent out from Lexington. A lady of that place received an express package and upon opening it she found a human arm which had been cut off at the shoulder and embalmed. It was shipped from Mercer, Pa. Mrs. Conrad, the lady who received the package, has a son living in Mercer and by some it was thought to be the arm of the young man.

State University Gets \$75,000.

Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, who died a short while ago left in her will \$75,000 to the University of North Carolina. She was a Kenan before her marriage to her first husband, Henry M. Flagler, the Standard Oil magnate. The money is to be used in establishing a professorship at the University.

A kind heart saddles the load of many an empty pocketbook.

NEXT TUESDAY TO BE BIG DAY.

Smithfield Tobacco Market Will Open With Full Corps of Buyers. Prospects Are Good for the Highest Prices Ever.

Next Tuesday, August 21, has been set apart as the opening day on the Smithfield tobacco market. The opening day on this market has come to be an event of more than ordinary importance. From far and near the farmers bring their tobacco here on that day because they know they are going to get high prices. This year will be no exception to the rule except that the buyers are expecting higher prices than ever before.

Smithfield, which has been one of the leading markets in Eastern North Carolina for nearly twenty years, will stand in the fore front again this year. There will be buyers here representing all the big concerns. There is plenty of storage room and all necessary accommodations for man and beast. Already lots of tobacco has been sent in to be graded for the opening sale and many think it will be one of the biggest opening breaks in recent years. But with the three big warehouses in operation there will be room enough for all that may come.

The prices on the South Carolina markets have attracted much attention and our buyers will be on their best behavior on opening day. They know that every one is looking for Smithfield to make a record and they will do their best for every man who visits the market with tobacco on that day.

COMMISSIONS AT OGLETHORPE.

Several Johnston County Boys In the Successful List of Young Officers.

Sunday's daily papers carried the list of the young men who won commissions in the army at Fort Oglethorpe as a result of the first three months in the officers' training camp. In the list were several Johnston County young men, as follows:

Roscoe E. Parker, of Raleigh now, but originally from Oneals township, was given a commission as Captain of Infantry. Mr. Parker was, until his resignation three months ago, secretary of the North Carolina Audubon Society. He is a son of Mr. W. T. Parker, a former County Commissioner of Johnston County.

The following were given commissions as Second Lieutenant in the reserve section of the Infantry Corps: Leon A. Adams, of Four Oaks, and Oliver G. Rand, of Garner, R. F. D. Oliver G. Rand is a Smithfield boy who was prepared for college at our graded school and graduated at the University at Chapel Hill last June. He is a son of Mr. O. R. Rand. Hubert E. Olive, of Clayton, was given a commission as Second Lieutenant in the Field Artillery Reserve Corps.

Bennett E. Nooe, Jr., of Clayton, was given a Second Lieutenant's commission in the Quartermaster National Army. Bruce H. Carraway, now of High Point, but formerly Principal of the Clayton High School, is also given a Second Lieutenant's place in the Quartermaster Corps National Army.

INFANTILE PARALYSIS SPREADING IN VIRGINIA.

Winchester, Va., Aug. 11.—Armed guards were stationed today along all roads leading from the south and southeast into Winchester to prevent the entrance of persons coming from districts in the valley where infantile paralysis is epidemic. Two men who came from Warren County were taken into custody at the railroad station and forced to return home, while many families returning from visits in the infected districts have been placed under quarantine. The disease is said to be spreading in the valley but no deaths have been reported for several days.

FARM LOAN REQUESTS OVER \$1,000,000 A DAY.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Application for farm loans are pouring into the federal land banks at the rate of more than \$1,000,000 a day, the federal farm loan board announced today, the total for July having reached \$34,310,000. During that month the board approved loans amounting to \$16,000,000. About \$4,000,000 has been loaned farmers thus far.

THESE CLAIM NO EXEMPTION.

Forty-Six Men in Johnston County, District No. 1, Ready to Answer Country's Call.

We have been furnished with the following list of young men in Johnston County, District No. 1, who asked for no exemption (or who filed no claims for exemption) when they presented themselves for examination. Of the list 34 are white men and eleven are negroes. If there is any error in this list notice of it should at once be presented to Dr. Thel Hooks, secretary.

- 4—854—Donnie Ralph Godwin. Cleveland Township.
- 20—536—Willie Woodall. Ingrams Township.
- 27—755—Paul Sexton Lee. Banner Township.
- 37—486—Tommie Vincent Parker. Ingrams Township.
- 73—18—Norman F. Parrish. Wilson's Mills Township.
- 87—1020—Jesse V. Ellis. Elevation Township.
- 89—1099—John P. Ryals. Meadow Township.
- 106—972—William E. Barbour. Ingrams Township.
- 118—1300—Andrew L. Bradley. Smithfield Township.
- 132—933—Herbert P. Honeycutt. Elevation Township.
- 133—1531—Rowden W. Hill. Smithfield Township.
- 136—355—Mathew M. Dunn. Ingrams Township.
- 147—574—Dudley Norris. Banner Township.
- 158—525—George P. Baker. Ingrams Township.
- 160—574—Robert L. Powell. Smithfield Township.
- 173—1132—John K. Tart. Meadow Township.
- 183—638—Jesse J. Lee. Banner Township.
- 188—1141—Thomas F. Adams. Meadow Township.
- 189—1314—Clarence H. Stevens. Smithfield Township.
- 199—1007—Louis M. Mangum. Elevation Township.
- 206—360—Jasper J. Allen. Ingrams Township.
- 218—128—Lynn Hayes. Pleasant Grove Township.
- 228—327—Willis M. Barbour. Ingrams Township.
- 229—664—Percy B. Stevens. Smithfield Township.
- 233—1557—David H. Benson. Smithfield Township.
- 252—30—Otho H. Ellis. Wilson's Mills Township.
- 253—199—Daniel H. Partin. Pleasant Grove Township.
- 272—944—John William King. Elevation Township.
- 285—297—Darvin B. Hayes. Bentonville Township.
- 294—368—Charlie R. Rhodes. Ingrams Township.
- 298—950—Ransom R. Barbour. Elevation Township.

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- 13—275—Joseph Leonard Loftin. Bentonville Township.
- 23—126—Letha Ruffin. Pleasant Grove Township.
- 24—1679—Andrew Ennis. Smithfield Township.
- 26—784—Blanco McKoy. Banner Township.
- 34—1676—Richard Stevens. Smithfield Township.
- 48—403—Cicero Rogers. Ingrams Township.
- 59—10—James O. Hines. Wilson's Mills Township.
- 76—1484—Carlyle W. Mason. Smithfield Township.
- 94—602—Eugene Williams. Banner Township.
- 137—530—Lancey Sanders. Ingrams Township.
- 175—1485—George W. Smith. Smithfield Township.
- 236—1595—Charlie Bryant. Smithfield Township.
- 266—1712—Alvin Artis. Ingrams Township.
- 297—320—Charlie Brown. Ingrams Township.

CONTROLLING BREAD SUPPLY.

Government Prepared to Take Over Entire 1917 Wheat Crop If Necessary to Insure Conservation and Just Prices. To License Elevators and Mills and Regulate Middlemen and Exchanges.

Washington, August 12.—The food administration announced tonight its plan for controlling wheat, flour and bread, revealing the government is prepared to take over the whole 1917 wheat harvest if necessary to conserve the supply, obtain just prices for America's fighting forces and their allies and reduce costs to the general public in the United States.

Establishing of buying agencies at all the principal terminals, licensing of elevators and mills, fixing of a price to be considered fair, regulation of the middle men and of grain exchanges with the elimination of trading futures, are the chief features of the plan. The licensing will begin September 1st.

The minimum price of \$2 for wheat fixed by Congress does not become effective until next year, but the administration proposes to exercise a very thorough control over this year's crop through powers conferred under the food and export bills.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK BY SUB.

Captain Made Prisoner. Four of Armed Guard of Oil Tanker Campana Also Captured. Forty-Seven Survivors Landed.

Washington, Aug. 12.—Sinking of the American steamer Campana, a Standard Oil tanker, with the probable capture of her captain and four members of the naval guard by the attacking German submarine, was announced today by the navy department.

The department issued this statement: "The Standard Oil tanker Campana, American steamer, was sunk by a submarine on the morning of August 6, 143 miles west of Ile de Re. Forty-seven survivors reached land in safety. It is believed that the captain of the steamer and four of the armed guard are prisoners on board the German submarine."

THIRTY-EIGHT AMERICAN MERCHANT SHIP SUNK.

New York, Aug. 12.—The Campana was formerly the steamship Dunmolme. She was built in 1901 at West Marlpool, England, and was registered at 3,313 tons gross, 2,133 tons net. She was 335 feet long with a beam of fort-seven feet.

The Campana was the thirty-eighth American merchant ship destroyed through the operations of German and Austrian submarines and raiders since the war began. Thirteen of these ships were sunk before the United States entered the war April 6, 1917, and twenty-five since that time. The total tonnage of the ships lost is about 113,000 tons, including 64,000 tons sunk since April 6.

No American ships fell victims to the central powers in 1914 and only two in 1915 and the same number in 1916. When Germany began her unrestricted submarine warfare, however, attacks on American shipping became more frequent, and America lost nine ships between that date and the time when the United States declared a state of war existed with that country.

The first American ship sunk was the William P. Frye, January 28, 1915.

Exemption Boards Very Busy.

The Johnston County Exemption Boards Nos. 1 and 2 are very busy with the important work entrusted to them. They have been over the papers of the first men called before them and exempted some and held some for the army. They are not ready to make report of their work yet. We hope to have a list of those who will go to the army in our next issue.

Exemption Board No. 2, sitting at Selma, examined the second call yesterday. About 200 men presented themselves. The number excused on account of physical defects was not as great yesterday as it was in the lot examined last week.

Exemption Board No. 1, sitting at Smithfield, will have 75 before it today and another 75 tomorrow.