

## NEW FOOD ORDER IS FAR-REACHING

More Than 100,000,000 Bushels of Wheat Necessary to Win the War.

### CONFUSION WAS UNAVOIDABLE

Not More Than 70 Per Cent of Normal Supply of Flour Will Be Available from Now Until Next Harvest—Substitute Cereals Plentiful, of Great Variety and No Less Nutritious Than Wheat—No Exceptions Can Be Made and Dealers and Consumers Must Act in Good Faith.

Raleigh.—The recent order of the Food Administration under authority of President Wilson's proclamation forbidding the sale of wheat flour except in combination with an equal weight of cereal substitutes is the most far-reaching and radical order that has been issued since the beginning of the war with the possible exception of the Fuel Administration's order closing down all industries for a period of five days on account of the fuel situation.

Did Not Come Too Soon. The order of the Food Administration, in the opinion of well informed men, did not come too soon. This nation faces the absolute necessity of supplying out of its normal consumption of flour more than 100,000,000 bushels of wheat and this must come during the next five months or so. The government is taking 30 per cent of the output of all of the larger flour mills, which means that none of our merchants during the next five months can hope to secure more than 70 per cent of their normal demands of flour. In no other way, except by the order requiring combination sales, could an equitable distribution of this reduced supply of flour have been sold.

The fear that some people have had that they may go hungry is not only groundless but is absolutely ridiculous because this country has a list of cereal substitutes that is almost inexhaustible insofar as human consumption is concerned. These substitutes are just as wholesome as wheat flour.

Some Confusion Unavoidable. Naturally there is now and will be for some time confusion and some inconvenience and some slight hardships imposed upon some people because of the low supply of cereal substitutes in the channels of trade, the demand for these cereal substitutes having been much smaller up to this time than they will be. This matter will quickly adjust itself, however, with due regard to cost to the consumer. In other words, the Food Administration is not going to permit profiteering in these substitutes simply because they are scarce. It has absolutely controlled the situation with regard to sugar and flour price and there is no reason to believe that it will not control this situation effectively. The Food Administration has already indicated by actions as well as by words that any merchant who disregards the new order or who does not act in good faith will be promptly dealt with.

Must Be Good Faith. Corn meal and edible wheat shorts and middlings are included in the list of cereal substitutes that may be sold in combination with flour only when they are of edible quality and are going to be used for human consumption and not for livestock feed. Ordinary shipped stuff and similar products may not be regarded as a cereal substitute.

It has been suggested that retail merchants confine their sales of flour along with cereal substitutes to very small amounts until they are able to replenish their stocks of cereal substitutes. This course is being generally followed by retailers who desire to protect all of their customers.

List of Substitutes. Cereal substitutions that may be sold in combination with flour are corn meal, corn flour, edible wheat shorts and middlings, edible corn starch, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, rolled oats, oatmeal, rice, rice flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, buckwheat flour, cottonseed flour, milo, kaffir and feterita flours and meals, soya beans flour, peanut flour, casava flour, taro flour, banana flour. No other product other than those named may be substituted.

#### Why He Wanted a Nickel.

"Here's a nickel, dear, for doing that errand for me."  
"Make it five pennies, please Auntie."  
"Why, child, the amount is the same."  
"Yes; but a nickel comes in too handy when mama wants to go and telephone somebody."—Boston Transcript

#### Wanted the Cash.

Jinks—I hear your boy in college is opposed to the draft.  
Jenks—Well, he did say it would be handier if I sent him the cash.—Judge.

### SELMA SCHOOL NOTES.

Much interest is being manifested in the Chautauqua contest. There are two groups, the Red, led by Mr. Moser, and the Blue, by Mr. Proctor. Among the teachers in the contest are: Misses Hand, Boseman, and Mr. Moser for the Reds, and Miss Paris, Mrs. Ethridge, and Mr. Williams for the Blues. There are also many prominent business men of the town in the contest. All indications thus far point to an overwhelming victory for the Reds, and if you want to be on the winning side, support the Reds with all your power and ability. If you do, on the last night of the Chautauqua you will have the pleasure of hearing "The Sweetest Story Ever Told."—C. L. R.

Tuesday morning Mrs. Hollowell, from Goldsboro, visited our school. Mrs. Hollowell spoke to us upon a very interesting subject, "Fire Prevention." She said that if we were given anything that we wished for most, we would wish for money. But how are we going to keep this money even if it is given us? We can keep this money or see the results of it if we will all do our utmost in destroying particles of trash which is likely to cause a fire. Many of our most beautiful buildings have been destroyed by fire simply by some careless person. After this introduction Mrs. Hollowell stated her purpose in visiting the school. She organized a Safety League. The officers elected were as follows:

Honorary President—Miss Hand.  
President—Elmore Earp.  
Vice-President—Rena King.  
Secretary—Orman Bailey.  
Treasurer—Lelia Straughn.

We will have a meeting of the Safety League every two weeks.

Two news pupils have entered the seventh grade: Ethel Yelverton and Alma Hinnant.

We had a very attractive vocal duet in our chapel exercises Friday morning. This was given by Randolph Kaiser and Myrtle May Parker of the primary department. These children show unusual talent.—L. S.

The Selma Highs were defeated in a very interesting game of basketball Thursday night, February 7th. Their opponents were the boys of the Trinity Park School. The attendance the largest ever to witness a game of this kind in Selma. All seemed to enjoy the game very much even though the home team was defeated. The line up for the Highs was as follows:

Richardson, L., Forward and Center; Reynolds, H., Guard; Massey, Forward; Haynes, W., Forward; Ray, R., Center; Creech, L., Guard.—H. R.

The Archer Literary Society at its last meeting challenged the Moser Literary Society in a debate. The program was concerned with the study and appreciation of France, our great ally. The program was as follows:

Song: The Marseillaise—Glee Club Girls.

France In Sculpture—Carrie Mae Whitley.

France In Painting—Mary Garrison.

Song: Joan of Arc—Margie Benoy and Chorus.

France Supreme In Architecture—Eula May Rose.

France As Colonizers—Sydney Vinson.

Debate: "Resolved, That France has been a better friend to the United States in the past than has England."

Affirmative—Ruth Worley, Mabel Wilkinson, Margie Benoy.

Negative—Gertrude Stallings, Annie May Roberts, and Emma Lucas Ward.

The program was splendidly carried out, especially the debate, which was quite spirited and showed thought and interest. The debates of Margie Benoy for the affirmative and Emma Lucas Ward for the negative were well prepared and delivered. The affirmative side won.—M. F.

The tenth grade has finished three of Milton's poems, namely: L'Allegro, Il Penseroso and Lycidas. They are three very beautiful poems. L'Allegro, which means a cheerful man, points out some "everyday" pleasures that we all might enjoy. It is a very beautiful poem and appeals very strongly to a cheerful and liberty-loving person. Il Penseroso, which means a pensive or meditative man, is very beautiful in description as well as in thought. The class decided that they could hardly do without some of the things in each poem. Lycidas, I hardly know how to describe. It is an elegy written in honor of Edward King, a class mate of Milton's while at Cambridge University. If there were any in the class that disliked poetry, they surely changed their minds after reading Lycidas. "He who wishes to know whether he had a true taste for poetry or not, should consider whether he is highly delighted with the perusal of

Milton's Lycidas." These are the words of Milton's biographer, Mark Patton. We have decided, if this be true we have a true taste for poetry.—Z. H. F.

Suggested programs for the Mother's Meetings for February, March, April and May:

February 15th.—Ideas Gleaned from Reports Made by Teachers.—E. H. Moser.

Story Hour for the Children—Its Value and Their Development—Miss Hyman.

March 14th.—The Importance of the Teacher in the Community—What is expected of her. Our Community Problems and Some Means to Solve Them.

April 17th.—Clean, Wholesome Amusement at Home and at School. Play as an Educational Factor.

May 15th.—Sanitation—Community Cleanliness. Social Purity.

Suggested topics for the different meetings:

Habit Formation. Home and school agree on what is best for the children.

#### PLAN TO BE A PRODUCER.

Tenant Farmers Have Boasted of Money They Are Making When They Have To Have Credit Before March. Greed and Oppression Cause of All Wars From Moses Down.

To The Editor:

The letter from my old friend and Brother, J. H. Broadwell, was timely and on the right line at this time. The time of which he writes has only been fifty-five years this February. See what a great change during that short period of time, and just think that if the wheat and meat crop of the west had failed only one year we would have been in far worse condition than now, and yet we boast of prosperity among the farmers. With all our boasted Education we have forgotten how to eat corn bread. All the old veterans love corn bread; they were raised on it.

We are just finding out that we can't eat money and autos and a great many other foolish things. I have heard tenant farmers boast of two or three hundred dollars from one acre of tobacco and before the next March were buying provisions on a credit from their merchants. Perhaps the war will be a blessing if it should teach the South to be self-supporting. I have known young men whose parents have given them a chance to raise a little for themselves to throw it all away on riotous living, let it be much or little.

I am opposed to invasion and oppression on the part of Nations or Individuals, and could I have my way I would drive Germany back to her own territory and set all the nations free. Common sense and justice should prevail in all things. Greed and oppression have been the cause of all wars since Moses led the Israelites from bondage. God is going to bring all the people from under bondage. God's Spirit is going to conquer before we can have peace in the world. It seems to me that all should learn to be more dependent on God's will. When God has made anything it is perfect; man's work is generally imperfect except as he is guided by God's Spirit.

God made our country, hence all patriots or Christians love it; God made man in His image. Without God man is only an animal or a beast, which? God established His Church on earth. Man made the different Denominations to suit the whims and notions of men. God made our Country; man made all the Political Parties to create strife and abuse, and even war.

Let all the people unite and cooperate and let God's will be done and peace will come in time if the people will be obedient to God's will. Like Paul, don't offend in word or pen. Like Peter, serve God rather than man. To love thy neighbor as thyself is only to practice the golden rule. Who is thy neighbor? All humanity.

Let everybody go to work this spring to produce something. In the Civil War the old men, women and children did the work in the field. One-fourth to one acre in garden this spring for each family according to the circumstances and conveniences of all will not only feed all the people at home, but will do much toward supplying the camps with vegetables. In the Civil War we had no vegetables except what we bought with our own wages and it took a month's wages to buy one bushel of sweet potatoes.

LEVIN WATSON.  
Kenly, N. C., Feb. 8, 1918.

#### The Ideal and Standard.

The ability incessantly to recall a wandering and scattered attention, always ready to vanish, is the real root of judgment, character, and will; that system of education that succeeds in bringing this faculty to the highest degree should be the ideal and standard system.—Maria Montessori.

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