

STATE SEND MORE TO CAMP.

About 1,174 White Men Will Be Entrained in Five Days Beginning March 29. This is Part of Call for 90,000 in Nation. Farmers and Farm Laborers Will be Deferred to Bottom of Quota.

During the five day period beginning March 29, 1174 men in North Carolina will be entrained for Camp Jackson under a call which the Provost Marshal General is making in the country for 90,000 men to be distributed equally between the States. Only white men physically qualified for general military service may be induced under this call.

In explanation of this, the Provost Marshal General has wired the Adjutant General of North Carolina: "The situation arising from the scarcity of farm labor demands that the call to the colors of men actively completely, and assiduously engaged in planting or cultivating of a crop, but who are in Class 1 and within the new quota should be deferred until the end of the new quota. Please instruct your local boards, therefore that the President directs that, in filling this emergency call, they shall pass the order numbers of such men, defer the call for the present. It must be borne in mind that this step is taken solely in the need of the nation and not for the benefit of any individual. Therefore while boards should consider it a grave duty to exercise this power to conserve and augment the agricultural production, they observe closely the conduct of those deferred, and immediately upon becoming convinced that any person so deferred is not giving his entire time and earnest attention to agricultural duty or that he is trifling with the board should forthwith call him to the colors. All citizens should assist in making this expedition effective and in bringing to the attention of the boards cases meriting deferment as well as cases in which deferment is being abused."

Under this call Johnston District No. 1, will send 10 men, while Johnston District No. 2, will send 12.

The Wealth of the Ukraine.

The States of Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin have a combined area about equal to that of the new Ukrainian Republic. Putting it in another way, Ukraine, according to a native writer, is as large as the German Empire with the State of Illinois annexed.

Mere area in itself signifies little, but the extent of land surface comprised within the limits of the new Republic of Ukraine contains the most fertile parts of the old Russian Empire. It is known as the "Black Earth Belt," and has been not only the granary of Russia but the greatest granary of Eastern Europe. In 1914 one-third of Russia's total farm products came from this "Black Earth Belt" which is really Russia's wheat belt. Ukraine produces 80 per cent. of Russia's crude sugar and 59 per cent. of her refined sugar. The tobacco production of the region is relatively as large as that of sugar. The Ukrainian supplies about 50 per cent. of the Russian live-stock output.

Not only is the Ukraine a great source of agricultural wealth, but in mineral resources it has been to Russia what the northern provinces of France, now overrun by the Germans, have been to that Republic. Of coal, it has produced 70 per cent. of the total Russian product, an equivalent proportion of pig iron, and of steel nearly as much. Manganese, mercury, petroleum, peat, phosphorite, and kaolin are other important mineral products of the Ukraine.—From "The Ukrainian Republic," in the American Review of Reviews for March, 1918.

MOOR'S SCHOOL NOTES.

The teachers and pupils of Moore's School will give a Pie and Ice Cream Supper on Saturday night March the 23rd, at the school building. Public invited.

School attendance is good, considering the time of the year. Very few of our boys are out.

Miss Odie Ward spent the week-end at her home in Kenly.

Mr. Lonnie Hare visited Kinston during the past week.

Messrs. Wiley and Newsom Narron, have returned from a business trip to Baltimore and Washington.

In last week's paper appeared an error. The death of Mr. Gaston Johnston should have been written Mr. Gaston Woodard.

Mr. Woodard's death came as a shock to this community. Mr. Woodard's son, Mr. C. Woodard, was called home from Camp Jackson to attend his father's funeral.

We have to put every ounce of effort behind the men behind the guns.

STATE NEWS.

A new main building of the Parrott Memorial hospital at Kinston opened yesterday morning. The building and additional equipment cost between \$70,000 and \$75,000. The equipment is modern and complete. The building is attractive architecturally and is surrounded by grounds which are to be made into a small park. The hospital is located in East Kinston.

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Farmers around Wagram, in the northern part of Scotland county, have put out about 75,000 peach trees this winter, or about 300 acres. It is planned to develop this industry and a market there. The cantaloupe and watermelon crops have been so unsatisfactory in recent years that it is probable that farmers will quit growing them. The peach as a money crop promises much in that section and the above venture is the first for the county.

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Scotland county farmers are swearing by the ground hog says a news item from Laurinburg. Six weeks ago preparations for 1918 crops in the county had not begun, and the outlook was far from promising. But with the finest February in years and good weather going on in March, many farmers have prepared all their lands for planting and it is said some of them will have to wait for planting time to come. Cotton is always planted in that section the last of March. There is prospect of a big crop this year. Scotland is strictly a cotton county and with the high prices of last season there is sufficient stimulus for heavy production again.

No Peace Without Freedom.

Once for all time, under the eye of Almighty God, the sword that was forged by Washington and France for the production of liberty in this hemisphere is now drawn for the effective assertion and establishment of liberty throughout the earth. When the Hohenzollerns and Hapsburgs started this war they set in motion the forces that cannot return to quiescence until mankind is under the universal system of government by consent of the governed. The terrible power for evil exercised by the enemy is excelled by only one power on earth, and that is the determination of men to be free. They are now compelled to act upon that determination. They must be free or die.

It is more than unpatriotic to desire the end of this war before humanity shall have become free. It is impious. The heroic souls of the past send their message down. The blessings of heaven is upon the banners of the allied nations that are striking for the establishment of self-government among men. In the midst of this army of banners in the Stars and Stripes. The Americans marching under that flag are the hope of human race.—Washington Post.

Rapid Growth of the Disciples of Christ.

Disciples of Christ, or Christians, as they are popularly called in most parts of the country, report membership growth last year of 94,000, and now claim 1,236,000 belonging in practically 9000 churches. In some years past larger numbers of members have been reported by some authorities, but two or three years ago strenuous efforts were made toward more accurate statistics, and it is claimed now that the aim has been realized.

Disciples' benevolences of all kinds showed growth last year of \$150,000 made in largest measure in State Missions, foreign missions and by the women's work. The 1917 total reached \$2,294,500, an increase of practically \$1,000,000 in the past five years.

Cities in which these Christians are strongest in membership are in order, Kansas City, Indianapolis, Des Moines, Los Angeles, Chicago, Louisville, Cincinnati and Pittsburg, the last named the city in which the denomination had its start. The strongest city in proportion to population is Lexington, Ky., where one person in seven belongs in Disciples churches—a higher proportion than in any other city or in any other religious body Salt Lake City, Utah, not excepted.—Boston Transcript.

Splendid Orphanage Collection.

Last Sunday was the day set for the collection at Johnston Union church for the Middlesex Freewill Baptist Orphanage. This collection was looked after by Mr. S. C. Turnage, the superintendent of the Sunday School. A collection was taken in both the Sunday School and church. As a result \$70.77 was raised for the orphanage. Mr. Turnage informs us that brick for the orphanage buildings have been secured and now money is needed to erect the buildings. He had sent the orphanage a check before the collection at Johnston Union and Mr. Turnage hopes that other Sunday Schools and churches will help in this matter.

AT THE CAPITAL OF BOON HILL.

Work of Red Cross at Princeton. Special Sale. Its Benefit Saturday. Correspondent Wants a Dog Tax of Ten Dollars.

Princeton, March 13.—Miss Emma Griswold, of Zebulon, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Eason this week.

Mr. Conrad Parker, of Louisburg, is spending the week with Clarence Whitley.

Miss Lila Stuckey has been visiting friends in Goldsboro this week.

The little child of Mrs. Albert Pearce is severely ill with the second attack of pneumonia.

The stork visited the home of Prof. Bridges a few days ago and left with him a little boy.

Mr. Henry Pearce is confined at his home with the measles.

Rev. J. E. Dapree will preach at the Baptist Church next Sunday morning and evening service.

The Red Cross room in the old Woodman hall is open each Wednesday from 3 to 6 p.m., and at this place any information in regard to this work may be secured. All finished garments should be brought in and work for the next week carried out. On Saturday, March 16th there will be a Red Cross booth in the Princeton Pharmacy store. When toilet articles will be on sale for the benefit of this cause. Articles already sent from here are 100 bath cloths, twenty-four hospital sheets, thirty pillow cases, twenty-two stuffed pillows, nine mufflers, eight pair socks, one wristlet, twenty-five handkerchiefs, twelve pajama suits. Officers of the Red Cross here are: Miss Nell B. Miller, chairman, Mrs. Walter V. Woodard, secretary, Miss Agnes Massey, treasurer.

On Saturday, April 5th Tom Thumbs wedding will be given in the Graded School Auditorium at 8 p. m., a representative from the Rose Co., Kansas City, Mo., will be present to assist in the production. Perpetual motion perfected, the only thing on earth that never wears out or runs down, a woman's tongue. The county officers for the prevention of cruelty to animals are requested to visit a certain place in this township where several mules are worked. Those who beat and whip mules unmercifully ought to be on the county roads, where they can be given some of the same medicine.

The millinery department of Mr. W. T. Pelk store will be in charge of Mrs. Brown this season.

Give us the dog law. Ten dollars tax on each dog. It is just and necessary. The man who pays the taxes on his land year after year, should have all the safeguards that the law can give him. It is unjust to allow the sorry white man or negro, (no other kind ever own a gang of dogs) to possum hunt on a man's land when he is at home asleep. A farmer had been saving a large fine oak tree for more than twenty years. One day lately he went to the thick place of woods to look at his much valued tree, and lo, some one had cut it down. More than a year ago, the tree was worth more than ten dollars, and it is known that possum hunters cut it down. He would willingly pay ten dollars to know who cut that tree.

When you are riding around the county, you notice especially the farm houses that are nicely painted and the yard nice and clean, the barn buildings painted or whitewashed, the weeds along through the plantation mowed down. You say, "Well, somebody lives here. Good farmer, and women folks smart too!" Then down the road you come to farm where they sweep all the tin cans and old bottles and old barrel hoops and other trash out in the middle of the road, what do you think? Sorry farmer. Sorry women folks too.

The road forces are at work on the Central Highway between Princeton and Holts Mill.

NEW YORK LEGISLATURE STRIKES AT PROHIBITION.

Albany, N. Y. March 12.—A proposal to ratify the federal prohibition amendment this year received what is considered a death blow in the New York legislature late today, when the assembly, by a vote of 84 to 64, a nd after one of the most spirited debates in years, adopted a substitute which would provide for a referendum this fall on the ratification question. The senate has not yet acted upon the proposal, but a committee of that body earlier in the day favorably reported a referendum bill. The referendum proposition now is apparently up to Governor Whitman, as there is little doubt but that it will pass the legislature.

When informed of today's action, the governor made this statement: "I favor the ratification of the federal amendment. It is clearly impossible for me to say what disposition I could make of a measure before the legislature has acted."

The governor it is known however, that he considered the substitution by the legislature a mistake.

ROCK HILL NEWS.

Mrs. Archie Barefoot and children of upper Sampson, spent Saturday night and Sunday at Mr. Otha Barefoot's.

Mrs. Joseph Wood and Miss Lessie Lee spent Thursday in Raleigh, where they went to visit Mrs. Fannie Lee at Rex Hospital.

Miss Effie Smith, from near Hodge's Chapel, is spending this week with Miss Mittie Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Phelps returned Tuesday from Apex where they spent several days with relatives.

Messrs. Samuel Pleasant and Hubert Barefoot, from near Hodge's Chapel spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. G. Smith's.

Mr. Jerry George, Misses Lessie and Cassie Lee, attended the picture show at New Hope School house Monday night. They say it was fine.

We are sorry to note that Mr. Otha Barefoot's baby is very sick with pneumonia.

Messrs. W. C. and Jasper Blackman, C. B. Thomas and Misses Letha and Cassie Lee, spent Sunday in Sampson County near Spring Branch. Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mahler visited at the home of Mr. Bud Johnson, near Four Oaks, Sunday.

On last Thursday afternoon about 6:10 o'clock Mrs. Fannie Lee died at Rex Hospital. She had been there only three days when the end came. She underwent an operation for appendicitis and lived only a few hours. She was the wife of Mr. C. C. Lee, who lives near New Hope Church. Mrs. Lee was 51 years old. She was a christian-hearted woman and was loved by all who knew her. She leaves behind a husband, one son and one daughter several brothers and sisters and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her loss. She was laid to rest in the family burying ground at the old homestead of H. M. Johnson amidst a large number of relatives and friends to await the resurrection morn.

REPORTER.

Four Oaks, N. C. Route 3.

Save Your Farm Machinery.

It is absolutely essential that all farmers and producers in the South realize the seriousness of the present situation as to the food supply for the South. It is absolutely necessary that all farm implements that can possibly be repaired and put into service should be gotten out and repaired to do their full share towards

feeding ourselves. Owing to the enormous demands for food stuff abroad for the army and the shortness of farm help, it is going to be quite a problem to feed all the people in the United States. Consequently all farms in the South should bend every effort to raise enough food crops to feed the South and let the amount of food crops usually shipped into the South be sent abroad.

To raise all this food it will be necessary to use to the fullest extent all the labor saving machinery that we have on the farms at the present time rather than buying a lot more to be thrown away after a sort period of usefulness. Don't you see that by getting up all the old machinery and repairing it you will be saving enormously all along the line? You will be saving a new machine and releasing the iron and steel that are in the machine for building government ships and shells. You will be saving all the labor and fuel in the manufacture of it. You will be saving the space in the railroad cars, and the fuel for transferring it from the factory to your farm. All this saving can be used by the government to much better advantage than bringing a machine to you, to waste. And above all, you will be saving your money and will be learning a most valuable lesson of conservation.—Southern Ruralist.

Oak Grove Defeats Plainfield.

A very interesting game of basket ball was played between the Oak Grove and Plainfield girls, Friday afternoon, March 8, on the latter's court, the score being 22 and 6.

The line up:

Oak Grove—Bessie Stephenson, R. F., Mattie Adams, L. F., Eula Lassiter, C., Esther Johnson, R. G., Annie Lassiter, L. G.

Plainfield—Lillie Lawhorn, R. G., Fannie Martin, L. F., Kizzie Williford, C., Magdaline Martin, R. G., Lula Lawhorn, L. G.

Field Goals made by Oak Grove—Bessie Stephenson 7, Eula Lassiter 4, Field Goals made by Plainfield—Fannie Martin 1, Kizzie Williford 1. Fouls called on Oak Grove, 9.

Fouls called on Plainfield, none. Fouls called on Plainfield; Lillie Lawhorn 2.

HEGAR.

The man who grows more food adds to the wealth of world; the man who grows dollars may be adding only to his own wealth.

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES. By Cy Johnson.

"The farmer is a good observer but a poor interpreter," so says the gray-haired scientist. And I am inclined to think the same thoughts. Why is this?

To understand the workings of nature and to explain them satisfactorily we must first know nature's fundamental laws. Do we farmers know them as we should? I think not.

For instance, if we knew the workings of the plant or animal we could draw conclusions and be absolutely right as well as the scientists do when they throw up a ball and say to us that it will come down to earth again. And nature never makes a mistake; we can always depend on her. The scientists can say exactly what will happen to a certain plant when we cross it with another known plant in regards to certain productive qualities; the same with animals. They get down to the root of nature. Why can't we farmers do the same in a greater extent than we now do?

Then when a cow gets sick we would not say that she had "hollow horn" and to bore a hole in it to cure the sickness; or even "hollow tail." We farmers observe that the cow is sick all right but we do not interpret the case correctly.

The signs of the times are that we farmers will have to get deeper down into the workings of nature and consider the finer points about our work if we are to make more out of farming—the most important and interesting pursuit of the human race.

FOREST FIRE LOSS \$1,358,000

Most of the Destruction Last Year Avoidable, Government Says.

Forest fires burned over 962,000 acres of national forest lands last year and caused a loss of \$1,358,000 to the government, according to figures made public last night by the forest service. While the loss was larger than for several years past, officials say that, considering the unusually long drought periods and high winds, it was remarkably light.

Of 7,814 fires in the national forests, all but 2,132, set by lightning, were caused by human agencies and could have been prevented and 952 were incendiary.—Washington Post.

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