

# HONOR ROLL FOR NON-USERS OF WHEAT IS INSTITUTED BY FOOD ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Page Issues Striking Resume of Wheat Situation and Invites Patriots to Forswear Use of Wheat Products for Benefit of Fighters Until Next Harvest.

Raleigh.—State Food Administrator Henry A. Page has issued a striking resume of the food situation confronting this country and its Allies and with it an invitation to the people of North Carolina, as many of them as circumstances will permit, to join the "honor roll" by giving up the use of wheat products altogether until the next harvest for the benefit of our army and the strifes and civilian population of our Allies. Mr. Page's statement makes good reading: It is as follows:

A little more than a month ago we took stock of our wheat supply in this country and found that we had slightly more than one hundred million bushels, just enough to fully feed our soldiers and our Allies in war-swept Europe until the next harvest, or, not quite, but nearly, enough to supply bread for our own people for the four months until the next crop comes in, on the basis of our normal pre-war consumption.

The Situation a Month Ago. Up to this time the Food Administration's policy had been to limit the shipment overseas to the exact amount we were able to save from our normal consumption by methods and policies of conservation. But now we find ourselves up against it hard. Clearly our soldiers must be well fed. Clearly our Allies in the midst of war's horrors must have at least half rations.

To meet this imperative need, upon which hangs the result of the war and consequently the destiny of nations, we here at home, must cut our consumption of wheat products in half. And even this sacrifice would enable us to send our own soldiers and friends on the firing line only half the quantity of wheat they need.

This was the problem that faced us a month ago. What should we do about it? Will our people change their habits of living, their usual food, make the sacrifice? Can they come to realize that government by the people in the earth depends upon bread?

It was decided to set apart half the visible supply of wheat for shipment to Europe and to undertake to get the information over to our own people so that they would understand the necessity for personal sacrifice, and maybe we might be able to increase our shipments to two-thirds or three-fourths of the real need abroad.

### Sacrifice Called For.

There are many people in this country who have not eaten one single biscuit or a morsel of wheat bread this year. They are the men and women whose personal war consciousness gives them trouble when they fill themselves in the sight of a hungry world. It isn't just exactly comfortable, is it, to eat the last morsel upon which is fastened the longing eye of a famishing dog? But this is, not a matter of dogs, but rather of grief-burdened women, innocent little children, and the fighters in the trenches. The wonder is that more of us are not disturbed as we go our usual easy way, feeding our bodies beyond their real need with the one food the whole devastated world of war so badly needs; just because it is easier to procure and prepare than some substitute.

Many of the best hotels have voluntarily agreed to serve no wheat products until the next harvest. Many families in this country are doing the same thing. It is easy enough for well-to-do people of more than average intelligence to get on just about as well without wheat flour as with it. Some of the substitutes, such as rice flour, cost more than wheat flour, and to prepare palatable and wholesome breads, using the substitutes only, calls for a larger expenditure of forethought and care as well as money. Maybe it would be unwise for people of small earning capacity, and those whose time is pretty fully occupied, to undertake to get on entirely without wheat flour. But I am sure there are dozens of hotels in North Carolina with well trained cooks whose patrons would not suffer for lack of biscuit—if diligence and ingenuity is exercised in the field of muffins, cakes and corn dodgers.

### The Patriotic Course.

How many families are there in this state, that, with the expenditure of a little more time and maybe a little more money, can live just as well without as with wheat flour? Just a little more time in the kitchen, madam; some serious study of "Aunt Jemima's Recipes," a larger knowledge of the values of foods; will not hurt any of us at any time, and in war times will be especially valuable. And as to the slightly increased money cost, (remember I am writing to the well-to-do (not that part of our people who face poverty and need) what boots it if we spend a little more to properly feed ourselves when the primary result is to feed our fighters and our friends, and the helpless all over the world?

It is going to take all the money we've got to win this war; it ought to take the surplus first. When the war is won and the world may turn away from its horrors, you and I will be very happy if we have lost nothing more valuable than our money! Think of it, men, you could then enjoy over again the delight in having saved your first hundred dollars!

### The Personal Appeal.

How many of us, so situated, will cut out wheat flour entirely until the next harvest? We have the honor roll ready for your name. May we have your pledge? HENRY A. PAGE, Food Administrator.

Raleigh, N. C., April 27, 1918.

## As Great Military Necessity as Cannon and Shells—Food Administrator Page's Attitude.

Raleigh.—The food situation in England and France has become so acute that unquestionably white wheat flour is as great a military necessity as cannon and shells. The bread ration of the French and Italian soldiers who are fighting shoulder to shoulder with our own boys has already been reduced to a considerable extent, and the old men, women and the little children of France, England and Italy are existing on exceedingly short rations.

In the face of this situation, the Food Administration which sometime ago requested that all surplus wheat in the hands of wheat growers should be marketed by May 1, is making plans for more drastic course to be followed in the case of those farmers who for unpatriotic or pro-German motives fail to market their wheat within something like a specified time. A list of such farmers will be prepared after May 1, and shortly after that date machinery will be set in motion for the carrying out of the course determined upon by the Food Administration.

North Carolina farmers, according to a resume in a recent issue of the Literary Digest, have been receiving a considerably higher figure per bushel for wheat than the farmers of any other state, the average price in this state having been \$2.31 per bushel as against \$2.24 in Tennessee, which was the next highest state, and against \$2.02 for the whole country. Food Administrator Henry A. Page is unquestionably to be thanked by the farmers of North Carolina for this difference as it was through his activity and demands at the smaller mills of the state were left unrestricted as to the price they might pay for local wheat, while the mills of 75 barrels capacity or more and smaller mills working under agreement with the Grain Corporation and vring their wheat from outside the state have not been allowed to pay than around \$2.12 to \$2.15 per bushel. This has meant, of course, that really the entire wheat crop of North Carolina has been sold to the r mills at prices considerably higher on an average than the larger mills are paying for wheat secured from other sections.

Page is hopeful that it will not be necessary to make a single seizure in North Carolina, especially since the smaller mills of the state are much higher figure for wheat than the Grain Corporation will pay it is commandeered, the presumption being, of course, that wheat that is stored will be paid for at the rate that the larger mills are allowed local wheat—around \$2.12 to \$2.15 per bushel, certainly not higher

well-known fact, of course, that the use of wheat or rye as feed is regarded as wasteful and is punishable under Section 4 of the Control Law by a fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment or both.

### PLUS COTTONSEED SHOULD BE MARKETED.

The Food Administration has information that if there is no late necessitate the marketing of cotton there will be a considerable amount of cottonseed left in the hands of the cotton planters in the state season. Inasmuch as cottonseed has assumed a place of importance from a food and feed standpoint, the Food Administration is urging every farmer who has any surplus of cottonseed at the nearest oil mill as soon as he is satisfied that he has no more to plant. Reduced cottonseed oil as the basis of absolutely dominating the food and oil markets of the world is increasing in popularity and importance as a

### CAMPAIGN WAS A GREAT SUCCESS.

A campaign put on by the Food Administrators in the Carolina at the request of Food Administrator Page has been successful to a marked degree. There was a surplus of potatoes in the hands of the producers in Carolina and millions of bushels above normal needs and dealers in Wisconsin and other West-campaign in North Carolina the surplus in this and thousands of bushels of potatoes are being marketed.

### WHEAT AIDS ENEMY.

It must be maintained if the war is to go on—the Food Administration has taken the necessary steps to give aid and comfort to the enemy and grounds the Federal Food Administrator and place in circulation 100,000 pounds of flour, farmers and storekeepers, and they had purchased and refused to be given up and will be distributed.

### HOLDING

Raleigh.—Since wheat exports—and we must go on or go under position that refusal to release wheat that seizure is justifiable. On these of New Mexico was authorized to sell wheat grown by the Emparadillo of wheat grown by the Emparadillo of wheat grown by the Emparadillo

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### NOTICE

North Carolina, Washington County, In the Superior Court, before the Clerk. John L. Roper Lumber Company et als, vs. E. L. Harrington and others. Nathan C. Harrington, Ella L. Harrington, Louis L. Harrington, James A. Harrington, Marvin E. Harrington, Clarence W. Harrington, E. S. Blount and Philip Blount will take notice that an action as entitled above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Washington County, N. C., for the establishment of Washington County Drainage District Number 4 under chapter 442 of the Public Laws of 1915 and amendments, in which the said defendants in certain lands enclosed in the boundaries of the said proposed drainage district, and as such, therefore, proper parties thereto; that the said defendant's will further take notice that they are required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Washington County, at Plymouth, N. C., on the 15th day of May, 1918, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in said complaint. This 15th day of April, 1918. C. V. W. AUSEN, Clerk Superior Court.

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS

North Carolina, Washington County, In the Superior Court. Lizzie Sawyer vs. Matthew Sawyer. The defendant above named will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Washington County by Lizzie Sawyer for the purpose of obtaining an absolute divorce and the said defendant will further take notice that he is required to appear at the next term of the Superior Court of Washington County on the 1st Monday in June, 1918, at the court house of said county in Plymouth, N. C., and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will ask for the relief demanded in said complaint. This the 7th day of March, 1918. C. V. W. AUSEN, c. s. c.

## Let's show America what Washington County Can Do.

Over there in France our boys are going over the parapet, giving their lives to the cause. None of them are saying, "I went over last month; that's enough," or "I'll wait and see whether I'll fight today." They are giving life itself and ungrudgingly, so that you and I and all of us can live in freedom. All you are asked to do is to loan your money, to buy Liberty Bonds, for which you're paid interest; do it now, today. Money itself has no intrinsic value. Its only value consists of what it can give us—of what it can do to make life more livable. Just now we can make our money count for most if we let the Government use it for us. There isn't one of us but can lend part of his savings or his earnings to the Government and say: "Invest this for me—fight the war to the finish. Do my part in making the World Safe for Democracy. That's all I ask."

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