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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 stock 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, ruffed oats, oatmeal, rice, rice flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, buckwheat flour, cottonseed flour, mife, kafir and feterka flours and meals, soy, beans flour, peanut flour, casava flour, taro flour, banana flour. No other product other than those named may be substituted.

—W. S. S.— If you have not purchased your garden seeds yet, better get busy. Already some kinds are not obtainable while others are selling very fast, and stocks cannot be renewed.

SILVER CREEK.

Rev. J. B. Arledge filled his regular appointment here, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Mary Searcy, teacher of Sandy Plains school, visited her sister, Miss Nona Searcy, Sunday.

A few people in this section have taken advantage of the pretty weather by making several trips to Spartanburg.

Mr. Wylie Bridges of Sandy Plains visited in this section, Sunday.

Mr. Fred Arledge is home again from Camp Jackson, having been kept in class 4, with other married men who registered.

Mr. Robert Jackson, from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., spent last week at home.

Mr. Clarence Justice, of Rutherfordton, was in this section last week.

Rutherfordton is reported full of German measles.

The farmers in this section are beginning to plan for another crop since winter appears to have broken.

The wheatless days are being observed here by a good many people.

Miss Lena Green called to see Miss Nona Searcy Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Splawn, of Mill Spring, spent Saturday night and Sunday with the latter's parents.

MILL SPRING ROUTE 1.

Rev. W. W. Womack filled his regular appointment at Lebanon, Sunday. Large crowd present.

Mr. Clarence Elliott and family were the guests of his brother, Mr. W. E. Elliott, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Womack took dinner with Mrs. A. Powell Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson, Odessa Mills and Mollie Edwards spent a few social hours with Misses Cora and Minnie Womack, Sunday.

Mr. Walter Dyer, who has been in Georgia for some time, spent a few days with his mother last week. He's expecting to go into training camp soon.

Mrs. Aney Womack and Mr. Otto Womack were at Mr. J. T. Edwards' Sunday afternoon.

Rev. Melvin Hyder visited his brother, V. B. Hyder, Saturday.

Miss Odessa Mills spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. A. A. Edwards.

A social was given in honor of Miss Oma Reynolds one night last week, at Mr. W. E. Elliott's. Several from around here went, and reported a nice time. The most amusing games were played, causing to forget to serve refreshments. Miss Reynolds returned to her home Friday.

Mr. A. A. Edwards made a business trip to Campobello, last week.

Mr. Q. M. Powell made a trip to Tryon, Friday.

The roads are getting good again, and people are getting busy.

Mr. Bob Elliott made a trip to Tryon, Friday.

We have been picking cotton. Will gather two crops this year.

Grandfather Edwards is yet strong enough to come over and see his kin-folks. He visited at A. A. Edwards' Monday.

—W. S. S.— LIKES THE NEWS.

Mill Spring, N. C., Feb. 4, 1918. Editor Polk County News:

Dear Sir: I take this method of expressing to you my appreciation of the work you are doing in giving us a good paper. Really we think it the best of several weeklies we get.

The notice of what is being done for the soldiers, and everything pertaining to the Red Cross work is highly interesting, and let me say just here, it is the leaven that is working in the minds of and hearts of our people who read the POLK COUNTY NEWS. In my thinking, great good will result from these things being made public.

I have been appointed a member of the War Savings Committee for White Oak township, and would like to assist in any way I possibly can. Owing to my household duties it is hard for me to get out, however there might be some kind of work I could do.

With best wishes for you and "our paper,"

Sincerely,
MRS. DORA ARLEDGE.

—W. S. S.— WAR TIME PUDDING.

Mrs. R. G. Hamilton, Tryon route 1, sends us the following recipe for the making of a war time pudding. She says she has had so many requests for this recipe that she thought she could reach almost everybody who desired it, by having it published in the NEWS. We are always glad to publish these recipes, and if anybody else has one, send it in:

- 2 cups corn meal;
 - 2 cups flour;
 - 1 1/2 cups molasses;
 - 1 cup buttermilk;
 - 1 cup stewed huckleberries or dried fruit;
 - 1 tablespoon sugar;
 - 1 teaspoon allspice, cinnamon or ginger;
 - 1 teaspoon soda.
- Mix and bake brown. It is better served hot.

By Degrees.

A man would wonder at the mighty things which have been done by degrees and gentle augmentations. Diligence and moderation are the best steps whereby to climb to any excellency.—Owen Feltham.

FROM OUR FRIENDS OVER THE COUNTY

Some Items of General Interest Gathered By Our Correspondents From Various Sections of Polk County

MELVIN HILL.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ridings is very sick. Church and Sunday school were well attended here, last Sunday.

Messrs. Walter Westbrook, Joe Morris, and Ed. Johnson, have gone down in the vicinity of Columbia, where they have a contract of sawing lumber, and will also be near Camp Jackson, providing they are wanted there.

Mr. S. S. Lawter motored to Spartanburg, on business, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. McDade, of Sandy Plains, were at church, here, last Sunday.

A cotton picking was enjoyed by a number of young folks at Mr. Jim Johnson's, Friday night.

We have been having some lovely spring weather lately. Wonder if the shadowless ground-hog had anything to do with it?

—W. S. S.— COOPERS GAP.

Messrs. Belton Jackson and Reuben Wilson visited their friends at Camp Sevier, Feb. 11th.

Well, the weather is sure nice now.

Two milk cows have been sold in this section the past week.

Mrs. J. P. Dimsdale and Miss Lydia Ruff are still on the sick list.

Dr. Waldron, of Landrum, S. C., was in this section on Feb. 5th.

Messrs. T. B. Jackson and Walter Haynes visited W. N. Dimsdale, Sunday.

Mr. Noah Ruff and Miss Mamie Gilbert, Henry Brown and Odessa Ruff, Lawton Wilson and Mae Lynch attended preaching services at Cane Creek Sunday.

Mrs. Asbury Ruff, Amanda Brown and Daisy Jackson called to see Lydia Ruff, Sunday.

Mrs. Daisy Jackson will leave here this week for Port Caswell.

Mrs. Elmira Whiteside and Mrs. Bessie Wilson visited at Dr. Gilbert's Sunday.

Mrs. Texaner Lawton and Mrs. Vira Blanton, visited the home of J. P. Dimsdale, Sunday.

Mr. Jason Vess received a telegram from his mother, Sunday, saying his father was very ill with dropsy, and that if he wanted to see him before he died he would have to come at once.

THE UNFURLING.

There's a streak across the skyline
That is gleaming in the sun,
Watchers from the light house towers
Signalled it to foreign powers
Just as daylight had begun.

Message thrilling,
Hopes fulfilling

To those fighting o'er the seas.
"It's the flag we've named Old Glory
That's unfurling to the breeze."

Can you see the flashing emblem
Of our country's high ideal?

Keep your lifted eyes upon it
And draw joy and courage from it,
For it stands for what is real.

Freedom's calling
To the falling

From oppression's hard decrees.
It's the flag we've named Old Glory
You see floating in the breeze.

Glorious flag we raise so proudly,
Stars and Stripes, red, white and blue,
You have been the inspiration
Of an ever-growing nation,
Such as the world never knew.

Peace and Justice,
Freedom, Progress

Are the blessings we can sieze,
When the flag we call Old Glory
Is unfurling to the breeze.

When the cry of battling nations
Reaches us across the space
Of the wild, tumultous ocean,
Hearts are stirred with deep emotion
For the saving of the race.

Peace foregoing,
Aid bestowing,

First we drop on bended knees,
Then with shouts our grand Old Glory
We set flaunting to the breeze.

—Boston Transcript.

FISH TOP.

We were suddenly reminded, on Thursday last, that spring weather had made its appearance, and made us think of the old saying, "This is like the Februaries when I was a boy."

We hear Uncle Sam's boys practicing with their big guns almost every day, preparing to salute the Kaiser.

J. B. Bradley went to Zeronica, Friday, to see Dr. Levi Jones, professionally, returning Saturday.

Miss Myrtle Pace returned to Fruitland school, Saturday.

T. E. Pace and Logan Newman hauled their cotton to market last week.

Mr. V. A. Reece, an evangelist, and Walter B. Schofield, musician, have just ended a three weeks' meeting at Saluda, resulting in 67 additions to the church. They go to Hot Springs next.

T. E. Pace went to Hendersonville on business, Saturday.

Dan Constant caught a red fox

some time back.

R. C. Jackson wife, and son, went to Saluda on business, Saturday.

Some idea of what the cove people intend to do can be arrived at when you know that T. E. Pace, C. C. Jones and Logan Newman have already bought the entire stock of cans of T. L. Durham, amounting to 25,000.

C. C. Jones and Curtis Newman each hauled a load of corn cases yesterday.

Posey Halford moved to the other side of the county, to the Noah Wilson place, last week.

Misses Nora and Louisa Morrison attended the teachers' meeting at Saluda, the 11th.

Young Bill

You'll get your fill
Of holy zoly glory;
When in—well
To whoop and yell
This ever true old story;
I was a fool,
The devil's tool,
A traitor and a tory.

—W. S. S.—

NEW HOPE.

After about 52 days of snow and sleet, the weather has changed.

The Sunday school at New Hope, which has been stopped for awhile, has been started again.

Mr. Elkus Watson and Mr. M. C. Thompson went to Fingerville, S. C., last Saturday.

We wish all the readers of the NEWS would report all matters of importance happening in their vicinity. This would help the editor out, and at the same time give us even a better paper than ever before.

May God be with us all in these terrible trying times, and hours of distress.

—W. S. S.— PEA RIDGE.

Mr. J. T. Corlew, of Newport News, Va., is on Pea Ridge, visiting friends for a few days.

Miss Reba Field was the guest of Misses Lizzie and Nellie Dalton, Saturday night.

Mill Spring correspondent, we have wedding bells, also. Miss Bessie Mills was married to Mr. Grady Edney, of Tryon, last Saturday afternoon. We wish them much joy and success through life.

Mr. and Mrs. Garfield Pritchard visited the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edney, Saturday.

Mr. E. G. Thompson made a business trip to Tryon, Thursday.

Miss Bessie Thompson and brother, Dexter, spent Thursday night at Mr. John Shehan's.

Misses Reba Field, Iva Gosnell, Allie Connor, Annie Mills, Lizzie and Nellie Dalton; Messrs. Harlie Foy, Witche Moore, Jodie Wilson, Jeter Gibbs, Arthur Gray, Lewis Mills, Johnie Waldrop and Jesse Foy were pleasant callers at Mr. E. G. Thompson's Sunday.

Mr. E. S. Kibbe was called to Spartanburg, Wednesday, to the funeral of his aunt, Mrs. Judd.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brisco spent Saturday night with Mr. Phillip Brisco.

Misses Lizzie and Nellie Dalton were the guests of Misses Emma and Denista Shehan, Tuesday night.

Mr. John Hill spent Saturday night with Mr. John Foy.

Mrs. J. M. Barber and Miss Letha Barber spent Monday at Mr. J. B. Dalton's.

Bucker Horton is very low at this writing.

Henry Foy has a very sick child.

Mill Spring route 1, a young man thought that he had killed some of the worthless dogs last week, but he missed them by a long shot.

Mr. B. F. Gibbs was home Saturday night, returning Monday.

Messrs. Arthur and Willie Lee Gray left for Caroleen, Monday.

Our favorite doctor, A. R. Waldron, of Landrum, seems to be kept pretty busy now, on Pea Ridge.

Mr. T. F. Rowland was home, Saturday and Sunday.

—W. S. S.— TRYON ROUTE 1.

How sweet, on yesterday's clear, Sabbath morning, to list to the clear ringing bell its tones so sweetly calling us to Bethlehem, where Rev. J. M. Barber delivered a most interesting sermon.

Box Mountain school will soon occupy the beautiful, splendid new school building, probably this week.

Miss Sallie Carpenter spent Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Rice.

Mr. Joe Carpenter has recently purchased a home down in sunny Tennessee.

Mr. J. D. Carpenter at last has a musical entertainer in his home, an Edison.

What is more cheering than the bright sunshine, such as we are having now?

German measles seem to be the prevailing disease throughout the vicinity. Some don't take care for it any more than they do a German, while others are taken prisoners, and suffer severely. God speed the day when there will be no more German raids or German measles.

Mr. E. B. Edwards has been quite ill for the past week.

Mr. Goforth was made happy at the results of his husking bee at his home, Friday night.

Mr. J. J. Rouppe gave a cotton picking at his home, Monday night.

Miss Margaret Bryant was taken to her home seriously ill last Friday. We hope she will speedily recover.

Messrs. Ed and George Barber spent a few social hours on the route, Sunday evening.

Misses Bessie and Grace Hamilton spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Pearl Edwards.

Mr. Wm. Pack moved his saw mill near Columbia, S. C., where he contemplates sawing, this spring.

Mrs. Kate Sitten has gone to Canton, to spend a while with her daughter, Mrs. Iva Hunt.

Mr. Editor: We didn't dig our "taters" or "ingerns," so they are ready for growing, and we have pepper and "tom-a-toes" sowed in boxes, and "cumber" this spring. If this don't give the Kaiser a swift kick, our sweet pea ground is ready for planting on Washington's birthday, and while cheering the Sammies will knock him from his throne with a bunch, when its "over there."

Too Much of a Good Thing.

It is a good thing to have a good thing, but too much of a good thing is frequently injurious.—Memphis Commercial-Appeal.

WE MUST SAVE 30 PER CENT OF WHEAT

Food Situation in Europe Makes Greater Demands Upon American People.

INTENSIFIED CONSERVATION

Every Consumer Requested to Observe Two Wheatless Days, One Meatless and One Porkless Day Each Week. One Wheatless Meal and Meatless Meal Should Be the Rule Every Day—1918 Home Card to Be Ready by February 10th.

Raleigh.—If the American people are to fulfill their duty to the Allies by supplying the armies with food-stuffs, and their duty to humanity in saving the lives of as many starving women and children in Europe as the crippled shipping facilities will permit, they must reduce their consumption of wheat at least 30 per cent from today until the next harvest, reduce their consumption of pork in the same degree and economize rigidly in the use of beef, fats and sugar.

Intensified Food Program.

To meet the demands of the desperate condition that exists in Europe with regard to the food situation, the Food Administration has announced an intensified food conservation program. The 1918 home instruction card which will be available for every household in the State within the next two weeks calls for:

Two wheatless days in each week and one wheatless meal every day. The wheatless days will be Monday and Wednesday. One meatless day (Tuesday) and one porkless day (Saturday), and a meatless meal in each day of the week.

Terms Explained.

On wheatless days and in wheatless meals no wheat bread, crackers, pastry, macaroni or breakfast food containing wheat should be used beyond the amount necessary to thicken soups or gravies or bind together corn meal or other substitute cereals. On meatless days no pork or beef products of any kinds or mutton or lamb should be served, fish, poultry and game being substitutes. On porkless day and on other days mutton and lamb should be used in preference to beef.

Every day should be fat-saving day and sugar-saving day, and at every meal fruits, vegetables, potatoes, milk and all other more or less perishable and local products should be used as largely as possible in the place of wheat, beef, pork, fats and sugar which are best adapted to export.

New Home Card Coming.

Every housewife and every hotel and cafe in the State should have a 1918 home card just as soon as they are issued from the press which will be not later than February 10. They can be secured after that date from county food administrators or from the Food Administration at Raleigh and any individuals who are missed in the general distribution should write for a card.

—W. S. S.—

COLUMBUS.

The Philomathean Literary Society, of Columbus High School, gave a very interesting debate Friday afternoon. Query: Resolved, That Dogs Should be Permitted to Live." Affirmative, Eula Jackson, Nell Constance; Negative, Thelma Mills, Sue Gibbs. A quartet by four members, entitled "Our School is C. H. S." was very well rendered. We trust that after the organization of our Parents' Teachers' Association the parents will have an opportunity of enjoying these Friday afternoon programs. The debates would prove especially interesting, as they are no doubt original.

John Walker, of Green's Creek, visited at T. N. Mills' Tuesday.

Mr. Yates Arledge has been home a few days, from Camp Jackson, Columbia.

Pearl McGuinn was taken to the Rutherfordton hospital, Tuesday, for treatment. We hope she will speedily recover.

Mr. Logan Cloud is in Spartanburg, S. C., on business.

Fred Case, who has been very ill, is improving.

Christian Endeavor was organized at Columbus, and will meet every Thursday evening at 7:30. Leaders for the week are Bessie Hamilton and Elsie Edwards.

Doris Williamson has returned to Concord, N. C., to attend school.

Mrs. Ed. Cloud is visiting her parents at Green's Creek.