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Will Proceed at Once to Organize Force.

Complying with orders received from Governor Bickett, Adjutant General Laurance Young, will, at once, designate an advisory committee of three men in each county of the state, which committee shall carefully select men for the militia organizations to be established under the governor's recent proclamation. The Governor insisted that the men shall be selected rather than drafted, and not be forced to serve against their will. General Young was informed that the men to be chosen shall be God-fearing, brave men, with quiet minds, careful of human life but determined to protect the helpless and preserve peace and order in the state.

Gov. Bickett's order follows: "Pursuant to the proclamation issued by me on the 23rd day of September, 1917, you are directed to proceed to organize state militia companies in the several counties of the state, beginning in the counties having the largest population.

"You will designate an advisory committee of three men for each county and direct such committees to carefully select the members for the militia companies. It is my desire that the men selected shall represent the intelligence, the character and the courage of the communities in which they live. These men are to be the special guardians of our women and children, and the keepers of the peace and order of the state. The service they are to perform requires that the militia roll shall be a roll of honor. I insist that the men selected shall be:

"1. Men who fear God, and make a decent effort to keep His Commandments.

"2. Men of fortitude who are able and willing, for the public weal, to face danger and endure hardships without complaint.

"3. Men of quiet minds who will be very careful of human life, but still, when stern necessity demands it, shoot straight to protect the helpless and preserve the peace and order of the state.

"These men are to be selected but not drafted. The organizations are to be composed neither of volunteers nor of drafted men, but of men chosen by the committees because it is believed that they possess peculiar qualifications for the service to which they are called.

"If any man who is selected shall decline the honor it will not be thrust upon him. Any unwillingness to serve would indicate that the committee had made a mistake in the selection of that particular man. In designating the advisory committee you will take pains to name men who are themselves patriotic, intelligent, unselfish and unafraid.

"T. W. BICKETT,
"Governor and Commander-in-Chief.
"Raleigh, N. C. Sept. 25, 1917."

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Letter from Camp Jackson.

Editor Democrat: I take great pleasure in writing you this letter to let you and other Watauga friends and relatives

know that we, the selected men of the county, are now in Camp Jackson, and all seem to be in the very best of spirit. We, after realizing that it is our duty, and our whole duty, to defend our nation in this great world struggle for liberty and freedom, have come to the conclusion and set the resolution that we will use the same patriotism and perseverance that our forefathers used in '76 around Bunker Hill and Valley Forge. Knowing they fought and died for us, how can any man now refuse to drop this liberty and let the rising generation suffer under cruel, brutal laws of the German Kaiser. God forbid that there will be a traitor in our county or even our nation. Let all come to the front and show the world that we are free, and intend to be free, so long as we have our being in the world.

I appeal to you good people of Watauga to cheer up. Do not grieve. This is only another chance for the United States of America to let the world know that we are a free and independent people who deem it right to fight and to die for that which is just. In this great crisis I feel that there is no North, no South; no Democratic or Republican party, but that we are all one united people struggling on toward that destined land of peace and love. All try to be with us in spirit if not in battle.

WALTER C. GREENE,
Co. B, 317 Machine Gun Battery;
Camp Jackson, S. C.

Summer Complaint.

During the hot weather of the summer months some member of almost every family is likely to be troubled with some unnatural looseness of the bowels, and it is of the greatest importance that this be treated promptly, which can only be done when the medicine is kept at hand. Mr. F. F. Scott, Scottdale, New York state, first used Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy as much as five years ago. At that time I had a severe attack of summer complaint and was suffering intense pain. One dose relieved me. Other members of my family have since used it with like results.

Motoring.

I chug along from burg to grad good gasoline a-burning, where roads are good, where roads are bad, on highways straight and turning. "Oh, motoring," I sigh "is bliss, my good old car's a treasure; what outdoor pastime equals this, for pure and lasting pleasure?" And as I gambol through the dust, with other autos racing, my threadbare tires begin to bust, and spoil both tube and casing. I toil and labor in the sun until I bust a gal-lus, and ere the weary work is done I drink from sorrow's chalice. For changing tires will break the heart of any portly mortal, upset his mental apple-cart, and kill his smile and chortle. At last new tires are on the wheels, and I resume my spinning; my laughter rings in merry peals, my smile is sweet and winning. Then something breaks about the torque; no more my car is speeded; I'll have to send to far New York, to get the part that's needed. When fixed, some other parts will break, some bearings, pins or collars, and when repairs the workmen make, they charge me ninety dollars. And so I'm walking near and far, on highways broad and narrow; I think I'll dump the motor car, and get myself a barrow.—Walt Mason, in News and Observer.

Fallen by the Way.

The Advocate has never been called upon to perform a more painful duty than that of announcing the fall of one of our most prominent pastors. Last Sunday morning at the hour for service Rev. J. H. Bernhardt, presiding elder of the Greensboro District, took charge of the pulpit of Centenary church, this city and announced that on account of self-confessed moral delinquency, Rev. J. H. Bennett, for nearly two years pastor of that church, had been suspended, and that a full investigation of the matter would follow at the earliest possible moment.

The whole community has been subjected to a terrible shock, for it is admitted that the erring pastor was one of the most popular in the city. Good people here and elsewhere feel the profoundest sympathy for all concerned, especially for the stricken congregation, while of course the sons of Belial will deride and discount the church and our holy religion.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

J. E. Brothill Arrives at Training Camp.

Editor Democrat: I arrived at Camp Jackson Friday night about 10 o'clock. I rode on a special train with six cars of soldier boys from Winston-Salem, N. C. We felt like there were enough of us on the train to whip Germany, but since we have arrived and found so many here to help us, we no longer have any doubt. There are about ten thousand here now and they are coming in every day. Some times we see a boy a little blue when he first comes in, but he soon forgets all about it. They all seem as gay and jolly as if they were here on a picnic for a few days. But some of us would feel blue if we thought we would not get to go to France in the near future.

We have plenty of athletic games, base ball, foot ball, basket ball, and besides that, it is not any trouble to get 250 boys out in the old fields and hike for four or five hours in the day, but we don't have to drill near all the time that we are out.

We have so no where to go every night. There is preaching, music and singing at some Y. M. C. A. almost every night. But one thing is a little strange, we never see a girl. There are none down here, or they don't let themselves be seen.

Tell all the boys of Watauga to come on when they are called, and that this is a better place than most people think it is. We will give them a hearty welcome when they get here.

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Letter From Camp Sevier.

EDITOR DEMOCRAT: Will you kindly allow me space in your paper for a few paragraphs concerning the great training camp near Greenville, S. C.?

There are about 40,000 soldiers in Camp Sevier. It is on a beautiful site, and is located in seven miles of Greenville, with an electric car line into the city. All first-class soldiers are at liberty to go to town any time except during duty hours. Sergeant Lovill and Corporal Gross, of Watauga, seem to be very attentive to a pair of Columbia's fair daughters.

Mr. W. H. Winebarger, of Watauga, has had a bad case of the blues, but we hope he will be better now, as he has been transferred to a company of machinists, and made sergeant. His promotion was very pleasing to his comrades from Watauga.

Jolly Ed Hodges is having a lot of fun. He keeps a good stock of jokes always on hand and is constantly dispensing them to the great amusement of those about him.

Private Walter Winebarger says he don't care so much about the life a soldier has to live, but that there is a certain mountain lassie on whom he would like to call occasionally.

The other boys are all right, but I will just remark in passing that there certainly have been some stumps grubbed since Battery E reached its destination, and we don't know just how long the stumps will last, but our prayers are that all necessary have been taken up, and that the Kaiser will come to favorable peace terms before long, as Saddler E. B. Hardin is not particularly anxious to go to France.

I wish to say that our Captain, Mr. Williams, is giving us all the privileges he can. Every member of Battery E was made "Class A" when we reached Camp Sevier, and our Battery is full war strength now. There were fifteen members of Co. H infantry boys transferred to Battery E—Linney Maltba, Arthur Van-noy, Gurdy Barnes and others.

We wish to thank the good people of Watauga for their many kindnesses to us before we left for Camp.

WATAUGA BOY.

The Wilmington Star wants everybody to learn to sing some song. Bless your life, boy, some folks couldn't carry a tune if it was handed to them in a paper sack.—Greenville Reflector.

Chronic Constipation.

It is by no means an easy matter to cure this disease, but it can be done in most instances by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and complying with the plain printed directions that accompany each package.

Town and County.

—When it is convenient for the wood man, we would be glad to see a little wood coming this way.

—Mr. and Mrs. Ned Jones and two little children, of Lenoir, were week-end guests at the Critcher Hotel.

—The buckwheat crop in the county is now being threshed, and the yield is quite abundant, where the crop was not damaged by the September frost.

—Mrs. W. L. Scott, of Jefferson, has been spending the two weeks past at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Stansbury, in Boone.

—The man who settles his little bills in a spirit of pleasure instead of pain and anger, is the "truck." The former will always make friends while the latter will steadily lose them.

—Miss Velma Rivers, who completed her Art Course at Davenport College last spring, left for Washington, D. C., last Friday morning, where she will remain in the Corcoran Art School during the session which opened on last Monday.

—NOTICE! The Directors of Boone Farm Loan Association will meet at two, p. m., on Saturday, October 13th, for the purpose of receiving new applications. All who contemplate borrowing money through the Association must be present at that time.—A. D. Blair, President.

—Old friend Mote Teague, of Patterson, was in the village of the latter part of last week delivering canned goods, tomatoes, huckleberries, etc., that had been put up on his farm. His wife, he told The Democrat, has canned 250 quarts, while his daughter-in-law, Mrs. C. R. Teague, put up 225 quarts.

—Mr. Will Holland, a very pleasant gentleman from Olin, Iredell county, was in this section last week, and while here looked over some mountain grazing lands, as well as some town property, with a view to buying and locating here. He seemed to be right much pleased with Watauga, and, while he closed no deal, we hope he may find something to his liking, and locate permanently among us.

—Miss Mary Leslie Pulliam, in response to a telegram from her former home town, Lompoc, California, left last week for that town, where she will resume her work as music teacher, having laid it down last spring to visit her aged grand-mother, Mrs. Martha A. Shearer, during her last illness. The young lady is a past master in her profession, and her services are always in demand at an attractive price. Her many friends in Boone wish for her a safe and pleasant journey to her far-away field of labor.

—Atty. Frank A. Linney sowed two acres of land to grass, and to protect the tender crop from the hot rays of the summer sun, sowed three pecks of buckwheat on the plot of ground. As the grain began to ripen, the 'patch' became infested by a big flock of turkeys and chickens which did considerable damage. But, despite this, he had the crop harvested, and the yield was 35 bushels of choice clean grain. His hay crop was abundant; his corn and truck patches untouched by the frost, are as fine as can be found, and he boasts that he has the best turnip patch in the county, and John Bingham is backing him in it. Frank is some farmer, but the work in the main, has been done by proxy. Keep clear on that point.

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