

WHAT FIGHTING MEN BACK HOME

Earnest Demand for Return of the Boys is Growing.

Governor Bickett and Others in State Working for Return of N. C. Men Needed.

BY H. E. C. BRYANT.
 Washington, Nov. 23.—The earnest demand for the discharge of boys in the army for home work now that the war is over is growing. This applies also to the navy. Senators Simmons and Overman have received hundreds of requests for men in the service. Banks, factories, lawyers and merchants are calling for help. Governor Bickett has taken the matter up with the authorities here. He has made a special demand for Homer Peels, formerly in the office of State Treasurer Lacy, at Raleigh, urging material for the next legislature. Secretary Baker said recently that the requests for individual discharges would not be granted except in very rare cases.

In letters to Secretaries Baker and Daniels and Chief of Staff March Senator Simmons stated the case for constituents as follows:

"I am receiving numerous letters from my constituents, from fathers and mothers, and former employers of soldiers and sailors, giving special and forceful reasons why certain of these men should be discharged and returned to civil life immediately, now that the war has been brought to a successful conclusion.

"Many of the men whose discharges are sought are men who occupied positions in civil life requiring special equipment, such as bank cashiers and tellers, trained newspaper men, school teachers, etc. It is argued, and with reason it seems to me, that the highest necessity exists for the war being over, for the immediate return to civil life of certain of these men.

"Will you not please state to me the attitude of your department respecting these matters and advise me what course, if any, is provided for special consideration of such cases and for expediting the discharge of these men, specially equipped for certain essential and important posts in civil life?"

Robert R. King, attorney of Greensboro, is one of the North Carolinians who have taken up this matter with congressmen. In a letter to Senator Simmons he said:

"I am greatly concerned as to how our soldiers are to be gotten back into civil life under circumstances favorable to them and to the country. Notices from the morning papers that the government has this matter under serious consideration. I believe that such of the soldiers as come from the farm and want to go back to the farm, should be first released. In my opinion there is going to be a greater strain on our resources in this line than any other for the present. If those who desire to go back to the farms are first released, we will then be the better able to take care of and find employment for others, who do not want to go back to the farm when they are finally released from service. In thinking about this matter, it has occurred to me that if another set of questionnaires could be framed and sent to the soldiers for answer and return, the work of demobilization might be more efficiently and intelligently handled than otherwise. The man who said he desired to be discharged at an early day in order that he might go back to the farm would at once pledge in a degree to go back to the farm, and so likewise with reference to other departments of industry.

"Again there are in the army and navy a great many young men who were interested in large enterprises, with as little loss of time and loss of interest as possible; these should be released as soon as reasonable. Such men on their return would at once engage in such industries as could afford employment for others who may be released later."

If any large number of persons throughout the United States ask for farm labor the suggestion made by Mr. King may be accepted here. There is going to be a shortage of food for several years, and Uncle Sam will have to furnish a large proportion of it.

VICTOR BRYANT SPEAKS TO UNIVERSITY S. A. T. C.

Special to The Observer.
 Chapel Hill, Nov. 23.—"Dad," called out to stay here in college and prepare to fight just as it called the older men to go to the front. You have shown an eagerness and willingness to perish, and I am sure you are assured that there is no sentiment abroad in the state of North Carolina that justifies a feeling that you should have volunteered," declared Hon. Victor Bryant, of Durham, a member of the class of 1890, a member of the board of trustees, and a prominent member of the Durham bar, in an address significant for its force and eloquence to the S. A. T. C. students at the University of North Carolina here last night. The crowd that heard him taxed the capacity of Gerard hall. His speech was a direct challenge to the spirit of restiveness among many of the students who are disappointed in not being able to go over. It met a responsive chord.

We should rejoice as much over what he has said, Mr. Bryant said, in speaking of the termination of hostilities. By throwing the manpower, money power, and industrial power of America into the gigantic struggle as one unit the issue with the Hun, who had been preparing for 40 years, has been decided speedily. A man who had predicted on March 22 that the war would end before Christmas would have been called a simpleton.

Mr. Bryant characterized the allied victory as a triumph of right and moral force. President Wilson had confidence in the moral power of the universe and he believed that some people in Germany believed in right thinking. That's why he kept sending notes in spite of the protests of many politicians. That's why he tried to tell the Germans and Austrians their government was wrong.

Distinctly original was the announcement sent out by a certain Welsh musician, when his wife presented him with a baby girl. It took the form of four bars of music inscribed on a letter-card. The resilient "musical" was taken from "The Messiah": "Unto us a child is born."

ROBESON COUNTY FAIR PROVED GREAT SUCCESS

More People Attended Than Ever Before—County 50 Per Cent Over Top in War Work.

Special to The Observer.
 Lumberton, Nov. 23.—This has been a gala week in Lumberton. The Robeson county fair opened Tuesday and closed yesterday and was the "biggest and best" fair ever held in Lumberton. More people attended the fair this week than have ever attended a fair here. Thousands of people from all parts of the county and many from other counties were here. The promoters are much pleased with the success of the fair and no doubt a still bigger fair will be held here next year.

As has been the case at previous fairs here, the poultry show was the leading feature of the occasion. More than 300 fowls—some of as fine as will be found anywhere—were entered this year. A number of fine hogs and cattle were also on exhibition.

While the number of farm products entered was not quite as large as last year, the quality was better and made a finer show than at any previous fair. Besides the exhibits there were other attractions, such as ferris wheel, merry-go-round and the other things it takes to make up a carnival.

Thursday was "baby day" and 26 babies were entered, competing for a prize. The winner has not been announced.

Robeson won 50 per cent "over the top" in the united war work drive. Practically all the townships in the county went above their allotments. Lumberton township went more than 60 per cent over.

Robeson soldiers who were in camp at the time the armistice was signed

are beginning to return. A number have been released from the army during the last week and have returned home.

The majority of Robeson farmers are holding their cotton. Many of them are placing it in bonded warehouses. They expect to realize higher prices later.

While wood is selling high in Lumberton, there is no indication that a fuel shortage will be experienced here this winter. Many have already stored a sufficient supply to "make them through" and much wood is being brought to town by country people. At present prices hauling wood is a paying business.

TO ERECT MONUMENT TO CHEROKEE SOLDIERS

Gaffney, Nov. 23.—A movement is on foot in Gaffney to raise a fund for the purpose of erecting a monument to the Cherokee soldiers who lost their lives in battle overseas. Some of the gallant old Confederates who fought bravely during the four years of the civil war say that they are opposed to the movement unless there is a monument also erected to the Confederate soldiers who lost their lives in the war. It is not known at this time what will be the result of the matter.

100 OR MORE CASES OF "FLU" IN WILMINGTON

Wilmington, Nov. 23.—Dr. Charles E. Low, health officer, states that there are from 100 to 150 cases of influenza in the city now. Not all these are recent cases, but most of them have appeared since the peace celebration Monday the 11th, when everybody in the city went abroad and celebrated. Doctor Low charges this mixing up of 30,000 people with a majority of the cases of influenza in the city. "If that wouldn't spread it," he says, "nothing would."

SOUTH FORK BAPTISTS HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Annual Meeting at Belmont Adjourns—To Meet Next Year at Lincolnton.

Special to The Observer.
 Belmont, Nov. 23.—The South Fork Baptist association closed its fortieth annual session with the First Baptist church yesterday evening.

The session began Thursday morning, and the organization was effected by the re-election of Osborne Brown, moderator; J. F. Click, clerk; and J. O. Allen, treasurer. After the election of officers, Christian education was discussed by Dr. Luther Little and Dr. Livingston Mayes, both of Charlotte. The main addresses of the afternoon were that of Rev. Walter N. Johnson, of Raleigh, on missions, and that of Rev. F. B. Hambrick, who discussed the orphanage. Thursday night Dr. J. L. Vipperman, of Dallas, preached the annual sermon.

Friday morning the subject of temperance was presented by Rev. G. P. Abernathy, of Gastonia, and that of B. Y. F. U. by Rev. F. M. Higgins, of Belmont, and several matters of business were brought before the house. In the afternoon home and foreign missions were discussed by Rev. W. C. Barrett, Rev. W. R. Bradshaw, Dr. J. L. Vipperman, and others. After matters of business were disposed of, the meeting was adjourned.

Reports showed that the association had enjoyed a very successful year. The association comprises the churches of almost all of Lincoln,

TO BUILD HOUSES FOR WILMINGTON SHIPB'Y

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Nov. 23.—A half million dollars will be spent by the government on the Carolina shipyard property here to provide houses for workmen. The announcement comes from headquarters of the emergency fleet corporation in Philadelphia. It is guessed that this large sum will provide from 150 to 200 houses of a fairly good quality; more if houses of slightly cheaper character are built. Nothing of the details has as yet been made public. The site is 30 acres of the property already owned by the government along the Cape Fear river, adjoining the suburban settlement known as Sunset park.

While the announcement causes little surprise, it will allay fears that the steel shipyard might be affected by peace.

ELECTED TO OFFICE WHILE IN FRANCE; CANNOT SERVE

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Nov. 23.—Although Walter H. Blair was duly elected register of deeds for New Hanover county, the commissioners will appoint a register at their meeting the first Monday in December, when the fiscal year begins. Mr. Blair is in service overseas and under the law he cannot qualify, neither can he name a deputy to qualify and serve for him until he can return and take the office.

Should the man appointed by the board want to do so, he could, on Mr. Blair's return, surrender the office and allow him to be appointed; but the board cannot be a party to

STORAGE FOR NITRATES WANTED AT WILMINGTON

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Nov. 23.—Director Wells, of the storage department of army ordnance, has made inquiry of the chamber of commerce if Wilmington has facilities for unloading and storing nitrate shipments coming from South America, originally intended for munition plants, but not now needed. He has been advised that Wilmington can store some 30,000 tons, and can use all of it right here, in the manufacture of fertilizer. It is likely, therefore, that shipments of nitrate, intended for northern ports, will be diverted to Wilmington. Farmers of the state would doubtless be glad if such is done, as it will make available a supply for agricultural purposes.

22 PORTO RICANS ARE BURIED AT WILMINGTON

Special to The Observer.

Wilmington, Nov. 23.—Eight more bodies of Porto Ricans dying of pneumonia were brought here today from Fort Caswell and interred in the national cemetery. This swells the total deaths to 22 since the transport City of Savannah brought about 1,000 of the islanders here for work at Camp Bragg. Others left by the ship on her return are still sick in the fort hospital where every-thing possible is done for them. Pneumonia and kindred affections are maladies that the Porto Rican apparently cannot withstand, and additional deaths are expected.

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BIG THRIFT CLUB NEARING THE END.

Factory Allotment of 25 Story & Clark Players & 25 Pianos Nearly All Sold.

END OF BIG SALE A MATTER OF HOURS

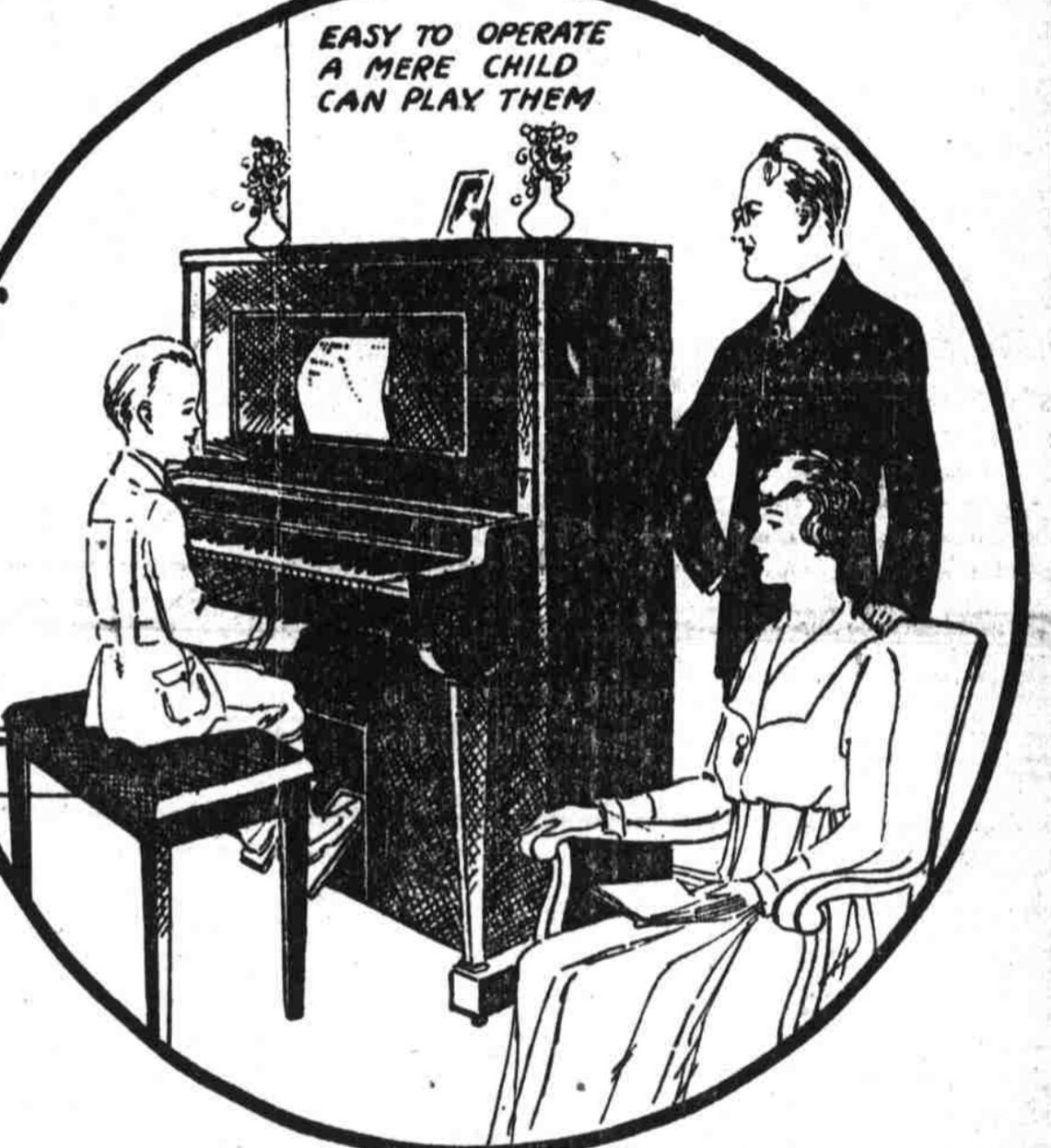
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