

## MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SERVICE RESERVES MEET.

Burke County Committee Held Meeting Last Friday — Mr. Payne Spoke on Work.

Members composing the Burke County Board of the United States Public Service Reserve met in Morganton last Friday morning to discuss the work that the government expects them to do.

Meeting with the members was Mr. Max T. Payne, of Greensboro, who is assisting Mr. T. L. Bland of Raleigh, the State director.

The Public Service Reserves in each county is composed of members from each township and also a local community board composed of three men—one who represents the government, one representing the employer of labor and one the employee of labor. In Burke county Mr. W. I. Davis is chairman of the local community board and Messrs. B. E. Cox and A. C. Chaffee on the other members. All matters pertaining to the labor situation will be conducted through them.

It is the duty of the community board and the township representatives to get a list of all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years who are in non-essential work. This list is sent to the labor department in Washington. In the near future a man from the department of labor, working through the State director, Dr. Geo. Ramsey, of Raleigh, will come to Morganton to secure a certain quota of labor. From the list furnished the government representation with the assistance of the community board, will select the men whom he desires. He will have the power to insist on these men going to the essential work or either report them to the local draft board when they will be reclassified and sent immediately to the army.

In talking to the committee Mr. Payne said:

"The labor shortage is so serious that completion of important war projects for the army and navy is being delayed.

"The time has come for the entire nation to realize that business as usual is no longer possible." Nathan A. Smyth, assistant director of the employment service has said, "If we are to end the war quickly the production of luxuries and non-essentials in this country must come to an end. It is a question of winning the war quickly or having it drag on indefinitely.

"Manufacturers must give up the creation of needless goods, workers must be willing to change from non-essential to war production even at a hardship to themselves; the public at large must stop buying luxuries and thereby make the problem of curtailing non-essentials easier."

Following the industries which are held as non-essential:

Auto industry accessories, drivers of pleasure cars, cleaning, repairing and delivery of same, sight seeing cars, auto trucks other than those hauling fuel or doing government work, teaming other than delivery of products for war work; bath and barber shop attendants; bowling, billiard and pool rooms, bottlers and bottle supplies, candy manufacturers and delicatessen establishments, builders and contractors not engaged in erection of structures for war work; dancing academies, mercantile stores; florists; fruit stands; junk dealers; livery and sales stables; pawn brokers; peanut vendors, shoe shining shops, window cleaners, soft drink establishments, soda fountain supplies.

The following men attended the meeting in Morganton: Messrs. W. I. Davis, B. E. Cox, F. J. Wortman, W. K. Houk, E. W. Price, C. V. Cline, D. W. Alexander, N. O. Pitts, W. Y. Frazier, Francis Garrou and R. O. Huffman.

### Keep Your Liberty Bond.

Liberty Bonds are not intended as currency; they are intended as a loan to the Government and at the same time a gilt-edged investment for the purchaser. Trading a Liberty Bond defeats the Government's plan of financing the war.

State Collège at Raleigh has sent this office a very interesting 16-page pamphlet about its "Military Training and War Courses." Well illustrated and carefully prepared, it gives a very favorable impression of the activities of that strong and useful technical college and its efforts toward winning the war.

### Rheumatism Arrested

If you suffer with lame muscles or stiffened joints look out for impurities in the blood, because each attack gets more acute and stubborn. To arrest rheumatism you must improve your general health and purify your blood; the cod liver oil in Scott's Emulsion is Nature's great blood-maker while it also strengthens the organs to expel the impurities. Scott's is helping thousands who could not find other relief.

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## MANPOWER BILL PASSED BY THE HOUSE 336 TO 2.

Congress Does, However, Reverse Itself and Exempts Congressmen From the Draft.

The new manpower bill extending the selective draft to all men between the ages of 18 and 45 years was passed by the house Saturday night with only minor changes in the original draft of the war department. On the first roll call only two negative votes were cast—Representative London the Socialist of New York, and Representative Gordon, of Ohio, Democrat. The final vote was announced 336 to 2.

The final vote was preceded by three days' debating, during which the chief contention was an amendment to defer the calling of youths from 18 to 20 years until older men had been summoned. A final effort was made by Chairman Dent to place 18-year-old boys in a deferred class, but a motion to recommit the bill to the military affairs committee with instructions to incorporate that amendment was lost, 191 to 146.

The bill now goes to the senate, where leaders predict its passage early next week. The senate plans to substitute the house bill for the measure favorably reported by the senate military committee and thus expedite its final enactment. Congressional leaders hope to send the measure to the President by the latter part of the week.

The senate, soon after convening unexpectedly abandoned plans for a vote and adjourned until Monday.

An attempt in the house to insert a work or fight amendment by which those exempted from military service on occupational grounds would be required to remain at their civil tasks, failed, 52 to 91. The amendment was directed against strikes and was characterized by officials of the American Federation of Labor as a conscription of labor.

The house reversed its action of Friday in voting to include members of Congress in the draft. By a rising vote, 98 to 143, it defeated an amendment by Representative Gregg, of Texas, which would make members of congress, State legislatures and Federal and State executive officials liable to the draft.

### The American Negro is "Some" Fighter.

France has her "Blue Devils"—fierce fighting men. The negro race has already proved itself in this war. Hundreds of African colonials serving in the French and British armies showed the Huns how a black man can fight—but it took the American negro to put the finishing touches on their education. The result is that while a German soldier might stand up and fight a white soldier, he now flings down his rifle and shouts "Kamerad!" with all his lung power when a negro face shows behind an American bayonet. So furiously did they fight that they earned a contemptuous but appreciative place in the German official reports of the defeat.

Two negro divisions—the 92nd and the 103rd—are known to be in action on the western front.

Under the first draft there were 737,628 negro registrants, or nearly 8 per cent of the country's total registration. Of this number 100,000 have been called to camp and the majority of them are now at the front. About 1,000 negroes, including 250 medical officers, have been commissioned as captains, first lieutenants and second lieutenants. In addition to the fighting men there are 34 colored chaplains in the army, and 150 negroes with the negro branches of the Y. M. C. A. at the camps and in France.

### War Will Make Men Scarcer in the World.

There won't be enough men to go around if the war lasts for more than a year longer. That's the dire prophecy of an Italian professor of sociology and statistics who has just published a learned work entitled "The War and Population."

He figures that if the war ends in 1919 there will be 121 women between the ages of 20 and 44 to every 100 men of the same ages in England. In 1910 the proportion was 108 to 100.

In France the situation will be even more dreadful. There will be 124 women to every 100 men. In Germany, where the sexes were almost evenly balanced before the war, there will be only 19 surplus women to every 100 men—hardly enough, the author says, to make polygamy practical.

The scientist holds the comfortable doctrine that eugenically the race will improve after the war, because there will be so many women for every man to choose a wife from that he will choose the healthiest, handsomest and strongest.

So many gods, so many creeds, So many paths that wind and wind, When just the art of being kind Is all this old world needs.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

## MR. BOGER WRITES ON BOSSES, BALL GAMES, ETC.

Directs His Communication to Mr. Cox and Writes on One Subject Interesting to Both.

Aug. 24, 1918.

Mr. X. It Pays to Trade at H. Cox, Broadway, Morganton.

Dear Xennie:—

It might be said that certain laying of concrete on the streets of our old town had quite a sufficiency of supervision, superintending, overseeing, bossing, reviewing. Control generally, to have gotten it put down right.

Let's see. There was the mayor, town manager, Hawk Ward, the board of aldermen, city clerk, chief of police, Isaac Wortman, the contractor, abutting property owners, contractor's foreman, me and yourself generally and quite often, if the hour was propitious, the city engineer appeared in the office.

That little John Pearson fellow, from out "fernest" Sandy Run, always seemed to me to be the brains of the whole works.

Along about the shank of the afternoon, poor little John would have to be

"The cook, and the captain bold, And the mate of the Nancy Brig, And the mid-ship mite, and the bos'n tight, And the crew of the captain's gig."

He remained, like Casabianca, "Whence all, but him, had fled" to the base ball game.

If that little dinky steam engine had a blowed up before 3 p. m. any day, the very flower of Morganton's virile manhood would have composed the casualty list—

Except two blooms. Maybe three. Cousin Peter Newton and A. M. Ingold would not have been ushered into eternity thataway, and maybe the city engineer would have escaped, these three not being among those present.

And, Xennie, en passant, wouldn't you put these two, who certainly would not have been there, wouldn't you put them down as the two most polite people in town.

My cousin Peter can sell you a paper sack of fresh roasted, and make you feel like you had closed a deal with him for a Cadillac limousine.

Mr. Ingold can send you a notice, with a vague reference to a past due note, or overdraft, or something, and make you feel like you had received an invitation to some sort of free feed. Of course you and I know nothing about this, but it is said that he can turn down a proposition to lend money with such a courteous nod that the would be borrower feels so good over it he thinks he don't need the money, anyway.

And he goes away with a smile on his face, and nothing else.

You never knew Silver Creek Sam Pearson, Xennie. I did. He was more polite than Mr. Newton and Mr. Ingold put together.

If, however, that biler had busted after 3 p. m., when "politics was adjourned" to the ball game, one little pine coffin would have been sufficient, and the only plaintiff in the damage suit would have been poor Little John's administrator. The damage suit would have been tried without even having Hickory or Lenoir legal talent in.

Speaking of bosses.

There are five hundred people in Washington who are my boss. About a dozen of the smaller ones have noticed my name on lists or something, and three of them know me when they see me, but only one of all my superiors exactly know what my name is. Several ought to know it, and you ought to hear them "stall" when they can't recall it, and try to do so. The President, of course, gave Mr. McAdoo his job and so I guess he bosses Mr. McAdoo. Mr. McA. is the head of a whole lot of big government activities, among which, one is the treasury department—I'm in this.

One branch of the treasury department is the internal revenue bureau. Mr. McA. has a man who looks after the internal revenue bureau for him, and that man, representing Mr. McAdoo, bosses Mr. Roper, who is commissioner of internal revenue. This bureau comprises all the different activities that collect revenue to run the government. One of these many sources of revenue is tax. So Mr. Roper has a man to boss, among others, who is the head of all the tax business.

Then there being many sorts of tax, there is a big chief for each kind of tax. One of the kinds of revenue producing taxes is the Excess Profits Tax. There is a head man over the excess profits tax division, and there are some six or eight different branches of the E. P. section, each with a boss, and each boss has a chief clerk, and each chief clerk designates men to see

after separate details. They call these last "straw bosses."

My work is that of an auditor or reviewer of excess profits tax returns, as made out, by taxpayers and sent to collectors, in the different districts, thence to Washington for corrections, correspondence, adjustments, etc.

So, H. X., should you wish to see mee when in the city, call on Mr. W. Wilson, and he will send you to Mr. McAdoo, and he will send you on, and on, and on, and on, like Columbus sailed, and in about three weeks you will be piloted right to my desk.

Please wake up gently, as you approach, because my nerves are unstrung from the effects of a ball game I recently saw, with Ty Cobb in it. Tell Jim I'm going to write him all about that game and that Cobb.

Cobb's worth all they pay him!

One other thing, Xennie, who else says "It pays to trade at Cox's?"

I thank you.

DERR BOGER.

Ask Anyone Who Has Used It. There are families who always aim to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy in the house for use in case it is needed, and find that it is not only a good investment but saves them no end of suffering. As to its reliability, ask anyone who has used it.

## INVENTOR WOULD PETRIFY ENEMY.

Another Suggests Freezing Clouds and Mount Artillery On Them.

London Correspondence Associated Press.

If the dreams of numerous British amateur inventors, who have been besieging the Ministry of Munitions, could be realized, the war would have been over long ago, and little would be left of the German army. Recent proposals include the following:

"Freeze the clouds and mount artillery thereon; train cormorants to fly to Essen to pick the mortar from Krupp's walls, so that they will crumble; trail from balloons prodigious magnets that would snatch rifles from the hands of the German soldiers; perch men on shells to steer them."

A suggestion often submitted is to attach a searchlight to an anti-aircraft gun, project the light on a Gotha and shoot along the beam. Unfortunately, shells will not follow a path of light.

Other schemes for dealing with hostile aircraft are to suspend heavy guns from captive balloons; to arm defense airplanes with scythes; to provide heat rays for setting Zeppelins on fire, and to cover the moon with a big, black balloon. To prevent polished rails shining at night and acting as a guide to enemy aircraft, the last coach of the last train is to drop blacking on them.

A shell containing gravel is to lay a pathway over mud, and another, containing an irritant powder or a sticky substance, is to hamper machine guns.

The "relay shell" is a favorite proposal, the plan being for a shell at the height of its flight to expel a smaller inner shell. As a shell does not point directly along its trajectory it would be impossible to secure accuracy of aim for the second shell.

Among the miscellaneous projects are: To petrify German soldiers by squirting cement over them; to throw snakes of pneumatic propulsion into the enemy trenches; to penetrate and attack Germany itself via a "tube" built "all the way" from England.

It is said that about one suggestion in ten that reaches the Ministry of Munitions is novel and possible.

The Air Ministry announces that its air inventions committee, formed about nine months ago, has examined more than 5,000 inventions and suggestions.

### STRAIGHTFORWARD TESTIMONY.

Many Morganton Citizens Have Profited By It.

If you have backache, urinary troubles, days of dizziness, headaches or nervousness, strike at the seat of the trouble. These are often the symptoms of weak kidneys and there is grave danger in delay. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially prepared for kidney ailments — are endorsed by over 50,000 people. Your neighbors recommend this remedy—have proved its merit in many tests. Morganton readers should take fresh courage in the straightforward testimony of a Morganton citizen:

J. M. Patton, agent Standard Oil Co., Anderson St., says: "I had a dull pain across the small of my back, caused by disordered kidneys. I had always heard Doan's Kidney Pills highly spoken of and I got some at the Burke Drug Co. Doan's removed the soreness and pain in my back after I had used the first box. My experience has taught me Doan's Kidney Pills are a fine kidney medicine."

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The United States Fuel Administration makes two suggestions among others: Use wood or oil instead of coal where possible; if you use coal order it immediately. Orders now keep the coal mines running. When orders slow up, the mines slow up.

## A GUILFORD COUNTY WOMAN WHO HAS AMPLE CAUSE TO BE HAPPY

She Wants Other Women to Know How She Gained Such Satisfaction and Believes That They Can Accomplish Just as Much.

There is at least one satisfied woman in Guilford county, and she came into Greensboro the other day to make a statement for publication tiling just how happy she is. This lady, Mrs. J. L. Clapp, whose address is Rural Route No. 2, Greensboro, now knows for the first time in eighteen years what it means to be a well woman and enjoy life. This is the experience Mrs. Clapp relates:

"A deranged stomach has been the cause of my being miserable for the last eighteen years. I was unable to take hardly any food without becoming deathly sick, frequently vomiting and suffering intense pain, my nervous system was also affected. I took all of the usual remedies for stomach trouble, and a lot more, but they had no effect whatever on my case. I saw

an advertisement of Peplac and was impressed by the statements of people who were benefitted by medicine, so I decided to try it. I will always be thankful that I needed. It quickly banished all of stomach trouble; my appetite turned and I was able to digest what I ate. I sleep much better; am a bit nervous and feel fine all the time. I gained all of this improvement through Peplac and I cannot understand why everyone who is troubled in this manner does not take wonderful remedy.

This great constructive tonic is and recommended in Morganton at Leslie's Drug Store. Buy a bottle every day."

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## LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS BAD

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Was Relieved After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak... I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few doses of Black-Draught."

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