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"If it concerns Harnett, it's in THE NEWS"

## BUSINESS MEN AND FARMERS TOGETHER

Saturday, February 1st, farmers from all parts of Harnett County will be in Lillington to meet with the business men, a committee of whom have arranged a program of entertainment in the form of information, business promotion, warehouse plans, tobacco culture, etc., embodied in speeches by some of the most successful planters and warehouse men in the tobacco business.

Mr. Robert Boswell, manager of the Planters Warehouse in Wilson, will be on the program for an address. Mr. Boswell knows tobacco like a professor knows books. He is experienced and practical and will make the culture, cure and sale of tobacco plain to his audience.

Mr. J. B. Barnes, of Wilson, whose middle name is Business, will be present and will aid in formulating plans for the proposed warehouse and will not doubt become financially interested in the enterprise. He owns property in Lillington and Harnett County and says he will soon move here.

Mr. J. F. Batts, who purchased the Parker home in Lillington last week, will take part in the meeting and is no stranger to the tobacco industry. He will co-operate with the promoters in arranging a plan to build a warehouse, as well as to give information which will tend to encourage the farmers to raise tobacco.

Mr. G. W. Howard, who has purchased the Stewart home in Lillington, as well as quite an acreage of Harnett County land, is moving in his new home this week. He will be on hand at the meeting to tell the farmers what can be realized by growing tobacco, being an experienced planter and warehouseman. He knows tobacco probably better than any citizen of the county, and he being now a resident of Harnett County, the farmers will gain valuable information from his demonstrations, which will be free to all.

Mr. E. G. Curl, a warehouse manager of fifteen years' experience, is now a resident of Lillington. He will superintend the warehousing facilities, and will be on hand Saturday to give ideas along the line of curing and warehousing tobacco.

As Mr. Howard said last week, it is squarely up to the farmers of Harnett County to make money this year. It is a settled fact that there will be a warehouse in Lillington to market tobacco and the business men of the town will co-operate with the farmers in handling their product. Free seed are to be had in unlimited quantity and canvas can be furnished by the merchants.

The farmers are urged to make this a tobacco year in the confident belief that more money will be realized than on any other crop.

## LAST LYCEUM ATTRACTION.

On February 7th the last Lyceum attraction of the season will appear at the courthouse. This show is on St. Clair tour and will be put on at the courthouse auditorium instead of the schoolhouse. The hour is 8:30 p. m. Those wishing to attend will be able to purchase tickets in advance at the rate of three tickets for \$1.00 for adults, three children's tickets for 50 cents. Those who do not purchase tickets in advance will be charged the regular admission at the door, 25 and 50 cents. A good audience is expected at this final event of the season.

## Short Course in Agriculture.

Farmers taking advantage of the Short Course in Agriculture offered by the State College are being considerably benefited by a series of lectures which are given each week by members of the College teaching force and by the Experiment Station and Extension Service workers. In addition to having all the latest results of experimental work put before them, the men are also being brought into closer touch with the College representatives to the mutual advantage of both. Dean Williams has been untiring in his efforts to make this Short Course of practical value to the men attending, and is receiving the close co-operation of all the specialists.

## Mrs. V. A. Royall Dead.

Sanford, Jan. 28.—This community was shocked Saturday morning when it was learned that Mrs. V. A. Royall wife of Rev. V. A. Royall, of the Jonesboro Methodist Church, had dropped dead while doing her domestic work in the home. They had recently moved to Jonesboro and had made many friends who will be grieved to learn of her death. The following children survive: One son who lives in the West, and three daughters, Mrs. J. W. Draughon, Miss N. C., Mrs. J. M. Sherwood, Raleigh, N. C., and Mrs. J. P. H. Blanchard, Treville, N. C. She was buried in Jonesboro Monday morning, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. W. R. Royall, of Sanford, assisted by Rev. L. A. McLaurin, of Jonesboro.

## HEALTH CONDITIONS IN HARNETT COUNTY

During the month of December there was reported to the health officer only one case of communicable disease—a case of typhoid fever. Since the close of the month a few cases of pneumonia (lobar and lobar) were reported, which should have been sent in during December. It is to be supposed that failure to make reports promptly are due to the fact that the doctors, as well as the public, do not appreciate the importance of rendering reports promptly. The burden is upon the public, as well as upon the physicians, to make reports of all communicable diseases, and a failure to do so is a misdemeanor. The following is a list of the reportable diseases:

Whooping cough, measles, diphtheria, scarlet fever, smallpox, typhoid fever, infantile paralysis, cerebrospinal meningitis, chickenpox, septic sore throat, German measles, opthalmia neonatorum, cholera infantum, dysentery, amoebic and bacillary pneumonia (lobar and broncho), paratyphoid fever, trachoma, venereal diseases.

Influenza is again quite prevalent throughout the county. Health authorities have warned the public that this disease would probably be with us until late spring. A word of warning just at this time may not be amiss. So frequently the public believes that one attack of this disease protects against a subsequent attack. While this may be true to a slight extent, it is well to remember that if one attack protects at all it is only in a slight degree, and that once a person has had influenza they are a weakened and debilitated condition, predisposing not only to a subsequent attack but to various other infectious diseases, and especially is this true of both forms of pneumonia, as well as tuberculosis. The pneumonia usually following influenza is of the bronchial type, which is more serious than lobar pneumonia. Bronchial pneumonia is more serious because not only are the air cells affected, but the supporting tissue (parenchyma) is also involved, which leaves behind more or less a permanent injury to the pulmonary tissue. It is wise, therefore, for those who have had an attack of influenza to exercise extreme care as to exposure and do all in their power to improve their general health. Recently the State Board of Health has made both forms of pneumonia a reportable disease, and those suffering from either form of pneumonia should report it to the undersigned immediately upon the occurrence of the same.

J. W. HALFORD,  
Assistant Epidemologist.

## TURKEY CLAIMS THE ATTENTION OF DELEGATES.

Paris, Jan. 30.—The Supreme Council it is officially announced today reached satisfactory provisional arrangements dealing with German colonies and the occupied territories of Turkey in Asia.

The council decided that the Military representatives of the Allied power at Versailles should meet and report on the most equitable distribution of the burden of supplying military forces for the purpose of maintaining order in Turkey, pending action by the conference regarding the government of Turkish territory.

## Official Communication.

The official communication on the peace proceedings today reads: "The President of the United States, the Prime Minister and Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Allied and associated powers, as well as the Japanese Representatives, today held two meetings at the Quai d'Orsay, the first from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m., and the second from 3:30 p. m. to 6 p. m.

The exchange of views continued on the German colonies in the Pacific and in Africa, in the presence of the representatives of the dominions and M. Simons, French Minister of the Colonies and of the Marquis Salvago Raggi (Italian).

"In the afternoon, satisfactory provisional arrangements were reached for dealing with the German colonies and the occupied territory in Turkey in Asia.

"At the afternoon meeting the Belgian delegates were present. M. M. Hymans, Vandenhuevel and Vanderhelde were accompanied by M. Ortz, who explained the Belgian point of view concerning the Congo.

"It was further decided that the military representatives of the Allied and associated powers at Versailles should be asked to meet at once and present a report as to the most equitable and economical distribution among those powers of the burden of supplying the military forces for the purpose of maintaining order in the Turkish empire pending the decisions of the peace conference regarding the government of Turkish territory.

"The next session will be held tomorrow at 3 p. m."

## AROUND THE COURTHOUSE.

Mrs. Catherine Shaw, from Bunnlevel, was a visitor Thursday. She was here for the purpose of having blanks from the War Risk Department filled out concerning her son, Colin Shaw, who was killed in France on September 29, 1918, while helping to break the Hindenburg line. While she mourns the death of her gallant son, at the same time she is glad that she had a son to give in defense of democracy and civilization.

Mr. S. O. Brown of Christian Light neighborhood spent a while in town Friday. He reports that his community so far has been only slightly touched by influenza.

Clark of Court McDonald spent Friday in Dunn on business.

Messrs. M. McCormack, J. W. Smith and J. G. Shaw of Bunnlevel were visitors around the courthouse Friday.

Mr. O. S. Young of Angier was here a few hours Friday. He is a live insurance man and is always plying his trade.

Messrs. Brian and Williams of Sanford spent a while Monday in the courthouse.

Attorneys E. F. Young and N. A. Townsend were legal visitors Monday.

Mr. Macom Senter spent a few minutes with the "boys" Saturday.

Dr. J. H. Withers, a former clerk of court, was a pleasant visitor among his old haunts Saturday.

Spudie A. F. Grimes of Coats was a welcome visitor Monday. His beaming smile and good humor is truly Taftonian, and spreads joy wherever he goes.

Mr. N. T. Patterson, cashier of the Bank of Coats, and a former county treasurer, was in town a few minutes Monday.

Mr. Joel G. Layton's thunderous voice were heard through the courthouse Saturday. Mr. Layton is becoming a big factor in the life of the county. He and his tones are always for progressiveness, and wherever he finds them, both are being used in an unselfish manner for the uplift of Harnett. A big man and a big voice.

Mr. John McLeod was a visitor on Tuesday. He reports that not much influenza is in his neighborhood. The price of cotton is not causing him much concern because he has sold all of his cotton but one bale and has averaged 30 cents for it.

Mr. Walter Cade of Kipling, but just recently returned from Vancouver, was a pleasant caller Tuesday. He has been in the service about a year, being stationed in the State of Washington in the Forestry Division of the Army. He was discharged from the Army at Camp Gordon last week.

Mr. W. H. Faucette, Register of Deeds, is confined to his home on account of influenza, but at this writing he is swatting the disease hard and we hope to see him back at his desk in a few days.

Mr. W. M. Green is able to be about his duties after a struggle with influenza. William does not seem to be much the worse for his fight and is as busy telling jokes as ever.

Sheriff Turlington reports that he has collected over \$50,000 of the 1918 taxes, but that at present business is dull with him. He is anxious to collect the balance due as soon as possible so as to have through this task and that he may devote his time to the county's executive duties. The county needs all the taxes now due, and it would certainly serve the sheriff a good turn to settle with him as early as possible, for the taxes must be paid.

The Clerk of Court is getting everything in ship shape for the two weeks' court term beginning Monday. While the docket is not as large as it has been at different times in the past, it will seem so to the new man on the job.

The vaults in the offices of the Clerk and the Register of Deeds have been given a thorough cleaning out this week.

## CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING.

Sanford, Jan. 29.—Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gross celebrated the golden anniversary of their marriage yesterday from ten to four o'clock at their home in Colon, four miles north of this city. The occasion was indeed a most delightful one. Their six children, together with the "in-laws," nineteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren were present, besides the whole town of Colon and a number of friends from the outside.

## Moore-Messers.

Major M. Moore and Miss Nettie May Messer were married Tuesday by Mayor J. W. Whitehead, who is also a Justice of the Peace. The wedding was an informal affair, only a few witnesses being present. Both parties are of Harnett county and are well known in their respective communities. They have the best wishes of a number of friends.—Dunn Dispatch.

## A QUESTION.

The great war has ended and men's thoughts are turning to "paths of peace." The munition plant turns no more, and in its place is heard the whir of the machines beating the "swords into plowshares." This fact denotes a change in our life which we must meet, and if we succeed we must get busy and meet the issues of 1919.

Is Harnett County going to sit idly by and let strangers take the initiative and win the success which rightly belongs to her? This will happen unless her citizens get busy and work. History repeats itself. During the Reconstruction days of the late sixties and seventies, the Northern States got a start over the Southern States which the latter have never caught up. So it will be with Harnett County. Some other counties will get a start which she can never catch up with, unless she goes to work now. It behooves every citizen now to get busy, put his shoulder to the wheel and push his mightiest. Now is no time for idleness, and if we are to reach the goal we must begin now.

Our sister counties are waking up to peace conditions and we must not be caught napping. If you love your old county, now is the time to show it by going your full limit. You believe your county to be the best and the greatest in our State; now prove it. When all the boys come marching home from across the sea, you will want them to be proud of the county of their birth. Harnett County did her full share in the war, and his question now is: Will she do her duty in the reconstruction period, now that period has come? C.

## THE MEETING SATURDAY.

All aboard for the Farmers' and Business Men's confab! If you have not already decided to come, decide right now and come. Your presence is needed. Get one of your friends to come along with you and help you take all of it in, and then discuss the happenings on the way back home. Your time is valuable, but this gathering is more valuable than anything you may be doing Saturday morning, or anything you may have planned to do. Leave your axe in the log and come along and help your county and community while the helping is good.

If men from Wake County and far away Wilson County think this meeting valuable enough to lay aside their work for Saturday and attend it, can't you, Harnett County citizen, jump into your auto or hitch your mule and come? If this meeting will pay the out-of-county man, will it not pay you?

You are expected, and if you are not at the courthouse at 10 o'clock Saturday you will be missed, and you yourself will miss what will in all probability be an epoch in Harnett County's history. We are counting on meeting you Saturday. C.

## HOW OLD HICKORY BECAME WILD CAT.

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—How the Thirtieth division, composed of Tennessee, North and South Carolina guardsmen which left home known as the "Old Hickory" division in honor of Andrew Jackson, came to be called also the "Wild Cat." Division because the British with whom the 30th broke the Hindenburg line, termed the Americans "Wild Cats" and "Hell Cats," according to Captain David L. Lillard, of Etowah, Tenn.

The 31st division composed of national army men from the same states as the 30th chose "Wild Cat" as its unofficial title after the famous "Wild Cat" road from Columbia to Camp Jackson, S. C., where the 81st trained, and some confusion has arisen among admirers of the two divisions. The War Department records, however show "Old Hickory" officially listed as both "Old Hickory" and "Wild Cat."

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig gave the 30th much of the credit for smashing the supposedly invincible Hindenburg line and the division was mentioned several times in the British official statements for its dash and bravery. The Tommies termed their American comrades "Hell Cats" and "Wild Cats" and Captain Lillard who is at General Hospital No. 14, Chickamauga Park recovering from a shrapnel wound received on the St. Quentin front. He was commanding officer of L. Company, 117th infantry of the 30th division.

The 30th, which trained at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., wears a blue "H" on its shoulder which gives recognition to the "Old Hickory" title. It is oval in shape formed by the letter "O" with the letter "H" inside, while within the "H" is "XXX" denoting the division's number. The letters are blue in a field of red.

## CLERK-CARRIER, P. O. SERVICE.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination for the positions of clerk and city carrier will be held at Dunn on March 1st. The entrance salary of clerks and carriers is \$1,000 a year, and substitutes receive 40 cents per hour. Application blanks and other information may be obtained from the postmaster in Dunn.

## CITY SUPERINTENDENTS CONFER WITH DR. BROOKS

A number of city superintendents of schools in North Carolina conferred at length with Dr. E. C. Brooks, State superintendent, yesterday in regard to the proposed legislation for making the six months school amendment effective.

Agreeing unreservedly to the principle that the strong must help the weak, the platform that Dr. Brooks has adopted for the measure proposed, the city superintendents went on record for an equalizing tax which shall bring the weak counties up to the common level.

The superintendents had this difference with Dr. Brooks. They insisted and the strong counties feel that money collected for schools should remain in the counties where collected except that going into the equalizing fund.

For the equalizing fund, a tax of five cents on the \$100 valuation was suggested yesterday, this to be available to the counties only after they had levied a special tax of 30 cents and after the Corporation Commission had certified that the county asking for the equalizing fund had equalized its valuation of taxable property.—News and Observer.

## FARM AND HOME AGENTS TO MEET.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 29.—Arrangements have about been completed for a meeting of the men and women agents of the Agricultural Extension Service on February 10. The meetings are planned to begin on the morning of February 11.

It has not been definitely decided where the meeting will be held, as the crowded condition at the Raleigh hotel makes it practically impossible for accommodations to be secured here. It is thought, at this time, that Mr. Hudson and Mrs. McKimmon will arrange to have these meetings at Durham, which is a very central point and is easily accessible to the specialists attached to headquarters at the College and Department of Agriculture.

## MAMERS NOTES.

We are glad to welcome Mr. Carl O'Quinn home again. He volunteered and went to the State of Washington last spring, where he has been in the service ever since.

Rev. J. A. Davis, who is doing pastoral work in Raleigh, spent a day or two with his brother, John E. Davis, who is now at home on a furlough.

Miss Zona O'Quinn, one of Lillington High School girls, spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. B. O'Quinn.

The Mammers school is now attended by only a few as compared with the usual number. The influenza is causing the trouble.

Mr. Archie Rogers, who has been at Greensboro for some weeks, is now at home helping nurse the influenza patients. They are getting along nicely at the time of this writing, I think.

## TALLFELLOW.

General March Says Demobilization Can be Completed in Six Months.

Washington, Jan. 27.—General March, chief of staff, discussing army demobilization plans today with the Senate military committee, stated that shipping arrangements have been made by which 300,000 men may be transported home monthly and that all of the American expeditionary force can be returned home demobilized within six months.

How many Americans will be held aboard in the army of occupation is to be determined by President Wilson, General March stated. Ten divisions, he indicated has been suggested, but more Americans have been originally proposed by Marshal Foch.

There are still about 785,000 men in camp in the United States and all will be demobilized within a month from today, except those retained for "overhead" duty. General March added: "Up to noon last Saturday, he said 104,000 men had arrived from overseas."

In connection with demobilization plans, General March stated that, under present plans, retention of an American standing army of 500,000 is proposed.

"We don't ever expect to reduce below 500,000 men—if we can help it," he told the committee.

## LAND 30TH DIVISION AT CHARLESTON.

Announcement As to Return of Troops of Old Hickory Division.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 28.—The Thirtieth Division (North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee National Guard) which now is under orders to prepare for embarkation to return home, will be landed at Charleston, S. C., if the War Department can prepare facilities there to handle so large a body of men. The division will be sent to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., for demobilization.

## FAYETTEVILLE WOULD HAVE 30TH DIVISION DEMOBILIZE THERE.

Fayetteville, Jan. 29.—A movement to have the Thirtieth Division demobilized at Camp Bragg has been started by the Fayetteville Chamber of Commerce. Senator F. M. Simmons has been asked by the local commercial organization to use his good offices in bringing the advantages of Camp Bragg as a demobilization point for the division to the attention of the War Department.

From latest advices from Washington it seems that there has developed some doubt as to the divisions being disembarked at Charleston. While Fayetteville is figuring as Charleston as the port of debarkation, it is probable that if the Thirtieth were landed at Norfolk or Newport News it would make even clearer the logical choice of Camp Bragg.

In a letter to Senator Simmons, Secretary H. V. D. King, of the local chamber, says: "Now that the 30th Division of the United States Expeditionary Forces has been designated for return to this country, it has been thought possible that the War Department might consider demobilizing same at Camp Bragg."

"I suppose it is reasonable to assume that the division will be disembarked at Charleston, South Carolina, and if the camp is in a position to receive this division and take necessary care of it for demobilization purposes it is hoped that it will be found practicable for the War Department to favorably consider this point, and we solicit your good offices in the premises."

The 30th Division, as we understand, is composed of troops from the States of Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina, and we believe that demobilization can be carried on from this point as well as others in the territory named."

## MISS EHRENFELD DIRECTOR OF NURSING.

Will Enlarge State's Public Health Nursing Service. Headquarters at Sanatorium.

Raleigh, N. C., Jan. 15.—Miss Rose Ehrenfeld, R. N., has been appointed Director of the Public Health Nursing Service of the State by Dr. L. B. McBrayer, Chief of the Bureau of Tuberculosis of the State Board of Health. Miss Ehrenfeld's headquarters will be at the State Sanatorium and she will have official connection with the State Board of Health through the Tuberculosis Bureau.

For several years Miss Ehrenfeld has been Director of Public Health Nursing in Raleigh. It was through her efficient work here, as well as at other places that she has been placed at the head of the Public Health Nursing Service of the State. She is a graduate nurse and is well qualified by education, training, experience and native ability to meet the duties and enlarge the service of her new position.

Miss Ehrenfeld takes up the duties of her new field of work at an opportune time. The recent influenza epidemic has not only proved the value of the health nurse, but the absolute necessity of having more nurses if community health is to be safeguarded. One feature of her work will be helping towns and communities to secure public health nurses according to their needs.

## MR. W. C. PEARSON DIES OF INFLUENZA-PNEUMONIA.

W. Colon Pearson died Friday morning, January 24, 1919, at four o'clock at his home in Dunn. He was sick only one week with influenza and pneumonia. He was 35 years old in December and a member of the Baptist church. He was married to Miss Ora Marshall of near Wrendell, July 19, 1908. She survives him. He is also survived by his mother, Mrs. Emily Pearson, and two sisters, Mrs. Mary Mitchell and Miss Iva Pearson, and one niece, little Virginia Mitchell. His father was the late W. F. Pearson, sheriff of Harnett County. The funeral was held at the home Friday afternoon at 4:30, Rev. J. M. Daniel, Rev. Luther Davis and Rev. Eugene Olive conducting the services.

"Some Time We'll Understand," "Asleep in Jesus," and "Nearer My God to Thee" were the hymns sung. Those who attended the funeral from out of town were Prof. J. A. Campbell and family and Calvin Barnes of Buie's Creek. Mrs. J. P. Pittman of Coats, Mr. Floyd Taylor of Lillington, Mr. Horace Eason of Smithfield, Mrs. Eugene G. Richardson of Raleigh and Warren P. Earp of Morrisville. He was buried in the cemetery in Dunn and the flowers were many and beautiful.

Deceased spent most of his life in Dunn where he was popular with a number of friends. He was educated in the local schools and at Buie's Creek. He lived in Harnett all his life and while not a citizen of Dunn, was living on a farm near Buie's Creek. At the time of his death he held an important position in the sales stable owned by John Monds, who preceded him to the grave just one week. The news of his death carried sorrow into every home in the town and into many other homes in the county.

To the bereaved mother and sisters much sympathy is extended.

## COTTON EXPORT RATES REDUCED

Washington, Jan. 28.—Reductions of nearly 75 per cent in trans-Atlantic freight rates on cotton carried in American bottoms, effective immediately were announced today by the shipping board's division of operations. Sweeping decreases were made yesterday in rates on general freight to meet cuts by British ship-owners and some shipping board officials regarded today's announcement as presaging a rate war between the new American Merchant Marine and British shipping interests.

Effect on Price of Cotton. Requests for the cut in rates on cotton were made by Southern Senators and representatives in conference with shipping board officials. The effect on the price of cotton on the New York and New Orleans exchanges was electric. The price on the old contract months advancing \$10 a bale—the limit of fluctuation permitted in a single day under the law controlling dealings in futures.

Immediate and sharp increase in the exports of cotton from this country was viewed by southern Senators and representatives as a certainty. All regulations affecting such exports already had been removed and the high freight rates were regarded as the only barrier between the European needs on the American supply. No cotton will be permitted to go to enemy countries, however, until the matter of the economic blockade has been determined.

New Rates. The new rates from South Atlantic ports to ports in Europe as announced late today by the shipping board are:

To Liverpool and other ports in the United Kingdom \$1.25 per hundred pounds, against the old rate of \$4.50 per 100 pounds.

New rates from South Atlantic ports to ports in Continental Europe were announced as follows:

To French Atlantic ports Rotterdam, Antwerp and Portugal, \$1.50 per hundred pounds, compared with \$4.75.

To French Mediterranean ports and Barcelona, Spain, \$2 per hundred pounds, compared with \$5.25.

To Italian main ports, \$2.25 against \$5.50.

The new rates from Gulf ports to all ports named were fixed at 25 cents in excess of the South Atlantic port rates.

## NO PROMOTION FOR PAST SERVICE.

Washington, Jan. 30.—Secretary Baker has issued instructions modifying to a limited extent the blanket prohibition against promotion of officers promulgated by the War Department immediately after the armistice was signed and which has been sharply criticized in Congress. Under the new policy, made public today, General Pering is authorized to make such promotions as vacancies in the authorized strength of his command may permit and the same practice will be followed with respect to the army in the United States.

"The relaxation of the rule with regard to promotions," the memorandum said, "does not invite a departure from the principle hitherto established that promotions cannot be made merely as a reward for past services, however meritorious. The rule is relaxed only to permit the army which remains undemobilized to be treated as a living organization with such promotions as would be normal in times of peace to fill vacancies existing or as they may arise."

The new policy applies up to and including the grade of colonel and under it officers, both line and corps, who are holding commands or details which should carry with them higher rank than the holders now have will be advanced. This is to be accomplished in the army overseas, even though there may be officers of the proper rank for such positions.

The new orders safeguard the prevalent practice of giving officers recommended for higher rank because of meritorious service the additional grades recommended as they pass into the inactive list of the reserve corps on discharge.

## PEOPLE NOT TAKING ADVANTAGE OF FREE DIPHTEHRIA ANTITOXIN.

The North Carolinians continue to buy diphtheria antitoxin at from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per dose when they can get it for 25c per dose, is not altogether understood by the State Board of Health. A recent investigation of fifteen cases of diphtheria in the State shows that antitoxin was secured for twenty-two of the patients at twenty-five cents a dose, while for thirty-two out of cost from \$3.00 to \$5.00 per dose. The bill paid by one man for diphtheria antitoxin of a private brand was \$46.65, whereas if he had bought the antitoxin provided by the State Board of Health he would have saved over \$40.

In keeping with the policy of the State Board of Health to investigate all deaths from diphtheria to know where to place responsibility for the death, the State Board of Health has arranged to furnish the people of the State diphtheria anti-toxin practically free, only twenty-five cents per package. The people are advised to accept the chairman of their county board of health, who is also the chairman of the county board of commissioners to keep a sufficient supply of this preventive on hand to meet the demand of the people.