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100 ADDITIONAL MEN CALLED

More Registrants Summoned to Report in Lumberton August 20 for Examination for Military Service—Quota for Robeson District May Not be Obtained From First 360 Called

Notices were mailed yesterday from the office of the army exemption board of Robeson district No. 1 to 100 additional registrants to report in Lumberton Monday of next week, August 20, to be examined for military service. On the first call 360 registrants were summoned, taken in the order of their liability. This call for 100 men takes in liability number from 361 to 461. The liability and serial numbers and names of these were published in The Robesonian of August 2nd.

Mr. T. L. Johnson, chairman of the board, returned this morning from a short trip to the western part of the State and the board will begin tomorrow considering claims for exemption. Chairman Johnson said that so many meritorious claims for exemption were made and so many of those in the first 360 called are married that it was deemed best to make the call for additional men in order that there might be no delay in securing the quota for this district, 180. If this additional hundred men are not needed to make up the quota they will of course be in line for the next call.

YOUNG MEN HOME FROM CAMP

Lumberton is Proud of Record Made by Young Men Who Left 3 Months Ago Raw Recruits and Return With Commissions as Officers—Some Who Were Not Mentioned in Monday's Paper

Lumberton is proud to welcome home her sons who left 3 months ago for the training camp at Fort Oglethorpe as raw recruits and return with commissions as officers. They have been through intensive training during the past 3 months, cramming into that short space of time training that heretofore it has been considered necessary to extend over four years.

Second Lieutenants F. E. Wishart and J. P. Cashwell of Lumberton and Frank McNeill of Howellsville township arrived last night. Second Lieut. D. H. Fuller arrived this morning, First Lieut. C. Basil Skipper is expected tomorrow, and Second Lieut. E. Knox Proctor is expected Saturday.

These young officers are home on a furlough and will have to leave on the 28th inst. to report on the 29th at Fort Oglethorpe.

Mr. James M. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell of Lumberton, has received a commission as second lieutenant, field artillery officers' reserve corps, at Fort McPhearson.

Besides those mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, the following Robeson county young men who have been at Fort Oglethorpe have received commissions as second lieutenant officers' reserve corps: John P. Robertson, Rowland, infantry section; Thos. K. Cobb, St. Pauls, infantry section; Frank McNeill, Lumberton R. 7, field artillery; Claude B. Woltz, Maxton, quartermaster corps; Jno. A. McKay, Red Springs, quartermaster corps; Frank G. Everitt, Maxton, quartermaster corps.

Besides those mentioned in Monday's Robesonian as having been accepted for the second officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, the following from Robeson and near-by counties have been accepted: Hiram W. Rainey, Rowland; Don L. McLaughlin, Wagram; Wm. D. Bizzell, Daniel McDuffie, Newton Robinson, Jr., Elizabethtown; Ely Brown, Chadbourne; Frederick A. Dodge, Boardman.

For this second camp 467 North Carolinians were accepted and they are to report August 27. There were about 1,100 applicants, and the 467 selected were taken after other applicants had been weeded out, so that those who were accepted count themselves fortunate.

To Take Short Course in Agriculture

County Farm Demonstrator L. E. Blanchard will take a number of Robeson county boys to Raleigh next week for the annual boys' and girls' short course at the State college of agriculture and engineering. This course is a part of the regular work of the extension service as conducted through the office of boys' club work. It is an annual school of practical instruction, inspiration and stimulation for thousands of boys and girls who belong to the various agricultural and livestock clubs of the State. This year the key-note of the short course is centered around the topic of "conservation". Every phase of the program bears some relation to this subject of national interest.

The following have already agreed to go with Mr. Blanchard for this course: Warren and William Ferguson, Lumber Bridge; Douglas Brown, John Pat Buie, Red Springs; Glenn Purcell, Tom McNaair, Maxton; Joe Sincclair, Leach Robertson, Rowland; H. Townsend, Leroy Townsend, Murphy Townsend, Sam Britt, Vester M. White, Lumberton; Sherwood and Dewey Nye, Orrum; Van Floyd, Randolph Bullock, Fairmont; Jim Jones, St. Pauls.

Others have indicated a desire to go and Mr. Blanchard expects to take with him around 25 boys. Any one who want to take advantage of this course will do well to communicate with Mr. Blanchard at once.

GERMAN POSITIONS CAPTURED

Hill 70, a Formidable Defense Work Included—Renewal of Entente Offensive on Great Scale Looked For—Brilliant Advance Made by Canadians 4

London Dispatch, Aug. 15. With only slight casualties Canadian troops fighting south and east of Loos have captured German positions on a front of two miles, including Hill 70, a formidable defense work, according to the British official communication issued tonight. Five German counterattacks were repulsed.

Copenhagen Dispatch, Aug. 15. The renewal of the Entente offensive on the western front on a greater scale than ever before is looked for by German newspapers, according to Berlin dispatches. It is expected that the new allied attempt may be made on a section of the front heretofore quite calm.

A heavy French bombardment on the Asine and before Verdun, energetic reconnaissance activity, increased by aviators and the closing of the French-Swiss frontier are interpreted as signs of impending developments of greatest moment.

British Front in France and Belgium, Aug. 15. Considerable numbers of German prisoners taken in the British drive today are beginning to arrive in the collection depots.

The new British front has been established on a triangular line like a pair of shears whose points are to the north and south of Lens.

In the first stages of the fighting the Canadians met with comparatively small opposition but as they pushed into the Lens environs the defense of the Germans stiffened.

Whatever the outcome, the battle already has taken a place in the list of the most important conflicts in the war through the capture of Hill 70. The British and Germans were in close grips in the western part of the city of Lens itself, following the brilliant morning advance whereby the Canadians captured Hill 70 and then swept on northwest of Lens.

ROAD SUPERINTENDENT RESIGNS

Mr. Rainey Will Go to Training Camp at Fort Oglethorpe—Road to be Built From Globe Swamp to Creek Road—Road Proposed Via Allenton to Singletary's Crossing

At a called meeting of the county road board held Monday afternoon the resignation of Mr. H. W. Rainey as road superintendent was accepted. Mr. Rainey is among the accepted applicants for admission to the second series officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe. No further action in regard to superintendent was taken.

Messrs. J. I. Townsend and G. Floyd, members of the board, were appointed by the chairman, Mr. I. T. Brown, to investigate condition of Edmund mill bridge and report at next regular meeting.

It was ordered that \$1,000 be allowed for the building of a road across Lumber river from Dick Phillips to the Creek road and Mr. J. I. Townsend was empowered to draw contract for building this road and maintenance of same for 12 months, the \$1,000 to be paid when the road is accepted by the board.

This is the road that people of the Globe swamp section have been trying to get for many months. They have been in a pocket, so to speak, with outlet in only one direction, and have been put to great inconvenience. This road will afford them great relief and will give them a good road into Lumberton, besides shortening the distance.

It was moved that a road be built to Whiteville by way of Allenton to Singletary's crossing and that matter of financing be left to Mr. J. I. Townsend until next tax money comes in.

This is also a road about which there has been much complaint and the condition of which has inconvenienced a large number of people.

Attitude of U. S. and Allies Not Likely to be Greatly Changed by Peace Proposals

Washington Dispatch, Aug. 15. Conferences among the Entente diplomats today crystallized into conviction the opinion here that Pope Benedict's move is not likely to change in any substantial degree the attitude either of the Allies or the American government.

It is agreed, however, that there must be made a response to the Pope's proposal far more comprehensive than a mere acknowledgment of receipt. To do this without opening the field of argument which might result in developing differences between the Allies to be seized upon by the Germans is realized to be a difficult and delicate undertaking.

On the other hand, some consideration is being given to the suggestion that the Pontiff has given President Wilson a golden opportunity to again impress upon the American people and the world in the most convincing fashion the rectitude of his position in recommending to Congress the declaration of a state of war with Germany.

Trial on Charge of Inciting Rebellion Bigstone Gap, Va., Dispatch, Aug. 15.

William V. McCoy and Joseph W. Phillips, charged with inciting rebellion against the government in connection with the selective draft, were put on trial at 4 o'clock this afternoon, Federal Judge Henry C. McDowell presiding. Adjury will be empanelled tomorrow morning.

PEACE PROPOSALS EXPECTED

Possibility of Peace Move Discussed in United States Some Months Ago—Proposals Cannot be Accepted by United States and Allies as They Stand and Possibly Not at All—Answer is Delicate Task

Washington Dispatch, Aug. 15. Pope Benedict's peace proposals were not unexpected to the United States nor to any of the Entente Allies.

The possibility of a peace move was discussed with British Foreign Minister Balfour and Vice Premier Vivian when the British and French official missions were in Washington, and it was agreed that all the Allies, including the United States should refuse to discuss peace terms with Germany while Germany occupied the territory she had taken by force and thereby avoid what the Allied statesmen considered a German trap.

Now, the pontiff's proposal presents the question in a somewhat different light, difficult perhaps to meet, because it offers to a war-weary world a hope for peace.

Germany and her allies are expected promptly to accept the Pope's proposals.

American officials acknowledge that the Vatican's proffer is of a nature calling for a reply. Diplomats of the Entente circle voice nothing but an unanimous opinion that it will be rejected. American officials realize that a convincing reply is required for the world's page of history. That the proposals can not be accepted as they stand is certain. That they will not be accepted at all is probable.

An unofficial outline of the Pope's communication was received here this morning. Members of the President's Cabinet said it had not been discussed at this afternoon's meeting, but some of the President's official family gave signs of the difficulty which it has presented.

The first appraisal of the proposals by officials and diplomats was that it was another attempt, by Germany, this time working through Austria, because of the latter's close relations with the Vatican, to accomplish what she failed in her first offer of peace at the assembling of peace delegates at a round table conference where the interests of one ally could be played off against the other with the disruption of the grand alliances at stake. In no quarter is there any disposition to question in any way the faith of the Vatican although the peace activities of the Roman Catholic elements in Germany and Austria have been prominent for several months.

But, as the unofficial outline disclosed the terms of Pope Benedict's proposal, officials were astonished to realize its similarity with some of President Wilson's declarations on the subject. International agreements to enforce peace, a reduction of armament and recognition of the national aspirations of the small peoples, all were brought forward by the President in his epochal address before Congress.

Although the proposal to leave for diplomatic discussion such great questions as Italia Irredentia, a free Poland and Alsace-Lorraine might be rejected on many grounds, close observers foresee the possibility of embarrassments in declining to discuss proposals which the President himself brought before the world. The allied statesmen realize that once consideration of any part of the Pope's proposals begins, pacifists and Socialist elements are at once enabled to take up discussions which will embarrass their governments.

President's Pronouncement Interesting

President Wilson's own view of what reply shall be made obviously can not accurately be asserted at the present time. His latest public pronouncement on the most vital of the proposals Pope Benedict makes are interesting.

When the new Russian government was wavering on the point of making a separate peace and declaring for no annexations and no indemnities, the President in a message to the Russian people declared:

"Of course the imperial German government and those whom it is using for their own undoing are seeking to obtain pledges that the war will end in the restoration of the status quo ante. It was the status quo ante out of which this iniquitous war issued forth; the power of the imperial German government, within the empire and its widespread domination and influence outside of that empire. That status quo must be altered in such fashion as to prevent any such hideous thing from happening again."

Two days later in his Flag Day address the President, referring to the military masters of Germany said:

"If they can secure peace now with the immense advantages still in their hands which they have up to this point apparently gained, they will have justified themselves before the German people; they will have gained by force what they promised to gain by it; an immense expansion of German power; an immense enlargement of German industrial and commercial opportunities. Their prestige will be secure and with their prestige their political power."

The one point on which Germany might stick, diplomats feel, is the restoration of Alsace-Lorraine. These provinces, because of their mineral deposits, are not only necessary to the economic extension of Germany, they say, but in the hands of France again would disrupt the whole German scheme on the Western frontier.

WILL TAKE OVER ALL WHEAT GROWN IF NECESSARY

\$50,000,000 Corporation Formed With All Stock Held by Government—To End Speculation

Washington Dispatch, Aug. 5. The food administration prepared to take over the entire 1917 wheat crop if necessary to stabilize prices throughout the year. It formed a \$50,000,000 corporation, with all of the stock held by the Federal government, to buy and sell wheat at the principal terminals.

The move was the first of a series to be taken to reduce the price of bread. Millers already have agreed to put themselves under voluntary regulations and are working out with the food administration a differential of profits. Distribution of flour by the wholesalers and the baking of bread will be taken up next.

The hope of the food administration is to establish a scale of prices from the farm to the grocery store, eliminating undue profits and ending speculation.

In announcing formation of the wheat corporation, the food administration also has made known the personnel of a committee which will fix a price to be paid for this year's wheat yield, and the names of 18 men who will act as purchasing agents for the corporation at terminals.

The wheat corporation will be put under the administration's grain division. Its chairman will be Herbert Hoover, and its president Julian Barnes, a Duluth exporter, now serving as a voluntary aide in the food administration. The price-fixing committee will be headed by President Garfield, of Williams college, and will comprise 12 members, representing producers and consumers.

The wheat corporation will handle all grain purchased and will do the buying for the American government. The Allies will be required to purchase flour instead of wheat on the theory that manufacturing costs will be reduced and American industry encouraged.

All of the grain men who are taken into the food administration's grain division will disassociate themselves from business interests and give their entire time to the government without remuneration.

"These men," said Mr. Hoover, "are making a magnificent sacrifice and many of them are giving up large incomes."

Authority to license grain elevators and milling concerns was given formally to the food administration today in a proclamation by President Wilson. Mr. Hoover hopes that operation or the licensing system will make unnecessary any extensive government purchases for the Allies. He believes a stable export price and proper supervision of exchange dealings will do more than anything else to keep prices on a constant level.

More than 100 representatives of boards of exchanges and elevator systems came to Washington today for a conference with officials on the government's plans. At the end of an all-day meeting they issued a statement approving the food administration's proposals.

No plans have been made for grain purchased by neutral countries, although it is likely all will be required to buy through the food administration. This will give the government a close check on purchases and will aid the exports council, to which applications for grain exports must be submitted.

Just now no food of any character is leaving the United States for the European neutral countries, but some will be permitted to go as soon as the countries concerned have supplied full data as to their needs.

Lumberton Graded School Will Open

September 17. A card from Supt. R. E. Sentelle, received this morning advised that the Lumberton graded and high school will open for the fall term September 17. Supt. Sentelle left Lumberton Monday evening and the card was mailed at Salisbury. He was on his way to the mountains to join his family, near Waynesville.

A neutral diplomat today ventured the opinion that Germany, beaten, would concede all but the loss of Alsace-Lorraine.

Answer a Delicate Task

Allied diplomats and American officials alike realize that the answer to the peace proposals involves one of the most delicate tasks of the war. They realize that the people of a war-torn Europe, whipped by pacifists and socialistic agitation, must have a convincing answer to a proposal to stop the fighting and still be held true to their war-aims. They do not wish to leave Germany in the position she has worked so hard to attain—the position of offering peace to the world and having it rejected.

A war which was to have been finished in six weeks is entering upon its fourth year. A warfare of submarine frightfulness which was to have brought Great Britain to surrender within ninety days is entering its seventh month without the promised result. The group fighting Germany has widened into a world circle of seventeen nations all uniting their resources and power for the destruction of the German military autocracy. The imperial government which entered the conflict with aims of world domination now would be satisfied with a restoration of the status before the war.

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

Funeral of Mrs. R. M. Oliver of Dillon—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Marietta, Aug. 15—Mr. W. H. Oliver of Raleigh came several days ago and is visiting relatives. Mrs. Oliver has been here for several weeks.

Mrs. Jno. C. Sellers and daughters, Misses Elizabeth and Kathaleen, of Sellers, are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Oliver.

Mrs. R. L. Page has returned from Sellers and Mullins, where she visited relatives. Mrs. Page, who has been here for several weeks, will leave in a few days for her home at Lyons, Ga.

Messrs. J. S. Oliver and Joseph Page, Misses Rachel Oliver and Alice Page, went last Friday to Rowland, where they attended the funeral of Mr. Allen Edens.

Miss Jewel Inman of Vidalia, Ga., is visiting at the home of her uncle Mr. G. S. Page.

Miss Elizabeth Oliver has returned to Winston after spending two weeks at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Oliver.

Miss Monie Collins of Lumberton was the week-end guest of Miss Florine Rogers.

Misses Ada Henley and McIntyre spent last week in Bennettsville. Miss McIntyre, who had been here for several days visiting Miss Henley left Monday for her home at Wingate.

Mr. Joseph Page and Misses Carrie and Alice and little Miss Esther went last Saturday to Cerro Gordo, where they visited relatives. Mr. Joseph and Miss Alice returned Sunday, the other two staying over for this week.

A number of people from here went Monday to Dillon, where they attended the funeral of Mrs. R. M. Oliver of that place. Among those who went were Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Page, Mrs. Jane Oliver, Mrs. A. W. Harrington, Misses Nona Oliver, Attie McArthur and Jewel Inman. Messrs. W. T. Jenrette, W. M. Oliver, W. H. Oliver and Hoyt Harrington.

Miss Viola Watson has returned from a visit to relatives at Green Sea.

Miss Attie McArthur from near Rowland came last Friday and will spend a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Nance of Chadbourne is visiting in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Oliver.

Mr. G. S. Page is in Wilmington on business.

Messrs. J. S. and D. J. Oliver made a business trip to Wilmington last week.

Mr. J. T. Hamilton and Mr. Forest and Miss Nellie Hamilton were recent visitors to Fayetteville, making the trip in their car. Mrs. Glover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, is in a hospital in Fayetteville.

Deutschland Converted Into War Submarine

Copenhagen Dispatch, Aug. 14.

The German commercial submarine, Deutschland, which twice visited the United States, has been converted into a war submarine, according to German fleet gossip reading The Associated Press. The Deutschland has been fitted with six torpedo tubes.

The submarine, it is said, may soon leave for the Pacific to operate against traffic from San Francisco. The U.boat was to have started activities some time ago but an explosion on board during a trial trip made necessary repairs which took considerable time.

Only 16 British Ships Were Sunk Last Week

London Dispatch, Aug. 15.

A falling off in British tonnage sunk last week by mines or submarines is indicated in the weekly admiralty statement made public tonight. Fourteen vessels of 1,600 tons and over were sent to the bottom, as against 21 the previous week. Two vessels of less than 1,600 tons were sunk last week, the same number reported the previous week. Three fishing boats met with disaster last week.

Personal Items From Red Springs

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Aug. 15—Mr. Hudson Miller of Charlotte spent the week-end with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Alex. Miller.

Miss Sarah Townsend of MacDonaid is visiting Miss Erline Cox.

Mr. Closs W. Hearne of Greenville spent a few days in town the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hamilton have returned from their wedding trip and are at home with Mr. Hamilton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hamilton.

Mrs. Alex. McNeill of Wade and Mrs. Ann McGeachy of Fayetteville are visiting their sister Mrs. D. P. McEachern.

Mrs. W. T. Williams and son-in-law, Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., of Lumberton, spent Monday in town.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Robt. McNeill is still collecting funds for the monument of the late Prof. D. P. Allen. Contributions will be highly appreciated.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Odum, an account of whose marriage at St. Pauls last week is published in this issue, have returned from Wrightsville Beach, where they spent a few days.

—Mr. W. C. Boone, who lives on R. 2 from Lumberton, made The Robesonian's local reporter a gift of a dandy watermelon Monday evening. The melon was most delicious and was much appreciated.

—Mr. James Sellers, son of Mr. W. S. Sellers, who lives in Columbus county, was operated on yesterday morning for appendicitis at the Thompson hospital. He is getting on as well as could be expected.

—Prof. E. K. Creel of Hope Mills, who was principal of the public school at Rennett last year, is a Lumberton visitor today. He will be principal of the public State high school at Warsaw, Duplin county, the coming school year.

—D. C. Cummins, an Indian who lives near Buie, came into The Robesonian office yesterday and asked that mention be made of the fact, duly vouched for by himself, that he grew a stalk of corn this year 15 feet and 4 inches high.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White and daughter, Miss Vashti, and Mr. W. F. French returned Tuesday evening from a cross-country trip in Mr. White's auto to the western part of the State. They went to Winston-Salem and thence to Blowing Rock.

—Mrs. Harry Weinstein and two sons, Masters Morton Hana and Raeford Lee, of Fairmont, passed through town last evening en route to Ahsokie, where Mrs. Weinstein will be dame of honor at the marriage of her niece Miss Lillian Feldman this evening.

—Farmers are buying buggies at such a rate with tobacco money that they are being shipped into Lumberton by express. Ten already had been received at the local express office before the Seaboard express arrived this morning, some were on that train and more are expected.

—Mr. J. W. Bullock recently sold his house and lot on First street to Mr. Lonnie Bullard of R. 4 from Lumberton and has already begun work on a 6-room cottage on a lot he recently purchased on Chippewa street. Mr. Bullock will move his family into the new residence as soon as completed.

—Mr. J. E. Floyd returned Saturday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Floyd, at Orrum, after spending 8 months at Akron, Ohio, where he was in the employ of the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. He liked his job at Akron, but two of his brothers joined the army and he was needed at home.

—Maxton Cor., Aug. 14, Wilmington Star: Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, who left last week for Vancouver, B. C., will sail tomorrow for Shanghai, China, where the mission board of the Southern M. E. church will assign her to mission work, possibly as teacher of English in one of the large mission schools in Peking.

—Mr. P. H. North returned this morning from Durham, where he is registered in the draft, having gone there last week to report for examination. Mr. North's liability number is 436 and the quota for that district is 294, so Mr. North thinks it very probable that he will be reached on the first call. If he is reached on the first call he expects to have to leave about September 15.

—Mrs. A. R. Wilson of Mayesville, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prevatt of Lumberton, arrived last evening to attend the wedding of her aunt Miss Edna Prevatt and Mr. Remus James Hall of Kerr, Sampson county, which wedding will take place this evening at 8 at the home of the parents of the bride-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Prevatt, Pine and Third street. Mrs. Wilson will go to Wadesboro Monday to visit relatives and will return to Lumberton before going home.

—The Robesonian's local reporter was not specially hunting 'possums last night, but he and Mr. A. C. Johnston, editor of the Lumberton Tribune, captured one and today Mr. Johnston has been feasting on a 'possum, which, as the old darkey said, is a mighty fine vegetable. The reporter was walking along on the sidewalk on Second street, near Mr. Johnston's home (not any nearer his hen house than the sidewalk) when Mr. Possum walked out in front of him and "bowed up". The reporter, being afraid of the 'possum, called out Mr. Johnston, who with a hoe ended the 'possum's career in this sinful world.

Little Delay Expected in Mobilization of 1st National Army Forces

Washington Dispatch, Aug. 15.

Preparations for mobilization of the first of the national army forces, beginning September 5, are going forward without serious delay, according to information reaching Provost Marshal General Crowder. There are only a few districts where any loss of time is getting the first 30 per cent of the men entrained for their cantonments is expected.

—Mr. J. B. Allen of R. 7 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town yesterday.