

GOVERNOR APPEALS FOR NAVY RECRUITS

CALLS UPON PEOPLE OF STATE TO FURNISH QUOTA OF ENLISTED STRENGTH.

DISPATCHES FROM RALEIGH

Doings and Happenings That Mark the Progress of North Carolina People, Gathered Around the State Capital.

Raleigh. Governor T. W. Bickett qualified as naval recruiting officer when he addressed to the people of the state an energetic appeal for the state's full quota of 400 men for the United States Navy. Governor Bickett calls attention to the slowness with which the naval enlistments are progressing in the state and urges a campaign from April 23 to April 30 in every town of the state with as many as 2,500 people for providing men for the nation's first line of defense. He suggests a patriotic mass meeting on Monday night, April 30, when the campaign closes.

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Governor Bickett's appeal reads: "To the People of North Carolina:

"The Nation has called upon the state of North Carolina to furnish four hundred men for the United States Navy. This is a modest demand and yet only about fifty men have thus far volunteered. I am persuaded that the failure to enlist is largely due to lack of knowledge of the work of the Navy and of the supreme necessity for additional men at this time. Therefore I call on all the people of the state to give earnest heed to the needs of the nation, and urge that in every town in the state containing as many as twenty-five hundred people there be commenced an active campaign for the Navy beginning on Monday, the 23d and ending on Monday night, the 30th of April. On the night of the 30th let the campaign be closed with a great patriotic mass meeting in which the paramount importance of the Navy as our first line of defense should be set forth. At these meetings the actual work of the men in the Navy with the chances of promotion should be fully explained.

"Recruiting stations for the Navy are now located at Asheville, Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro, Raleigh, Fayetteville, Goldsboro and Wilmington. Officers will be sent to any town in the state upon request made to the nearest recruiting station. It is necessary for North Carolina to raise her allotment of men not later than May 6th. I cannot conceive it to be possible that the state that has had five Secretaries of the Navy will fail to do its plain duty in this crisis of the Nation's life."

"T. W. BICKETT, Governor."

Fertilizer Famine is Reported. Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham has taken up with the North Carolina delegation in Congress the matter of some action by Congress to relieve the terribly congested transportation conditions. Especially as to the shipments of materials entering into the manufacture of fertilizers. He mentions one fertilizer concern as an illustration of the conditions, which has for three months been unable to get four carloads of cyanamid shipped from Chicago to Raleigh, the consequence being that although they have large orders for acid phosphate they are not able to make a ton. The Commissioner points out that in any law which may be enacted as to the railroad's authority should be given to have goods of this kind promptly shipped. He says the fertilizers must be distributed now or they will not be of any value. Large quantities will be used, he says, if the suggestions of the new North Carolina Food Commission are adopted and the quantity of the food raised will depend very largely upon the amount of fertilizers used upon the food crops.

Produce Foodstuffs on Farms. Because of likelihood in the shortage of ration crops this year, Maj. W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture for North Carolina, is recommending to the management of the North Carolina test farms that attention be turned this year to the amount of food crops that can be grown, especially corn, beans, peanuts, Irish and sweet potatoes. He does not discourage the continuance of those experiments necessary for the state's agricultural workers to conserve what has been done in experimentation.

Teachers Express Appreciation. By direction of the executive committee of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly resolutions have been forwarded the chairman of the committees on education of the house and senate in the recent session of the general assembly, Messrs. L. P. McLendon and John A. Oates, for their efforts in behalf of the educational legislation. The committee, likewise, reaffirmed in resolution the confidence of the teachers of the state in Dr. Joyner and pledged anew their co-operation and support.

Apportionment of Highway Funds. The State Highway Commission announces the apportionment of the second installment of Federal aid funds for co-operative road building in this state, amounting to \$228,000, the most of it going to counties along the Central Highway, Morehead to Asheville, to assure immediate completion of the highway. These apportionments, which must be in some instances doubled and quadrupled by the counties receiving the aid, are as follows: Carteret \$5,000; Craven \$10,000; Lenoir \$10,000; Wayne \$15,000; Johnston \$5,000; Wake \$15,000; Durham \$10,000; Orange \$5,000; Alamance \$5,000; Guilford \$15,000; Rowan \$10,000; Iredell \$1,000; Caldwell \$3,000; McDowell \$5,000; Burke \$10,000. There are also apportionments for roads other than Central Highway in counties as follows: Pamlico \$2,000; Rockingham \$10,000; Surry \$10,000; Cumberland \$5,000; Sampson \$10,000; Alexander \$10,000; Caldwell and Catawba, for a joint bridge, \$10,000; Caldwell \$7,500; Davidson \$8,000; Halifax \$5,000; Watuga \$10,000; Lee \$5,000; Vance \$3,000; Union \$2,500; Polk \$10,000.

The commission directed Doctor Pratt, as secretary, to comply with a request from the newly formed highway commission of South Carolina and attend the organization meeting of that commission and suggest the organization plans and work.

The North Carolina commission announces readiness to carry out the provisions of a special act of the recent Legislature in providing a fund of \$5,000 for rural engineering in assisting farmers in laying out telephone lines and developing small water powers.

State Engineer Falls, just back from Washington, reports Federal agreement to allot funds for special projects that include \$10,000 toward a Catawba bridge project by Mecklenburg and Catawba; \$10,000 for maintenance of state convict work on the Hickory Nut Gap Highway; \$10,000 for the Swannanoa Highway.

Settles Matter of Road Tax Funds. The confusion which has resulted from the passage of two bills by the general assembly, partly identical, but which vary in time of operation, affecting the distribution of the automobile license tax funds, has been settled, so far as the attorney general can settle it.

Attorney General Manning has ruled that of the two measures one of which was ratified on March 5 and the other on March 7, the one of March 7 rules.

Those measures, among other things, provided for the use of the remainder of the automobile funds, after expenses of handling were paid, as road maintenance fund. Seventy per cent of the remainder, it was provided, should be expended in the various counties under the direction of the highway commission, according to the pro-rata share of those counties in the tax. The thirty per cent, it was held, should be expended by the highway commission for general maintenance work throughout the state.

One of the measures, that ratified March 5, declared that the bill should be effective immediately upon its ratification. The other ratified on March 7 held that it should become effective after July 1st.

As a result of this, and the ruling of the attorney general that the last to become ratified rules, none of the 1916-17 license tax money is available to the highway commission and must be distributed among the counties as heretofore. The highway commission will not come into its share of the fruits of the general automobile law until the next fiscal year beginning with July 1st.

Discharge Men at End of War.

Men who have enlisted in the regular army and the National Guard since the declaration of war will not be required to serve the United States any longer than the war period, regardless of the time for which they enlisted, according to instructions received here by the adjutant general. This telegram read as follows:

"Secretary of War directs that you be informed that it is the policy of the war department to discharge all men who have enlisted since declaration of war upon termination of emergency. This to apply to regular army and national guard."

Delegates Appointed by Governor.

Delegates to represent North Carolina at the annual session of the National Conference of Charities and Corrections, Pittsburg, June 6-13, were named by Governor Bickett and the commissions issued as follows: Miss Gertrude Well, Miss Sallie S. Kirby, and Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, Goldsboro; J. B. Ivey, Mrs. Vinton Liddell, Charlotte; John Sprunt Hill, Durham; Miss E. Grace Miller, Asheville; Miss Annie Grogan and W. A. Blair, Winston-Salem; Miss Carrie L. Price, Wilmington; E. D. Atkins, Gastonia; Miss Daisy Denson, Raleigh; Mrs. Walter Woodard, Wilson; A. W. McAllister, Greensboro; M. L. Kesler, Thomasville.

New Enterprise Were Authorized.

There is also a charter for the Brock Electric Company, of Trenton, Jones county, the capital being \$25,000 authorized and \$2,500 subscribed by Fernfold Brock, Myrtle Brock and others.

There is also filed the certificate of domestication for the Virginia Development Company, of Richmond, Va., the principal North Carolina office to be at Oxford with R. G. Lassiter as special agent. The capital is \$500,000.

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS

Brief Notes Covering Happenings in This State That Are of Interest to All the People.

Four Oaks in Johnston county, is soon to have electric lights.

"The Great State Fair is going to make a drive this year for poultry preparedness," said Colonel Joseph E. Pogue, secretary of the fair.

The North Carolina State Nurses' Association will hold its fifteenth annual convention in Fayetteville May 22-25. All nurses are invited to attend.

Mrs. Georgia T. Boddie, of Louisville, has the honor of furnishing four sons, all she has, for the service of her country.

The board of aldermen has empowered the city of Durham to employ a whole-time sealer of weights and measures and 5,000 copies of the ordinance are being printed for distribution.

Pay checks are being delivered this week to members at Spencer of the four brotherhoods—Engineers, Conductors, Firemen and Brakemen—for back time during the month of January. In the face of the checks it is stated that this is for time made under the Adamson eight-hour law.

In a letter to the editors of the state, Mr. M. L. Shipman, Commissioner of Labor and Printing, is calling attention to the grave danger of a serious shortage of labor on the farm and urges co-operation between mayors and industrial organizations in cities for the aid of the farmers.

Mr. R. L. Huffines, general manager of one of the largest insurance and realty companies in the state, has offered every school pupil of Rocky Mount under ten years of age, who will volunteer to tend a garden, enough seed of any kind and variety to plant the garden.

The Fayetteville Independent Light Infantry, a military organization which has kept its integrity through the generations since the Revolution, has made application to the National Guard authorities of the state for acceptance as a unit of the state troops.

Fire of unknown origin at Tyro, Davidson county, destroyed the large roller mill owned by Baxter Leonard, a large amount of grain, flour and feedstuff, also a sawmill, lumber yard and much lumber owned by Mr. Leonard and a store building and contents owned by J. C. Davis.

A tremendous effort will be made by the Agricultural Club agencies to enroll a great many more members in the various clubs in the state during the next two months, the purpose being the stimulation of the production of food and feed crops. An enrollment of two hundred boys and girls in each county in the state would mean an army of 20,000 industrially inclined, productive young men and young women. Already 5,071 club members have begun their activities. Last year the boys' corn crop increased the assets of the state by \$29,000; the pig club work produced \$10,056 worth of pork; and the poultry clubs were responsible for raising 35,000 birds for egg production.

A notable session of the North Carolina Medical Society closed at the Battery Park Hotel here. The last hours of the sixty-fourth annual gathering were devoted to papers and discussions of children's diseases. Earlier session the house of delegates reported on the election of new officers as follows: President, Dr. I. W. Falson of Charlotte; first vice president, Dr. Wm. D. B. McNider, of Chapel Hill; second vice president Dr. Joseph B. Green, of Asheville; third vice president, Dr. Ben F. Royal, of Morehead City. The secretary, Dr. Benjamin K. Hays, of Oxford and the treasurer, Dr. W. M. Jones, of Greensboro, hold over until the next meeting which will be at Pinehurst next April.

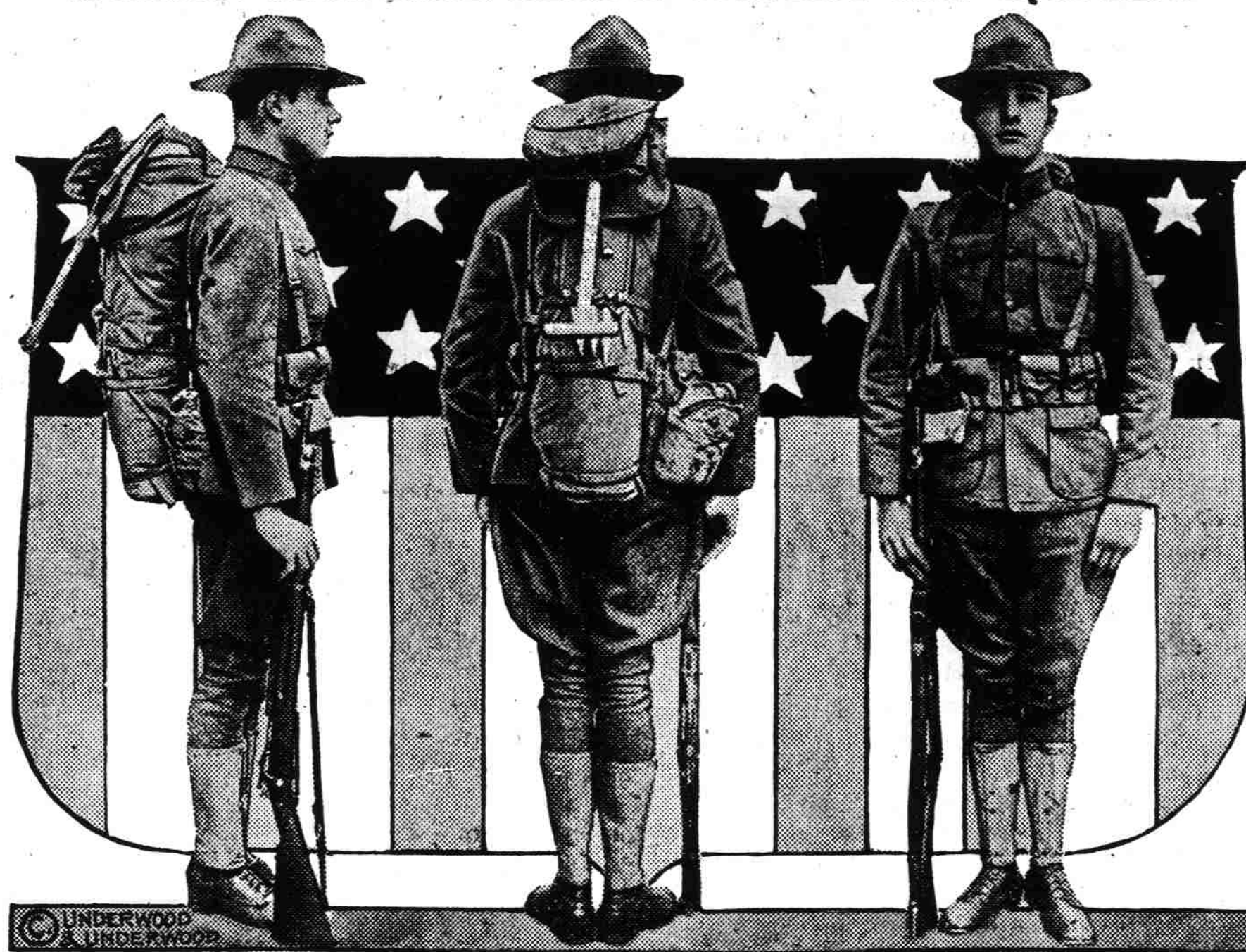
A. Blanton, of Marion, was instantly killed, midway between Shelby and Kings Mountain, when the big automobile he was driving was overturned.

While few recruits have been enlisted for the Army and Navy from this city, Concord has the distinction of being one of the first Southern cities to send a woman recruit to the war. The recruit from this city is Miss Cooper Miller, who writes that she enlisted at Philadelphia.

Wake county farmers have passed resolutions to increase food crop acreage.

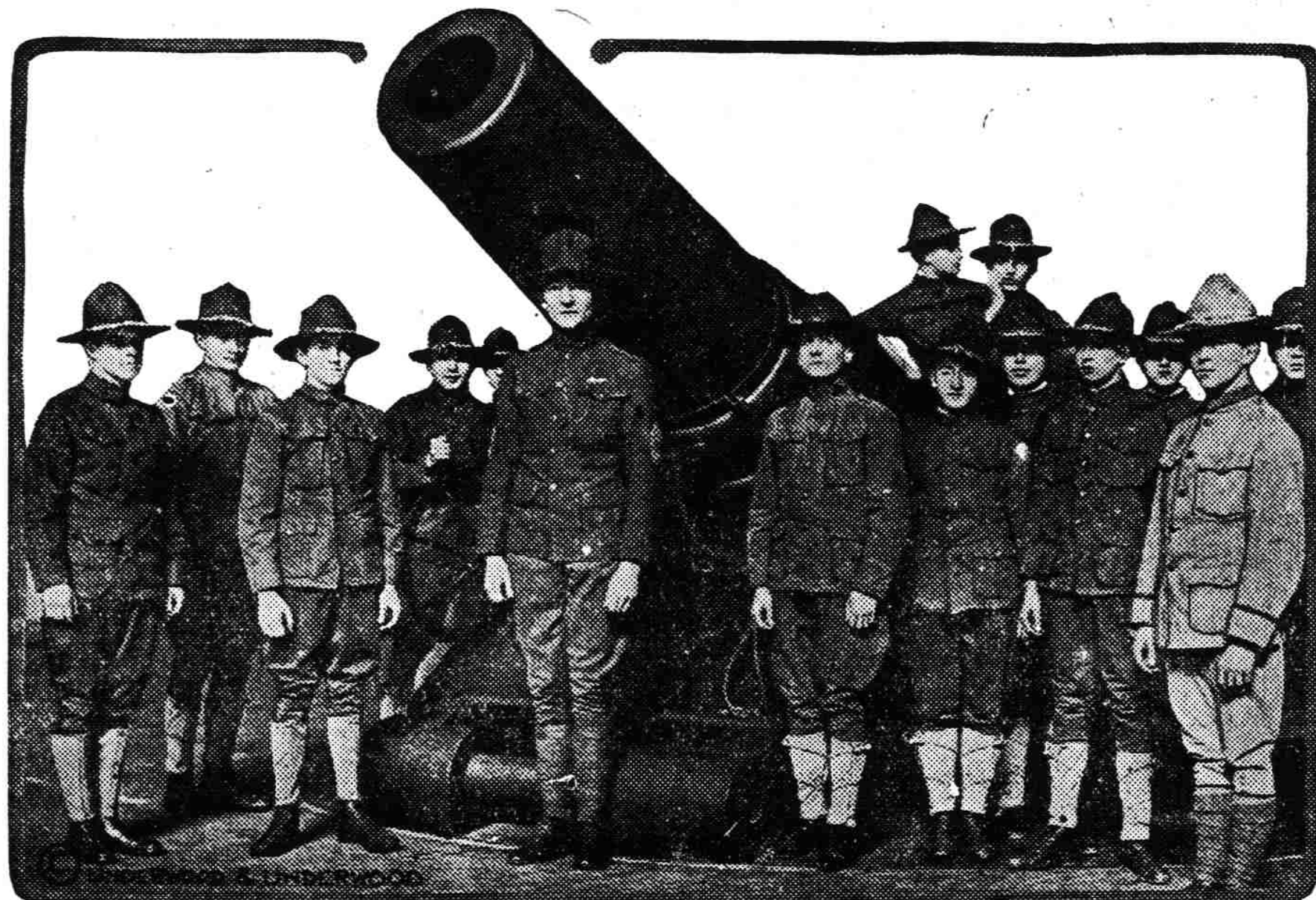
"Our country is at war—every pound of non-perishable food produced, every pound of loss or waste prevented—is a help." This sermon, in red letters, now appears on the stationery of the State Department of Agriculture. In every letter going out from the office of Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, is an insert with a two-word heading—"Produce—Save."

NATIONAL GUARDSMAN WEARING COMPLETE WAR EQUIPMENT



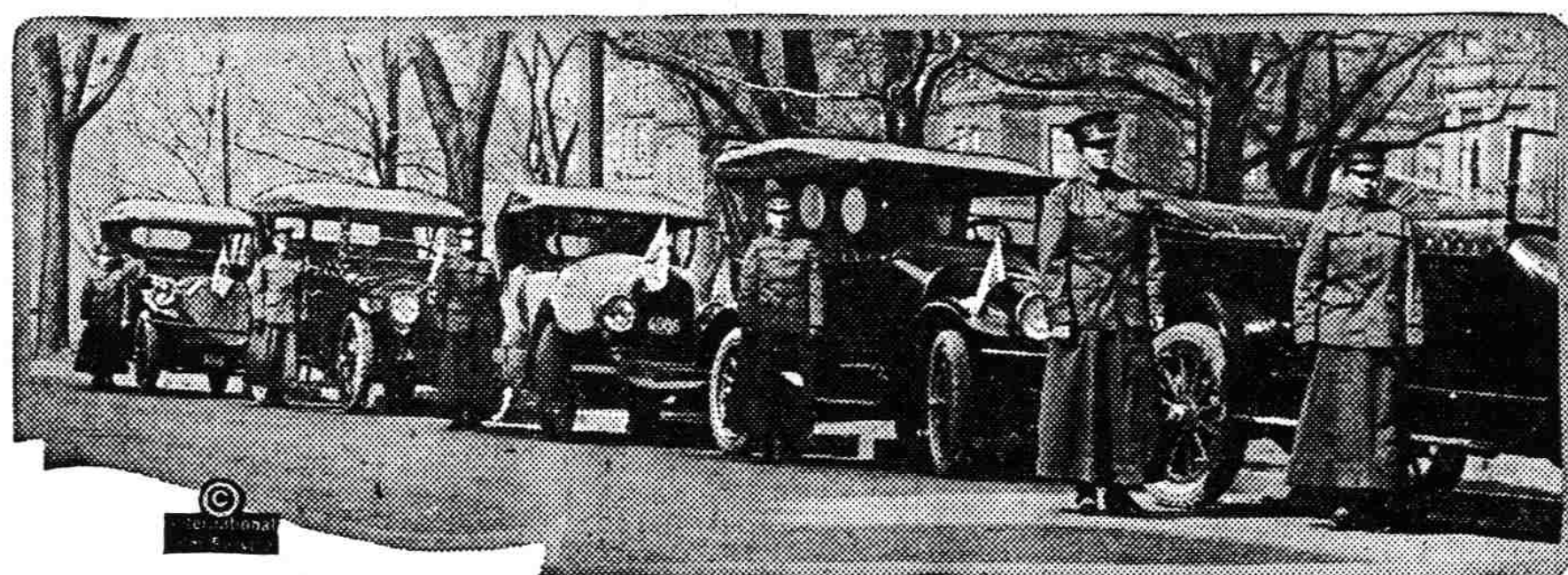
A National Guardsman with his complete equipment ready for a call to fight. A soldier's equipment consists of a great number of articles skillfully packed so that they make a small bundle comparatively to the number of articles. The kit includes a blanket, rifle, bayonet, kit bag, cartridge belt, canteen, pan, plate, knife, fork, spoon, tent, spikes, a rubber blanket, and several other miscellaneous articles. Photo shows three views of the National Guardsman, side, front and back, with his equipment attached to him.

HIGH-SCHOOL BOYS LEARNING GUNNERY



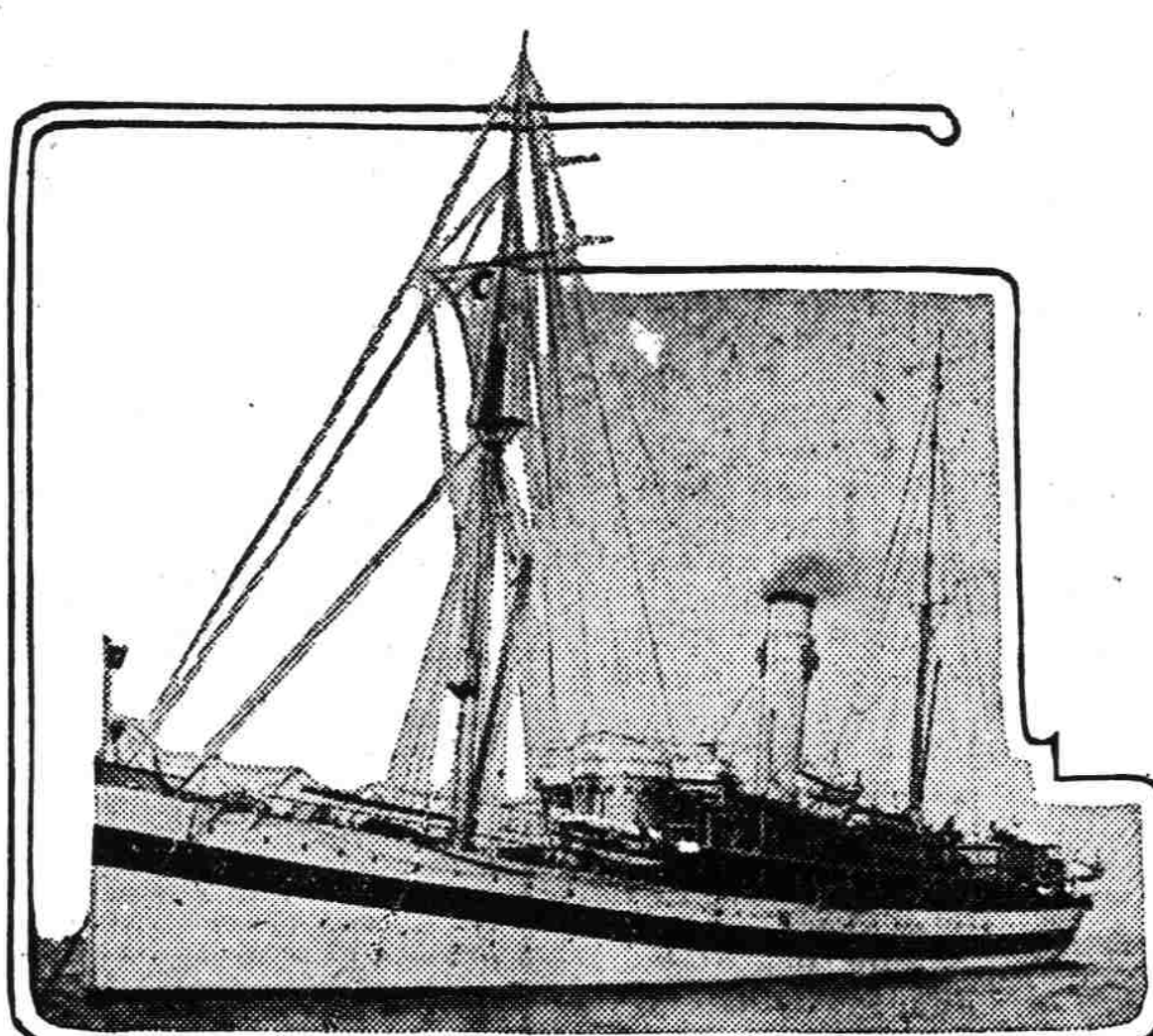
Group of high-school boys, ardent preparedness advocates, standing beside one of the mortars in the Thirtieth Coast Defense command, Brooklyn, N. Y. These are students of the Boys' High School of Brooklyn, and are part of the military organization of that school. They are uniformed in regulation khaki, puttees, hat, etc., and drill with rifles, going through maneuvers and tactics.

WOMEN'S MOTOR CORPS ANSWERS MASSACHUSETTS' CALL



Motor corps A, composed entirely of women and the only organization of its kind in the country, has responded to the Massachusetts call for troops and is now on duty in Boston. The members of the corps drive their own autos and provide transportation for the National Guard officers.

IMPORTANT UNIT OF OUR NAVY



The United States navy hospital ship Solace.

URGING RECRUITS FOR NAVY



Miss Margaret M. Crumpacker urging a crowd of men to join the United States navy, in Greeley square, New York city.