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## THE WAR.

Allies Still Advancing in Picardy—Have Captured Much Ground—German Resistance Stronger.

For the past several days the French and British, with some assistance from the Americans, have been attacking the Germans in Picardy, where the latter made such a great advance last March. The Germans have been driven back several miles, but their resistance is now stronger, though the allies are still advancing. Since the present drive started the allies have captured about 30,000 prisoners, making a total of about 65,000 since July 18th.

While the Germans have had to give up much ground they are still far from being driven back to the lines they started from last March.

The following dispatch in this morning's papers gives the situation yesterday:

"North and south of the Somme the Germans have lost further important ground. In the former region they have evacuated their positions over a five-mile front to the British north of Albert, while in the latter they have been beaten back in the hill and wooded district just north of the Oise river by the French.

"German front line trenches at Beaumont Hamel, Serre, Puisieux-Mont and Bucigny have been found untenable by the enemy in the face of the recent activity by the British all along the line from Albert to Arras, while the French have persevered in their violent attacks against the Germans on the sector, which dominates the lower portion of the Picardy plain and the Oise valley, and have encroached further upon the Lassigny massif and the Thiescourt plateau and further south have captured the important town of Ribecourt.

"Unofficial reports have announced the capture of Lassigny by the French and of all the German positions between the western outskirts of Bray-Sur-Somme and Etinehem by the Australians. There is, however, no official confirmation of them.

German Field Marshal.

cept in the latter region, where the French have made further gains, the Germans seemingly have had further success in holding back the allied troops and still are in possession of Chauines and Roze, upon the capture of which the efforts of the British and French have been centered. On this central part of the battle front the enemy continues to deliver violent counter-attacks, and also has further reinforced his line with men and guns, and is using them without stint to retain his positions, realizing that their capture would spell disaster.

"The giving up of front line trenches north of Albert possibly may mean that the German high command foresees the ultimate success of the American and British operations along the Somme, and is readjusting the German positions to meet any eventualities. In any event, the retrograde movement seemingly indicates that the 10-mile salient between Beaumont Hamel and Bray, on the Somme, with Albert its apex, now must give way in order that the German front here may come into alignment with that in the south across the Somme. In fact it seems not improbable that the Germans propose to readjust their front from the Somme to Arras, and possibly further northward.

Marks Important Epoch.

"The capture of Ribecourt by the French marks an important epoch in the offensive, which has for its immediate purpose the freeing of the region between the Somme and the Oise of the enemy. As a gain from the strategic standpoint it ranks with the taking by the French of the forest and hill positions between the Matz and the Oise, which has brought the French almost to the gates of Lassigny. Through Ribecourt lies an open route up the Oise valley to Noyon—a route by rail, and the big national thoroughfare, not to mention the canal which parallels the roadways for the greater part of the way. Noyon is only a little more than six miles northeast of Ribecourt."

One cold and wet, windy night a farmer came upon a negro shivering in the doorway of an Atlanta store. Wondering what the darky could be doing, standing in such a drafty position, the farmer said:

"Jim, what are you doing here?" "Excuse me, sir," said Jim, "but I'm going to sing base tomorrow mornin' at church, an' I'm tryin' to catch a cold."—St. Louis Times.

## NEW REGISTRATION AUG. 24.

All Who Have Become 21 Since June 5th Must Register—Will Not Conflict With Registration in September—Government Needs Men.

The local exemption board yesterday received orders from Provost Marshal General Crowder to hold a new registration on Saturday, August 24th, on which day all young men who have become 21 since June 5th last must register. The registration for the whole county will be in the office of the local exemption board. All persons reading this are requested to spread news of the registration, so that all may be informed.

On August 24th it will have been less than three months since the last registration, and therefore there will not be any great number of registrants. However, the government is badly in need of men to keep the training camps full, and every little bit helps. It is expected 40 or 50 men will register on the 24th.

This registration is only for men who have become 21 since June 5, and has nothing to do with the proposed big registration which probably will be held early in September, as early as possible after Congress passes the law extending the draft ages above 31, and below 21. Full particulars in regard to the September registration will be given as soon as they become available, and in another column today The M. & I. is publishing advance information and giving names of the registrars. There will be so many registrants in September that the registration will be at the various polling places of the county, as was the case in June, 1917.

## MERCHANTS SELLING WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

Some time ago the merchants of Wadesboro pledged themselves to sell a total of \$14,500 worth of war savings stamps. Thus far they have sold not quite \$8,000 worth, according to figures compiled by Mr. L. D. Rivers. Several merchants have gone

made no report and what they have done is unknown. Most of the stamps sold by the merchants were reported several weeks ago, and for the past few weeks very little has been reported sold. Following is the report of the various merchants to date:

	Sales	Pledged	Reported
F. C. Allen & Co	300	300	\$354.00
Ashcraft Bros.	100	100	82.00
K. W. Ashcraft	300	300	115.00
Allen-Bennett Co.	500	500	91.50
H. B. Allen & Co.	500	500	949.00
Austin & Clontz	200	200	77.50
Blalock-Allen Hdq Co.	500	500	200.00
Blalock-Allen Auto Co.	500	500	80.00
Bennett & Co.	500	500	240.00
Sam Burns	100	No report	
Bennett Brothers	300	No report	
R. L. Bowman	300	No report	
O. K. Colson	100	100	10.00
C. A. Crawford	200	200	20.00
J. M. Colson	100	100	10.00
L. L. Drake	100	100	65.00
Fox & Lyon	500	500	925.50
M. A. Gilmore & Co.	200	200	203.25
D. E. Gatewood	200	200	26.50
J. W. Griggs	100	100	10.00
Huntley & Martin	500	500	100.00
Hart Brothers Co.	500	500	90.00
Hudson Brothers	100	100	5.00
W. J. Huntley	300	300	100.00
F. M. Hightower	500	500	34.75
P. L. Hough	100	100	35.00
J. D. Horne	300	No report	
Hardison & Hardison	500	No report	
W. N. Jeans	300	300	180.00
H. W. Little & Co.	500	500	125.00
Leak & Marshall	500	500	410.00
The Liles Co.	300	300	169.00
L. Lazarakos	100	100	50.00
Medley & Wall	500	500	50.00
Marsh-Jones Co.	300	300	50.00
Murray & Manor	200	200	25.00
J. A. McRae	100	No report	
J. W. Odom	100	No report	
Parsons Drug Co.	500	500	10.00
Pee Dee Pharmacy	500	500	82.00
J. T. Pinkston & Son	300	300	127.50
Rose-Gathings Co.	500	500	1433.00
A. D. Tarlton	100	100	100.00
J. H. Tice	100	100	29.00
Wadesboro Clothing & Shoe Co.	500	500	1227.00
C. S. Wheeler	200	No report	
Yadkin River Power Co.	500	500	46.00
Total		\$14,500.00	7,844.00

Miss Ollie Colson has a position with the Anson Real Estate & Insurance Co.

## BULLISH ANNOUNCEMENT BY WEATHER CROP BULLETIN

Virtually No Advancement Made During Last Week in Localities in East—Condition in West Grows Poorer.

Washington, Aug. 14.—The poor condition of the cotton crop in the western portion of the belt was not only further intensified by the continued absence of rains and high temperatures, but in localities east of the Mississippi, where conditions had been satisfactory, the crop last week made virtually no advancement, the national weather and crop bulletin issued today announced.

The statement continues: "As a result of good showers or moisture from preceding rain, cotton made generally satisfactory progress in the Carolinas, Florida and much of Louisiana and southeastern Tennessee, but elsewhere throughout the belt, little growth was made or the crop actually deteriorated, except in a few local areas. The crop is in only fair condition in Georgia, due to shedding, rust, black root and insect depredation, but in many localities the plants continue vigorous, with new blooms that should mature with favorable weather. There are also complaints of shedding, rust and red spider activity in many eastern localities.

"The crop made fairly good progress in Louisiana, except in the southwest portion where much damage resulted from the high wind and heavy rainfall accompanying the tropical storm of the sixth; while in Arkansas only poor advance was made generally and deterioration on uplands is reported. The intensely hot weather with drying winds and lack of moisture, was very unfavorable in Oklahoma and the plants in that state are small, shedding, opening prematurely and burning on uplands; the condition of the crop is now very poor to poor. The previous deterioration in Texas continued generally, and the crop will be a failure in some sections of that state; shedding, premature opening and top blooming are becoming

in the southern portion of the belt and some is going to market as far north as Arkansas. The weather was favorable for picking and ginning in the early districts and this work is progressing satisfactorily."

## MRS. J. T. LEONARD DEAD.

Mrs. Sue Watson Leonard, wife of Mr. J. T. Leonard, of White Store township, died yesterday morning at her home, and will be buried this afternoon at Elizabeth church, Chesterfield county.

Mrs. Leonard was a daughter of the late John Watson, and is survived by her husband, one brother, Mr. John Watson, of Wingate, and the following sons and daughters: Messrs. Johnnie, Calvin, Jim, Frank, and Clarence, the latter now in training at Camp Jackson; Miss Aline Leonard, and Mrs. Walter Watson, of South Carolina. Mrs. Leonard was a most able Christian woman, a member of the Baptist church since she reached the age of discretion. She is mourned by a wide circle of friends and relatives by whom she was much beloved.

## CURRIE-HARRIS.

Charlotte Observer. Miss Elizabeth Brown Harris of Polkton and Mr. W. M. Currie of Raeford were wedded in this city last evening at the home of Dr. H. F. Ray and Mrs. Ray, on North College street, Rev. H. K. Boyer, officiating.

The bride is a sister-in-law of Mrs. Malvern Palmer Harris, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ray.

Mr. and Mrs. Currie will leave this morning for a motor trip through the mountains of western North Carolina, after which they will be at home in Raeford.

Mrs. Currie is the eldest daughter of Mrs. S. K. Harris of Polkton. She was graduated from Littleton college and for the past several years has been principal of a school at Graysburg. She is an accomplished and attractive young woman and is admired by a host of friends.

Mr. Currie is a leading citizen of Raeford. He is engaged in the automobile business and has other business interests. He is held in high regard by a wide circle of friends.

## PREPARING FOR THE NEXT REGISTRATION.

List of Registrars for County—Letter From Adjutant General Gives Advance Information—Registration Probably Early in September.

Preparations are being made for holding the next registration which will be held as early as possible after Congress passes the pending new draft bill—probably early in September. The local exemption board has received the following instructions from Adjutant General Laurence W. Young:

1. In view of the fact that bills have been introduced in both houses of Congress providing for the extension of the present draft ages and that the provisions of such bills are in accordance with the views of the President, the Secretary of War and the Provost Marshal General, it may be confidently anticipated that the same will be enacted by Congress.

2. At this time it cannot be stated with exactness what ages will be included but it is safe to assume that a large number of men will be required to register and that the day of such registration will be early in September.

3. The registration of such large numbers will require detailed and extensive preparation, and it is obvious that there will not be sufficient time for such preparation after the passage of the legislation by Congress and that as a matter of necessity preliminary arrangements providing the machinery for conducting the registration must be perfected without delay, in order that we may be ready to put it into immediate operation when the President's Proclamation is published.

4. As the Draft Executive of this State, the Governor directs the following:

(a) The Adjutant General, acting under the direction of the Governor, will be the central administrative authority of the registration system within this State.

(b) The Local Boards will have immediate direction and supervision of the registration in their respective jurisdictions.

(c) The actual registration will be made in the customary voting precincts in the jurisdiction of each Local Board.

5. Each local Board is hereby requested to recommend AT ONCE a registrar or registrars for each voting precinct within its jurisdiction. Where there is more than one registrar in a precinct, one will be recommended as chief registrar. The selection of registrars should be based upon ONE registrar for each probable eighty registrants in a precinct. This will require one and one third times as many registrars as were required in June 1917. Registrars should be competent to do clerical work, and should be citizens of the United States and residents within the jurisdiction of the Local Board by which they are appointed. They should be persons who have lived in the jurisdiction long enough to be well acquainted with the residents thereof. All persons are expected to offer such services as they can afford in this patriotic duty without compensation; but when compensation is claimed by a registrar four dollars may be paid for his services. Volunteer registrars who offer their services free of charge may be appointed in such numbers as may be used to advantage in any precinct.

6. Mayors, city clerks and county authorities are herewith called upon to assist the Local Boards in providing suitable places for the registration and to obtain the co-operation of the proper boards of election and custodians and officers in charge of election machinery and public buildings. Arrangements should be made for the use of such equipment as is usually supplied for use in registering voters. Where the voting places are in private buildings, proprietors should be requested to afford assistance to local authorities by permitting the use of such places for purpose of registration.

7. The President's proclamation, to be issued upon the passage of the act of Congress, will fix the date for registration and the Adjutant General will cause to be issued from State Headquarters in advance all necessary blanks and forms to conduct the registration.

8. In each county having only one Local Board, the Chairman of such board is hereby appointed the chairman of the Central Registration Committee. In all counties having more than one Local Board, the Ad-

jutant General will appoint a chairman from the members of the Local Board to act in such County. All members of the Local Boards are hereby appointed members of the committee. The chairmen thus appointed are directed to call together all members of the Local Board or Boards in their respective counties for the purpose of organizing themselves into a Central Registration Committee. The committee should proceed to recommend for appointment the necessary registrars for their respective counties. The registrars to be recommended should be selected and this office furnished with a complete list on or before August 16, 1918. The Central Committee will proceed to secure the registration places and to make all necessary preliminary preparation at once and will notify this office by wire when such has been accomplished. The following form will be used: "Complete arrangements for ... County made in accordance with your letter dated August 8 1918."

9. Local Boards should obtain the co-operation of their local County Defense Council, the Legal Advisory Board, the committee on public safety and similar agencies within the jurisdiction to assist in bringing about a complete registration.

10. The task confronting State Headquarters and the Local Boards is great, but relying upon the efficiency of the Local Boards established by the records, this office confidently believes that the draft organization in this State will respond to the call and make all preliminary arrangements for the new registration in order that there may be no delay in registering the persons to be subject to draft upon the passage of the necessary legislation and the issuance of the President's Proclamation.

## DRAFT BILL ACTED ON BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

Is Ordered Favorably Reported—Chamberlain Wants Consideration by Senate Monday—Crowder Urges Speed.

Washington, Aug. 13.—With a broad work or fight amendment designed to prevent strikes and a new provision for education at government expense after the war of youths under 21 serving in the military or naval service, the administration manpower bill extending draft ages so as to include all men between 18 and 45 years of age, was ordered favorably reported today by the senate military committee.

Chairman Chamberlain plans to report the bill next Thursday and to take up its consideration in the senate next Monday, cutting short the senate vacation recess period by a week.

The bill, which was prepared under the direction of Secretary Baker, is framed to enable the nation to increase its war program in accordance with an understanding reached with the allies. About 13,000,000 men would be registered under the law, and Provost Marshal General Crowder estimates it will make available at once for military service 2,398,000 men between the ages of 18 and 20 and 32 and 45.

Action by the committee followed about a week's consideration. During that time Secretary Baker, General March and General Crowder appeared to explain the imperative necessity for extending the draft ages and to urge prompt action.

The work of fight amendment, accepted, was offered by Senator Reed, of Missouri, as a substitute for one presented by Senator Thomas, of Colorado. It provides that "when any person shall have been placed in deferred or exempted class," he shall "not be entitled to remain therein until he shall in good faith continue, while physically able to do so, to work and follow such occupation." Should he fail to do this he would become subject to immediate draft.

While the bill was before the committee, Senator Kirby, of Arkansas, attempted to amend it so as to make 21 the minimum age. He failed, but announced he would renew the fight when the bill reached the senate.

## MAKERS OF MOTOR CARS PROPOSE A CURTAILMENT

Voluntarily Submit Proposal to Reduce Manufacture of Passenger Cars 50 Per Cent—May Cut Them Out Completely.

Washington, Aug. 8.—Hugh Chalmers, vice-president of the automobile chamber of commerce appeared today before the war industries board and submitted a proposal for a voluntary curtailment of the manufacture of passenger automobiles of 50 per cent. Mr. Chalmers informed the board that manufacturers at a recent meeting in Detroit determined they would sign a pledge making effective the proposed curtailment.

The board appointed a committee with full power to act in the matter of automobile production. A virtual curtailment of 100 per cent on steel for passenger cars is now in effect, officials said today, and the war demands are increasing so rapidly that there is hardly a possibility of granting the figure suggested by the manufacturers.

Fuel Administrator Garfield has announced that a 75 per cent fuel curtailment for passenger cars would be put into effect August 1.

[Later the war industries board announced that after supplying the war demand it probably would be unable to allot any steel to the automobile manufacturers, and warned them that they had better be prepared to stop the manufacture of pleasure cars after January 1st.—The M. & I.]

## MRS. JANE HUDSON DEAD.

Mrs. Jane M. Hudson died last Sunday night at her home about three miles from Lilesville, and was buried Monday at Mt. Beulah church. Mrs. Hudson was a sincere Christian woman, neighborly and charitable, beloved by many friends and relatives. She was more than 70 years old. She is survived by the following sons and daughters: J. D. Hudson, Lilesville; B. J. Hudson, Wadesboro; T. J. Hudson, Rockingham; Mrs. W. A. Parker, Charlotte; Mrs. C. E. Ricketts, Lilesville. One brother also survives, Mr. D. W. Bailey, of Lilesville.

Miss Christine Sloan, of Gastonia, is visiting relatives here.

## REGISTRARS FOR SEPTEMBER REGISTRATION.

Mr. W. P. Parsons has recommended that the men whose names follow be appointed registrars in their respective precincts. The first named in each is precinct chairman.

Those who will be appointed executive registrars:

Wadesboro No. 1.—L. G. Atkinson, W. H. Carter, W. C. Hardison, R. T. Bennett, G. K. Craig, J. S. Liles.

Wadesboro No. 2.—J. F. Allen, B. E. Bennett, W. T. Rose, R. B. Medley, M. H. McLean.

Lilesville.—W. C. Long, J. T. Saunders, J. D. Morton, B. R. Wall, F. H. Wall.

Morven No. 1.—J. E. Johnson, H. G. Huntley, Cliff Ratliff, R. B. Hardison, W. E. Pennington.

Morven No. 2.—W. S. Braswell, R. E. L. Northcutt, E. E. Pipkin, G. C. Northcutt.

Gulledge No. 1.—E. L. Huntley, J. P. Ratliff, J. E. A. Ratliff, L. E. Griggs.

Gulledge No. 2.—E. C. Griggs, C. H. Braswell, C. P. Robinson.

White Store.—F. S. Tillman, E. E. McRae, David Gulledge.

Lanesboro No. 1.—T. R. Troutman, W. T. Edwards, C. W. Ledbetter, B. E. Dewese.

Lanesboro No. 2.—J. Preston Thomas, May D. Redfearn, H. M. Baucom.

Burnsville.—T. E. Monroe, J. H. Parker, Sam L. Thomas.

Ansonville.—B. D. Nelme, D. H. Braswell, O. E. Ross, W. S. Little.

## FINE STILL CAPTURED.

Early last Saturday morning Sheriff Blalock of Stanly county, one of his deputies, Constable J. F. Tice and Deputy Sheriff Bunn Spencer, found a fine copper still in the home of Mr. Will Allen of the Flat Fork section. The officers were looking for an alleged deserter named Sam Henderson, of Stanly county. Henderson had been working for Allen, and the officers were therefore looking in the house of Allen, who was away from home. They were not looking for the still, and they were very much surprised when they found it. The still is a small affair, made of copper throughout and well constructed. It is the best ever captured in this county. There was also a small quantity of beer and malt in the house. The still had been used very little.

Allen, who had gone to Stanly county Saturday morning, returned Sunday morning, and is now under a \$300 bond.

Monday Henderson, having heard officers were looking for him, came in and gave himself up. It is understood that he was able to prove he was beyond draft age.

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