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NEW DRAFT REGULATIONS HAVE BEEN ADOPTED

Next Selection of Men For Army Expected Early in Year—Plan Adopted
President Wilson formally put the new machinery for the carrying out of the selective draft bill into operation Saturday with the publication of the foreword he has written to the regulations under which the second call will be made. The regulations themselves and the questions arise which more than 9,000,000 registrants will be required to fill out are being forwarded to local boards, but have not yet been made public.

War department officials estimate that the whole process can be completed within sixty days. This means that no second call will be made upon the draft forces before the middle of next February as the period of classification will not begin until December 15.

The President describes the new plan of dividing all registered men not already mobilized into five classes subject to military service by classes, as being intended to produce "a more perfect organization of our man-power."

"The selective principle must be carried to its logical conclusion," President said, and he added that there must be made a complete inventory of the qualifications of each registrant in order to determine "the place in the military, industrial or agricultural ranks of the nation in which his experience and training can best be made to serve the common good."

The inquiry projected in the questionnaire will go deep into the qualifications of each of nearly 10,000,000 men. The success of the plan and its completion within the estimated time rests absolutely upon the wholehearted support given by the people, especially by the doctors and lawyers of each community.

M. E. Conference in Session

One of the greatest meetings in the history of the western North Carolina conference of the M. E. church, south is in session at Asheville. The conference this year is unusually important, because, in addition to the regular list of assignments to be given out, the conference will also elect delegates to the general conference which will be held at Atlanta in May.

This is the twenty-eighth session of the western North Carolina Conference. It was organized at Concord—cut off from the North Carolina conference—in 1890. There are in the conference 266 regular pastors; 22 preachers are on trial, probationers, and 28 local preachers supplying churches. There are eleven presiding elders.

At a meeting Tuesday evening a conference historical society was organized, with the following officers:

C. W. Byrd, president; J. R. Scruggs vice president; H. M. Blair, secretary-treasurer; W. M. Curtis, custodian; and an executive committee as follows: A. W. Plyer, W. L. Sherrill and W. A. Lambeth.

A. B. Kimrey Gets \$4,000 in Guilford Court

A. B. Kimrey, of Liberty, who was permanently injured resulting from a wreck of the automobile in which he was riding when a collision with a Southern Railway train occurred at the Fair Grounds near Greensboro, was awarded a verdict for \$4,000 in the Guilford Superior Court last Tuesday.

Dr. Plato Durham Makes Appeal for the War Work

(Winston-Salem Sentinel.)
"God help us! God help us!" was the clarion call that came agonizingly to the church and to the men of Winston-Salem from the American soldiers in camp and at the front, in the address by Dr. Plato Durham at the Paramount theater Sunday afternoon. It was an eloquent and powerful appeal for the support of the war work of the Y. M. C. A.

Declaring that the chaplaincy of the army has failed and that the church was unable to rise to the task presented in the gigantic struggle, Dr. Durham called upon the Christians of America and all patriotic people to provide the means to permit the great interdenominational institution of a church, the Young Men's Christian association, to perform the obligation which it has heroically assumed, and already demonstrated its ability to perform.

Dr. Durham sent straight to the heart of each of his hearers the grim fact of the horrible struggle in which the world is engaged, and the importance of the Y. M. C. A. in the army camps and in the trenches.

Dr. Durham taught in Asheboro a number of years ago. He is a half brother of Capt. B. F. Dixon of Company K.

Mrs. Margaret Hale Daed

Miss Margaret Hale, widow of Zebulon Hale died Tuesday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Phillip Garner, of Concord township. Mrs. Hale was the daughter of the late Sheriff Andrews, of Tabernacle township. She was one of the oldest ladies of the western part of the county.

She was a sister of T. W. Andrews, of Back Creek township, and Rev. Allen S. Andrews, of Alabama, who was a very prominent minister of that state. She was also an aunt of ex-Sheriff T. J. Finch, of Trinity.

She will be buried today at Pleasant Hill church in Tabernacle township at 12 o'clock today, the community where she lived practically all her life.

Last Thursday afternoon Miss Louise Worth was married to Ben M. Washburn, both of Wilmington.

KERENSKY TROOPS MARCHING ON PETROGRAD

Food at Petrograd Low—Indications That the Bolsheviki Revolution in Russia Will Be Short Lived

Premier Kerensky at the head of 200,000 loyal troops is marching on Petrograd where the Maximalists are rapidly losing power. The Bolsheviki uprising in Moscow was abortive apparently, and the loyal troops have driven the revolutionaries into the Kremlin.

A dispatch to the Berlingske Tidende says that Eric Hjorn, a Swedish director, who left Petrograd Saturday and arrived at Haparanda, declared that the situation in the Russian capital is terrible. Virtually all administration had ceased, the authorities having given up all attempts to continue work. Bolsheviki soldiers and sailors were sweeping through the city like robber bands, committing all sorts of excesses and crime. Food was exceedingly scarce and prices were so high that it was impossible to pay them. Nearly the entire population is awaiting the arrival of Kerensky's troops to be relieved of the terrorism.

Mr. Elmer C. Yow Writes Interestingly From Camp Jackson

Editor The Courier:

Just a word from the boys who left Asheboro October 10th for Camp Jackson. First, we wish to express our appreciation of the nice boxes of eats the ladies of Asheboro fixed for us, they sure did come in nice. We landed in Columbia that night at 9:45. A special car was waiting for us and we were at once sent to the camp. First we were taken to the chief mustering officer, from there we were assigned to the 322nd infantry and from the headquarters of the above regiment we were assigned to different companies of the regiment.

The following day was taken up in an examination, both physical and mental. Friday those of us who had not had previous military training were given our first lesson in the making of a soldier. It has been just one month since we arrived here and I have not heard a single one of our crowd say they were sorry they were here or disliked in any way, except in regard to the food and then it was the sameness. The cooking could not be any more sanitary. The food served is plain and we boys miss the sweets we have been accustomed to, and if we were not for our girl friends who have been so nice to send us cakes, candy, and other sweets, we surely would be one sour bunch.

Several of the boys were transferred to Greenville, S. C., to help fill out the national guard. The friends of Grady Miller no doubt will be glad to learn he has been made assistant band master which is quite a recognition of his ability as a musician. Gov. Bickert was here on the 7th and addressed the boys from the Old North State which was enjoyed by every one present. We boys know you home folks are busy but I often hear the complaint that you do not write often enough. If you could only see the scramble of the boys at mail time with the hopes of receiving a letter and later the look of disappointment on not receiving one you would write more often.

I shall later on try to give you in detail the army life.

ELMER C. YOW,

Co. D, 322nd Infantry, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Misses Hattie Copeland, Mertha Hood and Mary Harvey, all of Kinston, have been appointed pages for the general convention of the U. D. C. held in Chattanooga this week.

Miss Jessie Woolen Becomes Bride of Mr. John Council

A quiet but impressive marriage ceremony was solemnized at the home of Mrs. W. A. Woolen on last Wednesday evening in Randleman when her daughter, Jessie, was married to Mr. John Council. The home was attractively decorated in chrysanthemums and roses. Dr. J. W. Long, brother-in-law gave the bride away while Mr. A. B. Beasley acted as best man. Rev. A. R. Bell, pastor of the M. E. church performed the ceremony, using the ring service. The bride is a most charming young woman who has a large circle of friends. The groom is a successful merchant in Randleman. Following the marriage a reception was given after which the bride and groom left for Washington, D. C., for a bridal trip. The following from out of town attended the marriage: Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Long, and daughter, Miss Frances Long, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Benbow, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Cole, of Greensboro, Mrs. John R. Free, of Danville, Va., Mrs. A. C. McAlister and daughter, Miss May, and Mrs. J. E. Carson, of Asheboro.

Mr. M. C. Spoon, of Rameuse, Stricken With Paralysis

Mr. M. C. Spoon, of Rameuse suffered a stroke of paralysis early Monday morning which affected the entire left side of his body. While his condition was at first considered very serious he has improved and the physicians think he will get over this attack. Mr. Spoon was unable to speak or to take nourishment in the beginning. Mr. Spoon is about sixty-five years old. His many friends in Asheboro have been greatly concerned over his illness and are glad to learn of his improvement.

Troops and Supplies are Being Sent to France in Increasing Numbers.

General Pershing says the submarine had not claimed a single American soldier of the troop ships bound to France to date.



WOODROW WILSON

PRESIDENT WILSON'S THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

Calls Upon American People to Give Thanks For Blessings That Are Better Than Mere Peace of Mind or Prosperity of Enterprise

President Wilson issued last week his 1917 Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon the nation, even in the midst of the sorrow and great peril of a world shaken by war, to thank God for blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

The proclamation fixing Thursday, November 29, as Thanksgiving Day, follows:

"THANKSGIVING—1917.

By the President of the United States of America.

"A proclamation.

"It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. That custom we can follow even now in the midst of the tragedy of a world shaken by war and immeasurable disaster, in the midst of sorrow and great peril, because even amidst the darkness that has gathered about us we can see the great blessings God has bestowed upon us, blessings that are better than mere peace of mind and prosperity of enterprise.

"We have been given the opportunity to serve mankind as we once served ourselves in the great day of our Declaration of Independence, by taking up arms against a tyranny that threatened to master and debase men everywhere, and joining with other free peoples in demanding for all the nations of the world what we then demanded and obtained for ourselves. In this day of the revelation of our duty not only to defend our own rights as a nation, but to defend also the rights of free men throughout the world, there has been vouchsafed us in full and inspiring measure the resolution and spirit of united action. We have been brought to one mind and purpose. A new vigor of common council and common action has been revealed in

us. We should especially thank God that in such circumstances, in the midst of the greatest enterprise the spirits of men have entered upon, we have, if we but observe a reasonable and practicable economy, abundance with which to supply the needs of those associated with us as well as our own. A new light shines about us. The great duties of a new day awaken a new spirit in us. We shall never again be divided or wonder what stuff we are made of.

"And while we render thanks for those things, let us pray Almighty God that in all humbleness of spirit we may look always to Him for guidance; that we may be kept constant in the spirit and purpose of service; that by His grace our minds may be directed and our hands strengthened; and that in His good time liberty and security and peace and the comradeship of a common justice may be vouchsafed all the nations of the earth.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America do hereby designate Thursday the twenty-ninth day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the great ruler of nations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia, this seventh day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-second.

"WOODROW WILSON,"
"By the President:
"ROBERT LANSING,"
"Secretary of State."

Railroads Now Moving Potato Crop

The railroads are now moving what promises to be the biggest potato crop in the history of the country. This crop, which is estimated will total approximately 453 billion bushels or half again as much as last year, has been on the way since the middle of September. The movement of it will continue until about April 1st next year. Reports received by the Commission on Car Service indicate that even with intensive loading more than 750,000 cars will be needed to handle the potato crop.

That pound of wheat flour YOU save every week will weigh very heavily on the Kaiser's mind.

Nation May Control Paper Mills

The U. S. Senate committee on printing, in a report, recommends that the government take full control of the print paper business while the war lasts. It is urged that this is the only way to preserve a free press and get the supplies of paper the government needs.

The King of Italy Appeals to Soldiers

The King of Italy in calling on the nations in the crisis says: "Italians, citizens and soldiers, be one single army. Every act of cowardice is treachery; every disorder, every re-creation, is treachery.

"To the enemy who counts less on a military victory than on weakening our spirit and on our passivity, let us reply with one voice that all are ready to give all for victory and the honor of Italy."

The proclamation is signed by the members of the Cabinet as well as by the King.

Mr. P. D. Deaton Business Manager of The Montgomerian Resigns

Mr. P. D. Deaton, who has for the past seven years been business manager of the Montgomerian has resigned his position and connects himself with the printing business elsewhere. Mr. Joseph G. Bromell will have charge of the paper. He has been connected with it for the past two months.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE IN PROGRESS IN CITY

First Session Today—Mothers' Meeting Saturday Afternoon—Mass Meeting Sunday Afternoon

By the time this issue of The Courier reaches it readers the institute for Sunday School workers will be in progress. The program every day and night will be interesting and helpful. The courses have been outlined with a view to the particular needs of Randolph teachers and officers and it is fortunate for our teachers to have the opportunity of a few days instruction by Sunday school specialists.

The public sessions of the institute will be an interesting feature. Thursday evening at 7:45 Dr. Sylvester Newlin, of High Point, will deliver a lecture. Dr. Newlin is known to many Randolph people and all will appreciate the opportunity of hearing him. On Friday evening at 7:45 Mr. Charles F. Lambeth, superintendent of the M. E. Sunday School of Thomasville, will lecture. Mr. Lambeth will bring to our people the results of his large experience in the administrative division of the Sunday School. The department of administration will have special consideration throughout the institute course and it would be well for superintendents and teachers to make a special effort to hear Mr. Lambeth.

The mass meeting Sunday afternoon which will be the closing session of the institute will no doubt attract a large number of folks from all parts of the county. Judge Gilbert T. Stevenson, of Winston-Salem, who is president of the State Sunday School Association, will deliver an address also Dr. A. D. Wolfinger, of the Reformed church of Greensboro, will speak. The Sunday Schools of Asheboro will furnish special music for this meeting. Immediately following the mass meeting Chairman of the Executive Committee, Mr. Hugh Parks, will call a meeting of this committee. All township presidents and secretaries, members of this committee, are urged to attend this meeting.

Saturday afternoon Mrs. Stafford the instructor in the elementary division work will have a mother's meeting in connection with her regular class work. Mothers from the town and county are asked to be present and bring the children. Mrs. Stafford's subject will be home co-operation and she will demonstrate in practicable ways how the home can supplement the Sunday school. Mothers attending this meeting will have a chance to see the work which can be done by a prepared teacher.

North Carolina's Part in the Sale of Red Cross Seals

North Carolina is expected to sell \$40,000 worth of Red Cross Christmas seals this year. This is the program of the American Red Cross and National Tuberculosis Association in order to treble the total of sales for the nation recorded last Christmas. It is planned to sell \$3,000,000 worth of stamps with which to meet the demands for anti-tuberculosis agencies in the nation. In the campaign this year, the mail sale plan will be largely adopted.

Editor Isaac London of The Siler City Grit Purchases Rockingham Post

Mr. Isaac London who has owned and edited The Siler City Grit for a number of years has purchased the Rockingham Post plant and will on December first start a new weekly paper in Rockingham.

Mr. William E. Dockery, who for the past eight years has been editor and proprietor, has severed all connection with the Post. Publication will be suspended until Mr. London completes his arrangements for the new paper under a name not yet decided upon.

Automobile Thieves Busy in High Point

Three automobiles were stolen from the streets of High Point Friday night, one of them being that of T. J. Murphy, the city manager. The car of Mr. Murphy was discovered about midnight near the fair grounds. It had been driven into a box car on the Southern track and was damaged, a fender and part of the running board being torn off.

COL. HOUSE RECEIVED BY KING GEORGE OF ENGLAND

Other Members of the American Commission Hold Business Conferences
King George received Col. House, head of the American Commission to the Inter-Allied Conference which was held in Paris Sunday.

The Colonel required no introduction to the King, whom he had met on previous visits. The King invited Col. and Mrs. House to take luncheon Monday afternoon with the Queen and himself. Although the members of the mission have been deluged with invitations of a social nature, it has been found impossible to accept any of them owing to their many duties.

Women Arrested for Picketing—Mrs. Harvey Wiley, Wife of Pure Food Expert Among Number

Forty-one women of the Woman's party resumed picketing the White House in force late last Saturday and were arrested as fast as they took their places. One of the number arrested was Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, wife of the pure food expert.

Saving Old Tin Cans

Millions of five-gallon oil cans reaching Asia from this country are now put to use by the Japanese. The cans are used for making toys, for lining export packing cases, for roofing buildings, for making dust-pans, bottle caps, and many other useful things.

LLEWXAM'S LETTER FROM THE CAPITAL

(By Maxwell Gorman.)

Raleigh, Nov. 13.—With Thanksgiving day only two weeks off those of us who are interested (and every one of us should be) in the care of the thousands of little orphans in North Carolina should remember on this one day of the year that we are especially called upon to help them. There should be no "slackers" in this effort this year especially when we have all been called on so often for war purposes. The very fact that there is danger of the relief fund falling below the average this year on that account should spur us all to exercise greater activity and liberality in behalf of these little motherless and fatherless children—to care for whom the Savior of mankind so particularly enjoined upon us.

Practically all of the sixteen orphanages in North Carolina are now forced to deny admittance to many children who need their care, and many of those now in these institutions cannot be fully cared for if this annual Thanksgiving help is not given this year in full measure. This is the greatest of all charities—the greatest of all opportunities of the year presents itself to you to "add a star to your crown" by doing it unto "one of the least of these."

November 25th will be "Orphan day" at the church you attend. If you are not there then send your contribution direct to the orphanage of your choice, if you are able to help only one of them.

Fuel Famine Already?

For ten days it has been impossible to get wood to burn in Raleigh from the fuel dealers even at seven dollars per cord. They say they can't get it to sell at any price. Coal is also scarce. Some hurried means must be adopted at once, here and in other towns.

Dr. Alexander Resigns

The resignation of Dr. H. Q. Alexander as a member of the State Board of Agriculture is alleged to have been written and sent to Raleigh. But the Governor is out of the city much of the time and he was not here to deny or confirm officially the report. The course pursued by Dr. Alexander with reference to preparation for the war forced upon us has been such that he is condemned and scored by most patriotic people, and his position of president of the State Farmers' Union is likely to soon be filled by another, unless he can remove the present, strong opposition to re-election.

Criminal Not Yet Caught

The inhuman burglar who last week choked a 3-months old infant to death here has not yet been apprehended. The local police seem to be helpless in the case and rewards aggregating nearly two thousand dollars have been offered, in the hope that some real detective of ability will be induced to take up the investigation.

The numerous desperate crimes committed in Raleigh of late and the escape of the criminals in most cases, have deeply stirred the people here. And now, to add to their indignation and disgust at the laws delay in certain infamous cases, W. B. Jones, attorney for the convicted rapist Neville who assaulted a housewife here in her own home when she had an infant in her arms, has appealed his "case" to the Supreme Court—and he cannot be executed Nov. 30 and probably not for several months yet. And this in face of the fact that the same negro has been identified as the one who assaulted another white woman here. Lawyer J. C. Little, saying there was no ground on which to appeal, has withdrawn from the case.

Paris Dixon

Mr. R. Will Dixon and Miss Jennie Paris gave their friends a surprise Sunday. Without making any special ado about the matter, they quietly stole away to Mebane and were united in marriage. Both have made their home in Graham for a number of years and their friends extend congratulations and best wishes for long life and happiness.

ITALIANS HOLDING OWN AGAINST TEUTON ARMY

The Italians apparently are holding the Teutonic allies fast along the greater part of the curving battle front extending from Lake Garda, south of the Trentino region to the Adriatic sea. Small gains have been reported for the Teutons on the northern front and one point along the southern reaches of the Pieve river.

The Italian troops see that the entry of Austro-Germans into Italy had not ended the war as the German propaganda said it would, and they know the country is keyed up if need be to the loss even of Venetia. There are many other lines to fall back on. They know their comrades of the allied forces are coming to their help and that munitions factories are working with furious energy to supply the means of war later.

Both Oppose World-Tyrant

Bolivia has sent a message of "cordial sympathy" with Brazil in the latter's declaration of war against Germany.

Early Winter in the North

Winter opened early in the Middle West. At Cleveland, O., Nov. 1, five inches of snow covered the ground. In western New York, and in some places further east, crops of potatoes, beans and other foodstuffs were covered and damaged in the fields. In the upper Rocky Mountain region the thermometer showed zero temperature.