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## PREDICTS SERIOUS CONDITIONS IN WINTER

At Request of Governor Bickett, Men Every Young Man Between the Age of 21 and 30 Must Register.

Raleigh, N. C., May 27.—Hon. James I. P. You, as a member of the North Carolina Food Conservation Commission has at the request of Governor Bickett prepared a special article for publication throughout the State in which he tersely states what is needed in effort at crop production, what can best be produced from now until frost, and in which he concludes with this statement:

"Winter is five months off. With winter we will have conditions more nearly like famine than we have ever before known. If in these five months we do not provide our own food, to whom should we apply for help, and upon whom should we place the blame?"

The address to the people follows:

**What to Avoid**

"Don't waste time on fancy crops; nor risk success experimenting with novelties. We need staple food. Time spent on fancy crops, like lettuce, radishes, cauliflower, spinach, etc., had far better be devoted to crops yielding the greatest amount of food per acre.

"Don't waste time in planting poor land. No crop can be planted on poor land this late in the season with any hope of success, except possibly corn field peas. Any other crop now planted on unimproved land will prove a disappointment.

"Don't plant any land that is not well prepared and fertilized. Don't plant ball parks, golf links or tennis courts. Land is plentiful, no need to spoil these places.

"Don't try to make a crop, unless you have experience, or will cooperate with an experienced person. Too much is at stake to run the risk of failure, for not knowing how. And don't turn it over to children. They can help, and learn much by helping. But growing food this year is a man's job. The man may call the children to his aid. He must not turn the job over to them, expecting good results.

"In selecting crops, bear in mind that other things being equal, those which keep longest be given preference.

**What to Do**

"Having stated what to be avoided, now what we can do.

"Late as it is, there is abundant time to raise a full crop of corn on any improved, properly prepared and fertilized piece of ground. And corn, because of the many uses which can be made of it, the ease and simplicity of its cultivation, and cheapness of seed, is probably the best crop. Among the corn on upland, peas should be planted; and on lowland pumpkins and cashews (sweet pumpkins) can be grown without injury to the crop. They furnish valuable food for man and beast.

"Peas of all kinds can be planted with perfect assurance of a full crop; and they will leave the land in splendid condition for a grain crop next fall. They will grow on poor land. On good land a large amount of fine feed can be raised from every acre now planted in peas.

"Potatoes, both kinds, may still be planted with confidence of a full crop.

"Beans of all kinds, lima and snap, which and pole, are now be planted and a full crop secured. They can be used green, or of canned and bunch snaps intended for canning can be planted during the next six weeks.

**Late Cabbage Valuable**

"Late cabbage is another valuable crop, for which there is still an abundance of time. We have not fully appreciated the value of this crop, using it only as a vegetable. Large crops should be planted; and what is not used, as garden vegetable should be put in sauer kraut. A barrel of kraut to a family would be a wholesome and nutritious reserve of food, home raised, always at hand and saved at small expense. Late cabbage planted on rich black land grows easily, and make a huge quantity of food per acre.

"In the mountains buckwheat should be planted; and there is still

plenty of time to plant. "A little later turnips, and all kinds of fall garden truck, should be planted; and, before frosts come, protect it so it will carry over the winter.

"All fruit not used green should be saved, dried, canned or preserved.

"There is promise of an immense blackberry crop; and we have never made much use of this crop. Preserved or made into jam it is a wholesome and palatable article of food. Jam is such a valuable food article that it is a regular ration of the English Army. It is difficult to imagine the amount of food which could be saved from this one source; and, in as effective as grown people. While sugar is high, it is probably the cheapest article of food; and sugar in preserves is wisely used.

**Sorghum Also Valuable**

"Sorghum is another valuable crop, for which there is still plenty of time. It is valuable for food, and of immense value for hog and cattle. Every pound added to the weight of hogs and beef cattle, and every pound of feed fed to dairy, increases the amount of human food available.

"Quantities of rough hay, not good enough to market, but plenty good to be fed to cattle, can be saved before winter.

"And next fall, great crops of wheat and other grain should be planted.

**Scarcity is Certain**

"We are confronted with certain scarcity and the further difficulty of transportation. Even with a surplus of food in one section, it may be difficult for us to get it, for all transportation facilities will be fully occupied in moving the army, and the things necessary for the army. It which may prove inadequate. Relying on our own food.

"Persons so situated that they cannot profitably grow crops can render great assistance by helping those who are doing so. Money, or stock, loaned to those who are growing these crops will assist them greatly. Giving lands, manure or labor free will help, encourage and add materially to our food supply.

"Another way to help is in buying cans and other containers in which to put up food. It is difficult to buy cans at retail and the price is high; but arrangements have been made to supply those who will use them in putting up food, (but not those selling empty cans). Cans may be bought in car load lots, through Dr. B. W. Kilgore, Dept. of Agriculture, Raleigh, N. C., at about half the retail price. They should be ordered at once in car load lots. It may be difficult or impossible to obtain them later.

"Another way to help is to aid in financing community canning establishments. Such establishments will cost but a small sum and would enable people to save their vegetables and fruits easily, without the discomfort inevitable without special preparation.

"Money loaned to those who are growing crops, advanced for the purchase of cans and the establishment of canning places would accomplish more than the same amount used in growing crops by a person without experience.

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## WORK MAPPED OUT FOR ALL

Men, Women and Children Will Be Given Places for Active Service

Washington, May 28.—Men, Women and children in every walk of life are given places for active service in the program for the liberty loan week beginning next Saturday made public tonight by the treasury department.

Treasury officials also made public tonight an appeal by Samuel Gompers to all members of the American Federation of Labor requesting them to aid the government in making the loan a success.

"Liberty bonds are a safe investment and it is a patriotic duty to subscribe for them," said Mr. Gompers. He added that he would like to see every member of the Federation subscribe for as large an amount of the bonds as his means would permit, and gave his approval

## THOSE WHO MUST REGISTER

Told To Act With Promptness of 21 and 30 Must Register. Nothing Excuses Him. Married Men Not Exempted. Registration Day June 5th.

An article in Wednesday's Charlotte Observer explains some facts about the conscription registration law that all should read, as follows:

Contrary to the general belief, married men are not exempted under the act, but must register, as only the following are exempted:

Those who have not reached the age of 21 on June 5. (If their 21st birthday is June 5, they must register.)

Men whose 31st birthday comes before June 5 or whose 31st birthday comes on June 5.

Men in the Navy or Regular Army of the United States, the Marine Corps, and the officers of the Reserve Corps.

Men in the National Guard and Naval Militia actually in service on June 5.

Men in the enlisted reserve corps actively engaged in service of the United States on June 5.

Sickness, physical disability, of any kind, or absence from home, will not excuse any failure to register on June 5. National Guardsmen not mustered into service before June 5 must also register.

Punishment for failure to register is one year's imprisonment. For making false statement is also one year's imprisonment with a consequent enforced registration in all cases. It is also added that where a person registering is subject to military law he will be court-martialed.

There has been considerable misunderstanding on the part of those who must register; but the doubt has been on the side of those who must, rather than those who do not have to register. Briefly stated, every man between the ages of 21 and 30 inclusive, must register. Later, for one of several reasons, he may possibly obtain exemption.

Some will doubtless obtain exemption upon the first call, to be brought into the service on the second, or third, or fourth, or some later call, should the war last long enough to demand the men.

It is the general belief that married men, and other men who have mothers or young sisters or brothers dependent upon them, will not be called out on the first call to arms. It is also generally believed that those with serious physical defects will be left out for all time. It is believed that the first call will be issued to those healthy single men, who have no one depending upon them or who do not have jobs that are of more economic worth to the Government than are the men as soldiers.

The registrars will send in the cards at the end of the conscription period and the Government experts will sort them out and issue orders for the chosen ones to mobilize at the proper cantonment. It is not believed that this will require any great length of time, but that the work of training the new National Army will be well under way within a few months.

**THE DAY AND ITS DUTIES**

An Appeal by the Governor to the Young Men of the State

North Carolinians, the Fifth day of June draws nigh. It behooves us to put our house in order and be ready for its coming. All peoples in all climes have their eyes fixed on that day—the day when a mighty nation is to register its consecration to selfless service in the

plan to make Wednesday, June 6, Liberty loan-labor day to be devoted to a united effort by organized labor on behalf of the nation. The subscriptions to the bonds and professional men also will devote much of their time to the same cause.

The Liberty loan week program follows: Saturday and Sunday, June 2 and 3—Liberty loan days in the churches. Clergymen will preach special sermons on behalf of the loan.

Monday, June 4—Merchants and manufacturers Liberty loan day on which the merchants and manufacturers will unite in aiding the sale of the issue.

Wednesday, June 6—Liberty loan-labor day and mobilists' liberty loan day.

cause of universal justice and abiding peace. The day is destined to loom large in history, and will be forever linked with a world-wide acceptance of the rights of man first declared at Philadelphia and made secure at Yorktown.

Happily in North Carolina there is no longer division or debate. With a faith that casts out fear we go forth to register a stern challenge to the blood red prestige of a band of hereditary autocrats who have made unto themselves and unto their people an Iron Image and called it God.

But the registration in a single day of all the men in the State between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one calls for persistent and systematic work. I therefore urge,

1. That all ministers of the gospel of every race and creed call attention at every service conducted by them between now and the Fifth day of June to the following duties of citizenship and commands of the law.

(1) That the registration books will be open at 7 a. m. on Tuesday, the 5th day of June and close at 9 p. m.

(2) That it is important to register early in the day in order to avoid congestion in the closing hours.

(3) That the law applies to white men.

(4) That no physical disability will excuse a man for failing to register. If he is between twenty-one and thirty-one years of age he must register in person or send his card no matter what his physical condition may be. The question of exempting him from service on account of physical unfitness will be determined at a later day. It in no way affects the obligation imposed upon him to register.

(5) That if a party willfully fails to register he will forthwith be arrested. Our people must be given to know in this matter. If their names do not appear on the registration cards when they are canvassed, a warrant will be sworn out against them at once. I sincerely trust that not a man in North Carolina will be arrested for failing to do his duty.

(6) That of the men who register on the 5th day of June probably not more than one out of twelve will be drawn for service on the first call. But if a man shows any disposition to avoid or evade his responsibility he will in all probability be the first man who will be sent to the training camps. In every conceivable aspect it will pay the citizen to cheerfully comply with the law.

2. I urge every newspaper in the State to call attention to the six matters above mentioned in every issue of the paper from now until registration day.

3. I urge all traveling men, rural and urban transportation facilities, mail carriers, physicians who practice in the country, all merchants and relief from famine depends upon grocers, bankers and employers of men, and all landlords to call the attention of their customers, employees, and tenants to the requirements of the law.

4. I urge every man who knows about registration duty to deem it his patriotic duty to see to it that every man in his precinct is informed of the requirements of the law, and let each precinct in the State take pleasure and pride in seeing to it that no man in that precinct shall be arrested for failure to do his duty.

5. I suggest that on Sunday afternoon, June 3rd, or on the night of June 4th, there be held in every town and city in the State a patriotic rally. Let there be music and songs, and a great outpouring of the people and then let some one briefly and clearly state the requirements of the law.

I do not ask that June 5th be made a holiday. That question may be safely left to the judgment of each community and to those in charge of the industries of the State; if a field needs cultivating, if machinery needs to be kept running, or if other exigencies of business or industry ought not to be suspended in order to make a holiday. But I earnestly trust that throughout the State the day may be made one of cooperation and prayer. I do urge that every man who can spare time turn out on registration day and do in every possible way in securing a complete registration in every precinct.

Let the women and the children, together with the older members of the family, go to the place of registration with the boy who is to record his name as a champion of justice to all men and of peace for all time.

T. W. BICKETT, Governor.

## WARNING ISSUED BY ATTORNEY GENERAL

For Those Who Would Attempt to Prevent Registration

Washington, May 27.—Criminal prosecution awaits persons who attempt to prevent registration under the War Army bill by propaganda or otherwise. Attorney General Gregory announced tonight that his attention had been called to the circulation of propaganda designed to discourage registration, and that the government would deal vigorously with such cases.

"Such action is a plain violation of the law," said Mr. Gregory, "and the Department of Justice is prepared to prosecute promptly any person guilty of such conduct. The officers and agents of the department throughout the country have been instructed to watch carefully for violations of this law.

"In addition to penalties contained in the act which made evasion a criminal offense, section six of the Federal Penal Code makes it a criminal offense punishable with not more than six (6) years of imprisonment for any two or more persons who conspire together to hinder, prevent or delay the execution of any law of the United States."

**SOME MARRIED MEN LIABLE**

An official announcement from the war department today sets at rest the general belief that every married man would be excluded from the first levy. The announcement means that men whose wives or children have means of support will be liable to military service.

An estimate from the census bureau revealed the fact that almost one-half of the men available for conscription under the law are married. Any sweeping exclusion of married men would seriously deplete the available material.

The announcement prepared today by the provost marshal general's office states:

"The act establishing the selective draft authorizes the President to exclude or discharge from the draft those in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their exclusion or discharge advisable. The census estimate shows that almost half the men available for draft under the act of Congress, are married and any sweeping exclusion of married men would, therefore, be inadvisable. Only those whose dependents must rely solely upon them for support should claim exemption and of course all married men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, must register whether or not they propose to claim exemption."

**FOR FIVE MILLION AMERICANS**

Philadelphia Record.

If 5,000,000 Americans each subscribe for a \$100 Liberty bond that will bring in \$500,000,000 toward the Liberty Loan and assure its success. For already very heavy subscriptions have been made by banks, trust companies, large corporations of all kinds and people of wealth. It is the person of moderate means that the government desires to reach, and to this end it offers a very safe and attractive investment. There is ample time allowed in which to make payments. Make it a point to buy a bond this week, and thereby do your bit for the men who will soon be carrying the Stars and Stripes in France.

## STREET PAVING ABOUT COMPLETED

Contract Will Be Finished Soon and All Streets Opened Up

The contractors are finishing their work of paving the streets of Fayetteville and within six or eight weeks their contract will be completed. The street paving work has been put down, which has a balance of 20,000 square yards, which will be finished within the next six weeks if there is no unavoidable delay. This work has been pushed during the past few days, the weather having been most favorably than during the winter and early spring. Mr. Rolfe, the city engineer, says he feels confident the work will be completed within six weeks, when he will have his force to maintain the streets in similar contract.

When the additional work of paving is completed, the city will have a total of 100,000 square yards of pavement. The city has managed it in such a way as to have the project.—The Daily Dispatch.

## TO PUT AGITATORS IN JAIL

Federal Officials in the Country Washington, May 29.—Attorney General Gregory today instructed United States attorneys and marshals throughout the country to use their utmost efforts to arrest and prosecute all persons responsible for the agitation which has manifested itself in localities from New England to Texas against the registration June 5 of men subject to selective draft.

This agitation has made itself felt somewhat in many sections, but thus far there apparently is little connection between the outbreaks. Officials have undertaken an exhaustive investigation to determine if the whole anti-draft sentiment is not rooted in extensive machinations of German propagandists in this country, having a central headquarters.

**Germans Back of It**

Color to this theory is lent, in some degree, by the marked similarity in the method of procedure in widely separated communities. Some officials believe that the entire agitation is manufactured by Germans, who, baffled in their original program calling for an armed uprising of German reservists in this country upon America's entry into the war, have turned their energies to this method of hindering the military plans of the government.

If such is the case, the conspiracy will come to nothing, officials believe. The department of justice, it was authoritatively announced tonight, expects 100 per cent of eligibles to register, and prompt prosecution under the criminal provisions of the law will be instituted in the few cases where the law is not observed.

**Report Slackers**

To bring out the full registration, Attorney General Gregory today invited the entire nation to constitute itself a committee of the whole, and every man of military age a committee of one to report slackers.

"Every man subject to registration is not only expected by the department of justice to comply with the law, but also to constitute himself a committee of one in his community to see that each of his acquaintances who should register does so, or is promptly reported for prosecution under the criminal provisions of the law." Attorney General Gregory invites all young men of the country to cooperate in the enforcement of the law as a part of their patriotic duty.

## OVER HALF UNMARRIED MEN

Total of Bachelors Within Draft Age Limits is 5,372,400, Bureau of Census at Washington Reports

By a census bureau estimate Saturday classifying the more than 10,000,000 men within the military draft age limit, the number of single men is placed at 5,372,400 and the number of married at 4,545,900.

The estimate was prepared on a basis of a normal increase in population since the 1910 census and on the assumption that the ratio between married and single men is the same as at that time.

The classification by chief occupations is given as follows:

Agriculture, forestry and animal husbandry 2,861,000; manufacturing and mechanical industries 3,080,000; general occupations 559,500; transportation 671,000; trade 154,000; public service 114,000; domestic and personal service 441,000; professional service 385,000; clerical occupations 374,000; extraction of mineral products 264,000.

The government, it has been stated, will not exempt any particular class of industry from conscription, but will deal with cases individually. Individuals, however, who are considered necessary to preserve economic balance will be exempted. Nearly every line of industry, it is said, has applied to the department for exemption of its workers.

Some few classifications are not included in the figures. If put down 20,000 square yards of concrete sidewalk, which will include all the important sidewalks in the city. All this work has been done under a contract which was made before the tremendous advance in materials and at a price twenty per cent cheaper than the same work is being done for today. This respect the town has been fortunate and credit is due to those who he has managed it in such a way as to have the project.—The Daily Dispatch.