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CASH IN ADVANCE.

BUSINESS NOTICE.

We know exactly how much paper will be allowed to the publishers of The News during the coming months. During the next two weeks we must drop from the list about 200 subscribers, this being necessary to reduce the circulation to the 85 per cent required by the government.

FOOD INSPECTOR NEEDED.

If the officials who are at the head of the food administration want to do something worth while they can find a profitable field in the inspection of the corn meal that is now being furnished to the people for food.

We find from inquiry that this meal is not the product of any one mill or section, but appears to be general.

In the light of the facts as they appear to us to be, the food authorities should get busy and enforce some regulations that will insure to the people that a grade of meal be furnished that will be fit for food.

For a man to buy meal and then not eat it is defeating the efforts of the country to save food, and also impoverishing the citizen who must make a purchase of food that he cannot use.

COAL FOR WINTER.

Last winter there was great danger of suffering in this city and it was by the merest chance that people did get coal. It will be the same way again this winter.

Last winter there was much talk about the high price of coal. Now any citizen, or bunch of citizens, has a clear field to order direct from the mines and save dealers profits.

The man who waits until next winter to buy his fuel may expect to pay about two prices, for labor of all kinds is increasing, and the price of fuel is also increasing.

The Presbyterian Sunday schools of the First Presbyterian and Rock churches held their annual picnic at Brower's Springs Tuesday.

IGNORING FACTS.

It is a custom of some officials to ignore newspaper criticism on all subjects. It is not the part of wisdom to ignore criticism, for the critic often knows the truth and is not necessarily a knocker.

BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

There never was a time in the history of this country when a man had a better opportunity to be a good neighbor. This week nearly a hundred boys left the farms of this county, and in many instances they left an old man and some children to gather the crop.

Now it is very well known that farmers aid each other in many ways. They assist in building barns, shucking corn, threshing wheat, etc. In these times when farmer's sons are away in the army this spirit of co-operation should be encouraged, and every man should be ready and willing to aid his neighbor as much as he can.

The stirring times in which we are living are causing immorality to spring up as never before. In Germany it is said that more children are born out of wedlock than ever before, and this may finally prove to be true in this country, for war and immorality go hand in hand.

THE MAYO MILLS.

The new knitting mill in this city has been named by the management The Mayo Mills, and will be known by that name in the future.

The Mayo Mills located here is under the direct management of Mr. T. C. Barber who is the superintendent.

Mr. Barber is now putting in a large amount of new machinery preparatory to installing a finishing department for mills located at other points. An expert machinist, Mr. Lehman, of Mayodan is here in charge of the work of putting in this new machinery which includes a hundred sewing machines.

The mill will soon be in position to employ a large number of people. In another week as many as 100 additional women will be needed to operate machinery that is now being installed. Superintendent Barber is anxious to get this labor here in or near Mount Airy, and will offer inducements that should secure it.

The present household sugar ration with little chance of increase—is two pounds a month in America, two pounds in England, one and one-half pounds in France, and one pound in Italy.

TRAIN SCHEDULE

If the train schedule has not changed one can leave Surry in the morning and reach Morganton before bedtime the same day. In the light of what has been taking place in and about that new court house during the past moons, for comparisons to be asked for between candidates raises the question as to whether somebody is not headed, or should be headed, toward Morganton.

A GOOD TEST.

The Country east of the Mississippi is now asked to save fuel by cutting out all joy riding on Sunday in automobiles. This is done to save gasoline to be used in the army.

A GOODY GOODY BUNCH..

The Times-Leader is making indirect attacks on the character of the democratic candidates in this county. Strong appeals are made to the voters to vote for only good men, and the word good is set in capital letters. Now if there ever was a democratic ticket that could not stand a comparison with the present republican ticket, so far as moral character goes, we fail to know of it.

A BAD, BAD WAR.

This war is working many hardships on our citizens. Take this case for instance. A young man drifted into this city last fall and said he came from Forsyth and gave his name as Mr. George Gross. He got employment and settled down to the routine duties of life. He got acquainted with some of the young ladies of the town, and reports has it that marriage was contemplated.

After hearing all this Mr. Alderman was carried to Camp Green at Charlotte this week by Policeman Hatcher. Report has it that Mr. Gross was to have been married in a short time.

This is a great nation to waste. As an illustration it has been estimated that about a third of the sugar used by this country is used in coffee and tea. It has been further estimated that about a third of the sugar used to sweeten coffee and tea remains in the bottom of the cup undissolved.

There have been a sufficient number of children mashed up in this good town by automobiles to cause our people to wake up on the subject of law enforcement. But the work of smashing them up must continue yet awhile before public sentiment becomes aroused to that extent that the laws will be enforced.

One of these days the Mothers of our town will vote, and then a changed condition will come about. When mothers vote more and do less fancy needle work fewer children will go to the hospitals and reform houses.

Fred Johnson Writes Home.

Fred Johnson, son of the editor of The News has been in the Merchant Marine for some weeks, and extracts from letters that he writes home will no doubt be of interest to many. He has been on different ships in training and has already visited many points of interest in his travels.

Boston, Mass. Aug. 20, 1918.

Dear Mother:

I would have written you all yesterday but we were transferred again, and this time to the ship Governor Cobb. It took us all of Monday evening to get all our papers signed and to move. We transferred about 150.

We will leave here tomorrow (Wed) for New York and Norfolk. It will take about three days to make the trip from here. They will release a large number of men to go on ships, and I cannot tell whether I will be in the bunch. Some say I will and others say not. Everything is crowded and there must be 500 or 600 on the ship.

I received both of father's letters Monday and one from Kate that had been here for a week. We made another trip to Maine Friday night, and came back to Portland, Maine, Saturday and spent Sunday there. We came back to Boston Sunday night. You all talk about hot weather down there. I have slept under two blankets every night for most of the time I have been here.

I had to stand watch on the bow of the ship coming back for 1 1/2 hours, from 9 to 10:30. We have to report every light that we see and every ship the chips do not have any lights on them, but the moon was shining and we could see them for some distance. Going up Friday night I stood on the boat deck, with a large number of others, and took in the scenery until 9 o'clock when we had to go to bed. We did not get out of sight of land, but traveled between land and a string of patrol boats that were stationed off the coast. We could see several of them at a time, and it was hard to tell how far apart they were, some guessed 3 miles apart and others 5. A submarine was reported off the coast and during the night the wireless operator received a S. O. S. call.

Do not write me any more here until you hear from me. Will drop you a card at the first place we land.

Love to all, FRED.

New York, Aug. 22.

I have been moved again, and this time I am in Brooklyn, N. Y. We landed in New York bay about 10 o'clock and anchored near the Statue of Liberty. At six o'clock we were brought to shore. We are on a ship much smaller than the past one, but everything seems to be O. K., on it. I will not go back to Boston any more, but will be shipped from this boat to some steamer. I may stay here for some time and then again I may be shipped from here in a few days.

We came through cape Cod canal and took us about hour. Passed under three draw bridges. Then we came on through Long Island Bay to N. Y. I was in hopes that I could be taken on to Norfolk, and will try to get stationed there later.

There was a jolly bunch that came with us. About the time you get settled and get acquainted they pick you up and it is moving day.

Would write more, but it is about time for the lights to go out.

Let me hear from you all soon.

As ever, FRED.

Sunday Aug. 25

I am now in New York city at the Y. M. C. A. canteen at 42, street, 6th ave. I have off until in the morning and will have a chance to see some more of N. Y. These canteens are certainly great places to be at. They give you your meals at cost and they are fine, can get all you want to eat for 20 to 25c and it is prepared right—like home eats. At the battery there is a place that all men in uniform can get all the milk you want free, and it is good, too.

Some of the boys in this service get distasteful and quit and go to the army. One of them left last night. Last night I talked to a seaman who had followed for 15 years and he said for us not to be too anxious to get away, but to be patient and wait.

If you could be here and see the activity of the country you would realize the war—Everything here is done for the comfort and pleasure of men in uniform that can be. There are shows that we can go to and our uniforms is our ticket. There is a place on 27th street, 6th avenue, that we can get a place to sleep for 25 cents. I sent some things home from Coney

Island Friday night and hope you receive them O. K. I am sending you all a book of illustrations of New York today.

I am going to Bronx Park this evening and take in the Zoo. When I was there 2 years ago it was snowing and did not get to see it all.

I went up in the Herald newspaper office Friday night and all the men seemed very nice and had plenty of time to stop and talk. They have 70 type setting machines.

I will probably be here for some time as this is the last ship we go on in the service of the U. S. Shipping Board. When we leave here we go into the regular shipping service.

The big German steamer Vaterland was to leave here yesterday at 3. It carries about 16,000 troops and every-time it comes into port they work on it and make room for more. The soldiers sleep in 3 shifts each shift being 8 hours. They can accommodate 3000 in hammocks on the decks. I am going to try to see this ship if I stay here long enough.

Let me hear how everything is getting on at home.

As ever, FRED.

U. S. S. Dorothy Bradford, E. Fifth Street Pier, N-w York City.

SOLDIERS TO CAMP.

The following list of Surry citizens left here Monday morning for Camp Jackson where they go for military training.

- Wm. B. Leftwich. Easter F. Stanley. Grady M. Emerson. Harvey Brevenburg. Jas. Romey Riddle. McKinley Jones. Ossie P. Walls. Willis Emory Parker. William R. Belton. Isaac L. Wright. Rural J. Doss. Thos. B. Baker. Arthur W. Kirkman. Bryan Johnson. Wm. McK. Jackson. Romie Hiram Hardy. Carless Deatherage. Willis Hodges. Clarence S. Baker.

- Grady Vestal Mosser. Ernest C. Stoker. Robert L. Cockerham. Austin Gentry. Harrison Younger. Alvah A. Matthews. William J. Chandler. K. Benton York. Charles R. Fowler. Abner J. Deatherage. Sandy S. McCormick. Jas. A. Marshall. Babe Keizer. Edward A. Booker. Branscom Wall. Jessie Collins. Roy A. Thomas. Jas. E. White. Will F. Greenwood. Sim W. Hemmings. Jesse R. Schrist. Dallas M. Holder. Jas. E. Collins. Willie F. Johnson. Joe Martin Collins. Marcus W. M. Evans. Thomas V. Rachels. Walter H. Sisk. John S. Galyean. Joe M. Holliday. Chisie M. Jessup. Walter E. Gitley. Clint I. Burcham. Omer A. Brannock. Jess J. Amburn. Wendell B. Stone. Robert Paul Harris. John Key. Francis M. Terry. Wade C. Moody. Luther M. Hardy. Evert T. McCain. Sam Marshall. Dan W. Whitaker. Milton Y. Ashburn. Robert Mont Colbert. Walter Hunter Critz. Otto Reeves. Arthur A. Ashburn. Claud J. Johnson. Reid M. Cook. Samuel G. Joyce. William Brown. Jesse W. Stewart. Edward Loyd. Worth Money. Brady B. Hice. William M. Cook. Edgar M. Schaffner. Charlie F. Donathan. Benjamin Shinall. Charlie M. Rose. Geo. D. Mitchell. Floyd Turpin. Seaborn Goings. Henry S. Foster. Zebedee D. Jackson. Thos. Reeves. Dewitt T. Sparger.

WANTED! 200 women and girls who are willing to work and learn to operate sewing machines in the finishing department. We pay good wages to learners with advancement in pay after you have learned the business... We have a nice clean comfortable building equipped with modern conveniences. The MAYO MILLS T. C. BARBER, Supt., Mount Airy, North Carolina.

AUCTION SALE! W. C. MOORE HOME ON ROCKFORD ST., WILL BE SOLD AT AUCTION MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2nd, AT 5 P. M. This property adjoins F. L. Smith and W. B. Partridge and has a frontage of 87 feet on Rockford street, running back to an alley. If you want to make yourself some money attend this sale as the terms will be easy. MUSIC BY BAND Linville & Ball