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MORE MEN ARE CALLED

Call Issued for 36 White Men to Report July 4th for Service—Re-Classifications.

The county exemption board has called 36 white men to report here July 4th at 4 p. m. for enrollment next day to Camp Greenleaf, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. The names of those called follow:

Claude Weeks, Roscoe Shuford, Fred Craig, Marion Maxwell Morris, John Gibson Denny, Roy Minish, Virgil W. Schism, John Bledsoe, Floyd Worth Lawing, Charles Head, Frank Carson Biggerstaff, Wiley Condry, Lee Morris, Robt. Delvert Taylor, John Calvin Padgett, Kelton Norman Snipes, Robt. Winters, Elvis Turner, George Hunter, Arthur Gordon Laughter, Mark Parker, Joseph C. Green, John Jacob Cansler, Zachary Owenby, Don Mashburn, Ralph W. Goodman, Horace Arthur Hensley, John Stanley Hunter, Zollie Crawford Worley, Troy M. Brooks, Lyda Gorman, Zeb Vance Snipes, Benjamin Young Jordan, Amos Flinn, Romie White, Roscoe Hoppis.

Alternates: William Logan Bradley, Giola Winey Dalton, Edgar Cansler Price, Larkin Childers, Ed. Brown, Bryant Eugene Upton, Alonzo Elcain Davis.

The district exemption board has called up and reclassified the following men, deferred on account of agricultural work, changing them to Class 1:

John Earnsworth Williams, Marion; Thomas Upton, Dysartsville; Ersie Will Huskins, Sevier; John Fletcher Marlow, Fairview; Ab Morgan Reel, Marion; Fred Morris, Nealsville; William Horace Ledbetter, Dome; Perry Campbell Ward, Vein Mountain; Julius F. Upton, Dysartsville; Lee Lavender, Old Fort; and Robert Baity McNeely, Nebo.

The local board announces that the following men, newly weds, have been placed in Class One, on reclassification of the new draft regulations:

Forest Edwin Lawing, William Bruce Seamon, John West Stroud, Jesse Lindsey, (col.) Edward Sisk, Wyatt McCoy McNairy, Arthur Elliott, Edgar Morgan, Mont. A. McNeely, Thomas Garfield Rhinehart, William Luther Potest, Lonzo Smith and Luther Floyd Lytle.

Call Issued for 4,247 Men in North Carolina.

A call upon North Carolina for 4,247 men has been issued by the war department, Adjutant General Young announced Friday. One thousand men qualified for general service will be sent between July 5 and 10 to Camp Greenleaf, Oglethorpe, Ga.; 247 men of grammar school education having experience as blacksmiths, carpenters and mechanics will be sent to Clemson College, S. C., July 15; 1,700 others will go later to Camp Meade, Md., and 1,300 negroes will go to Camp Dix, Md.

Chairman D. T. Harris states that good progress is being made in War Saving campaign and a determined effort will be made to put the county over the top by the end of the week. McDowell's allotment is \$297,846.00.

New Ruling Relative to Grinding New Wheat Crop.

Raleigh, June 21.—North Carolina farmers who have this year raised their own wheat will be allowed to have an entire season supply ground, according to announcement made this evening by State Food Administrator Henry A. Page. The only requirement is that while wheat is still new and consequently in poor milling condition a supply sufficient to last only to October 1, shall be ground. On and after October 1, the requirements of a farmer for his household and for tenants or other dependents whom he customarily supplies until the next harvest may be ground.

All wheat producers as well as other consumers are requested to continue to observe the present conservation program of the food administration which calls for the use of as much corn meal and other cereals substitutes as of wheat flour.

The maximum measure of consumption of flour from new crop wheat will be 12 pounds per person per month instead of the present requested voluntary rationing of six pounds.

Three Pounds of Sugar per Month.

Drastic restrictions on sugar consumption are announced by the food administration. They include:

Reduction of home consumption to three pounds a person a month. Reduction of less essential manufactured products, including sweet drinks, to 50 per cent. of their normal sugar requirements; cutting the ice cream manufactures to 75 per cent. of their normal amount of sugar.

Food administration officials are working on details of a ration card by which they will enforce the three pounds a month rule.

Only the following products will get their full amount of sugar under the new rule:

Canned fruits, canned vegetables, meats, catsups, chille sauce, drugs for medical purposes, apple butter, packers of preserved fruits, mince meats, glycerine, insecticides, capsules and ant-poison.

Soda fountains are hit hard by the new regulations. They are cut to 50 per cent. Ice cream has formerly been allowed unlimited use of sugar, but after July 1 only 75 per cent. will be allowed and where ice cream is manufactured on the promise of any dispenser it will come under the 50 per cent. limitation.

A Hospital Train.

One hundred and twenty-four men were brought to the United States General Hospital No. 12 (Kenilworth) Asheville, last week, from Camp Lee, Va. The Citizen says the men are suffering from empyema, a disease which follows pneumonia and which causes abscesses on the lungs in many instances. That climate was adjudged the best for their recuperation, and for this reason they were brought to Asheville.

The Citizen says the men were brought to Asheville in a hospital train, one of the most complete of its kind. The train of six coaches is provided with everything to be found in a modern hospital and the most serious operations can be performed.

AUSTRIAN FORCES Routed

Invaders Defeated at Every Turn With Appalling Losses—Austrians Driven Hard.

Washington, June 25.—A dispatch to the Italian embassy from Rome today confirmed the announcement yesterday that prisoners taken by the Italians in the fighting at the Piave numbered 45,000. This includes some twelve or fifteen thousand captured during the past week before the Austrian offensive was turned into a rout.

Austria's armies again are beyond the Piave and the river line once more bars the enemy from Venetian plains. The crushed Austrian forces not only were pursued to the river but the Italians at points have occupied strong bridgeheads on the eastern bank.

How thorough the Italian victory has been is not yet clear as every hour brings reports of increasing Austrian losses. Many thousands of invaders were killed in their attempt to regain the eastern bank of the river and the latest announcement from General Diaz places the number of prisoners alone at 40,000. One report places the Austrian casualties at 200,000 men. In addition the enemy lost large stores of munitions and supplies and many guns.

Piave Cleared of Austrians.

The Italians at last have cleared the remaining Austrian rear guards from the west bank of the Piave river and now are in possession of the entire river front from the Montello plateau to the sea. At last accounts their forces which crossed the stream in pursuit of the retreating Austrians were still harassing them, inflicting heavy casualties and forcing the enemy to continue his disorderly retreat.

A Paris dispatch says the Austrian losses total 200,000 men, according to the Secolo di Milan.

H. F. Little Elected Vice President.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of the First National Bank of Marion Mr. Hugh F. Little, assistant treasurer and general manager of the Marion and Clinchfield mills, was elected vice-president of the bank to succeed the late B. B. Price. Mr. R. H. Bennett was elected a member of the board of directors to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Price.

McDowell Sends Soldiers to War.

In response to the government's call for soldiers the local board inducted into service 45 of McDowell's choice sons, and started them on their way to camp on the morning train Tuesday. The line of march was started from the office of the local board headed by G. C. Conley and J. W. Winborne, followed by the sturdy soldiers. Quite a crowd of friends and relatives accompanied the boys to the station.

The young men presented a most cheerful attitude. Seemingly they were anxious to get to camp, don the uniform and get down to training. Every man called reported to roll call.

Buy War Savings Stamps.

Circus Train Wrecked and More Than 60 Perish.

As the result of the wreck of a circus train six miles west of Gary, Ind., early Saturday morning, at least 62 persons were killed and it is believed the death list may go to 80, as the wreck caught fire and was burned and the exact number of dead has not been determined. The injured are listed at 179.

A train carrying the Wallace-Hagenbeck circus, composed of four sleepers, five stock cars, 15 flat cars and a caboose, pulled part away into a switch and stalled there on account of a hot box. The flagman went back on the main track and set fuses as a warning of danger, it is said. The circus train was in this position when a troop train of empty cars struck the circus train in the rear, plowed into the sleepers, reducing them to a pile of tangled steel and timbers. Fire broke out in the circus train almost immediately, and when rescuers reached the scene the entire wreckage was in flames.

Nearly A Million Men in France.

Washington, June 22.—Nine hundred thousand men have been shipped across the seas, General March told newspaper correspondents at the weekly conference today. These include the troops shipped from all American ports of embarkation.

The United States today is five months ahead of its program for placing an army in France, General March said.

The figures on American troop shipments are significant, since General March at his conference last week fixed the number at 800,000, the addition of 100,000 during the week showing the rate of progress that is being made.

While the general battle situation looks good today, General March said that the present lull on the western front means only that German combat divisions are being formed for another drive.

Political Policy This Year.

It is extremely difficult this year for the people of North Carolina to become interested in politics. Republican candidates are claiming to stand with the President, and so any criticism of Congress that they may indulge in will necessarily be weakened. Democratic candidates, however, may expect to be closely watched as to their records. They will be judged mainly by their reputation for supporting or opposing the President.

There can be only one policy for any party this year, and that is wholehearted support of everything looking to the successful prosecution of the war. There may be open questions as to what is right, but the election of new men to congressional positions when their ideas are confessed over those things now paramount will be an easy task. The men worth while for all of the nation's jobs will be those men who have already shown their ability to think clearly as to present day problems and to act without regard to the effect of their acts politically. The times demand men of great hearts, strong minds, and willing hands. Such men will be the ones sought after rather than those among the seekers after honor and political preferment.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Confederate veteran statue was unveiled at Morganton Saturday. Chief Justice Clark was the orator.

Chas. W. Cloninger former assistant cashier of a Hickory bank, has been appointed assistant State Bank examiner.

Approximately \$85,000 damage, partially covered by \$74,000 insurance, was caused by the fire which early Friday morning destroyed the building occupied by the Myers' department stores at Winston-Salem.

Guilford county Democratic committee has resolved that no political speeches should be made in that county this year. Patriotic meetings may be held at which formal announcements of candidates may be made.

L. L. Mathews, superintendent of the schools of Sampson county, was found dead in a bath tub at his home at Clinton Sunday. It was evident that he took his own life, as the door to the bath room was locked and had to be battered down. A razor which had severed his jugular vein was found on a shelf beside the bath tub.

About 500 carpenters employed on the government tubercular hospital at Azalea quit work last week after demanding increase in pay of \$1 per day. Their demands had been referred to Washington but they quit before an answer was received. Later an agreement was reached by which the men returned to work, pending a settlement of the demand.

The mayor and ministers of New Berne have appealed to the people of that city to pause just a moment each afternoon at 6 o'clock and ask divine blessings on the cause for which the nations arraigned against Germany are fighting. Nine strokes of the court house bell will be the signal and everyone is asked to pause just a moment for prayer, regardless of where they are and what they are doing.

Crowder Issues Call for More Men.

As a further step in carrying out the war department's plan to have 3,000,000 men under arms on August 1, Provost Marshal General Crowder has called on the governors of all states for the mobilization between July 22 and 25 for 220,000 white draft registrants qualified for general military service. North Carolina's quota is 3,000, to Camp Hancock, Georgia.

Express Rates Increased.

Ten per cent increase in express rates has been approved by the Inter-State Commerce Commission and will add about \$22,000,000 to the gross annual revenues of the American Railway Express Company, the consolidated concern which takes over the inter-State express transportation business of the country July 1.

If you want to see a lively and interesting picture, one that is sure to please you, see William Russell in "The Midnight Trail" at the Grand Theatre next Monday.