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PLANS SUBMITTED FOR BIG NATIONAL SERVICE RESERVE

INCLUDES THOSE NOT DRAFTED

Proposition Made to Council of National Defense To Give Those Who Stay at Home Something to Do—Broad Field of Activity for Such Workers

Washington, May 3.—Plans for a great national service reserve made up of men not subject to draft into the army, and of women, already approved by the War Department, was submitted to the Council of National Defense Friday at a conference of the council with the State Governors and representatives of State defense councils.

Members of the reserves would be available for any service they could perform for the government.

The plans were presented by Geo. Wharton Pepper, a representative of the Pennsylvania State defense council and chairman of a national committee of patriotic and defense societies.

The reserve would be headed by a board of nine nationally known men which would cooperate through a national committee of members from all the States. Under the national committee there would be State and district committees and in Washington a permanent headquarters committee would sit to carry on administration work.

Membership on the board of nine has been tentatively accepted it was stated, by former President Taft, Maj. General Geo. W. Goethals and Henry L. Stimson, former Secretary of War.

The purpose of the organization, as outlined to the defense council, would be to furnish any military or civic service which could be performed by enlisted men, to aid in recruiting, to work under any private employer engaged in governmental contracts or on farms, and to supply the army and navy. When not in active service, reserve members could aid in home defense. They would be given compensation for the time spent in government service.

Aid to Officials

One of the serious problems facing the government, Mr. Pepper declared is to utilize the efforts of the thousands who are volunteering for any service they can render. Creation of the reserve, he said, would life a burden from the shoulders of government officials and give the volunteer a chance to be of real service.

The defense council Friday gave the Governors and State representatives an outline of a program for State assistance to the Federal government in the conduct of war. They were told that State defense councils could do these things:

Promote patriotic spirit and educate the people to the magnitude of the task ahead; aid in recruiting the national guard; assist in carrying out the enrollment for the new army and in determining exemptions from the draft; maintain labor standards; establish labor clearing houses, assist in getting workers to use their broken time on the farms; assist in getting old men and boys to the farms; afford facilities in aiding the government to collect revenues, help float the liberty loan, organize central food distribution committees to work with the State defense councils; supply their own food requirements wherever possible and reduce waste to a minimum.

The State councils were asked to induce older and more responsible men to enter military training camps as men going to the first camps probably will be advanced in grade in the near future.

Members of the Federal council organization outlined at length to the Governors steps that the government is taking to put the country in a state of preparedness.

BUSHY FORK HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Bushy Fork High School will close the year's work May 11th. The Program of the Commencement follows: Thursday 8:00 P. M.—Exercises by Elementary Department.

Friday 10:30 A. M.—Graduating exercises; Address by Wm. L. Foushee, Durham, N. C.; 12:00 Dinner; 2:30 P. M. High School Rally; 8:00 P. M., Play "Diamonds and Hearts" by High School Department.

The public is cordially invited to attend all of the exercises. The Patrons of the school are especially requested to come Friday.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Recommends That Each Boy or Girl of School Age Have a Patch; Urge Committeemen to Call People to Meet on May 19, at 3 O'clock

At our last meeting of the Board of Education the matter of getting our people to raise more home supplies was discussed. The Board deeming it so important and even urgent, authorized the County superintendent to ask all school children of our County to do their best this summer to raise things to eat. We want each of the 5,998 children or people of school ages in Person county which means between the ages of 6 and 21 to have a patch of something. The Board wants the school committeemen in each district to organize their school people and push the works of making something to eat. The chairman of the committee in each district is urgently requested to call his people together at the school house on next Saturday week for an agricultural rally. Let the meeting begin promptly at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. Let the committeemen get together at once and arrange a program for the meeting. It would be well to have some speakers to set forth the urgent necessity of Person county people raising not only supplies for every man woman and child in the County, but some to help feed others. Our school people should be thoroughly saturated with the idea and desire of making everything possible at home for man and beast. This certainly is a part of an education. The Board hopes that all the parents will take special care to direct the children's efforts along these lines. Surely there was never a better time nor a time when this work was so much needed. Our children must be properly taught along industrial lines.

It is very probable that the time will soon come when students will be graded at home by their fathers and mothers on the work done in the field and in the home and credit be given in school on their course of study.

It is hoped that all the students in each district or nearly all as possible, will be enrolled at these meetings and the names sent to the county superintendent. Some one in the district should be appointed to look after this matter. A hustling person (or two if desired) in each district would do a great work for our county and for our children.

We hope every parent who reads this or hears of the meeting will help work it up and help make it count for much. The necessity of planting more corn and less tobacco will be discussed. Remember the day, May 19, at 3 o'clock at your schoolhouse.

Plant corn, plant corn, plant corn, and then plant some more corn. And don't forget to plant potatoes, beans, —all things to feed man and beast. Should Congress cut out all cigarettes which is probable, it would certainly cut the price of tobacco, while all food supplies will doubtless be exceedingly high even if the war should come to a speedy close.

On last Monday our County commissioners considered the call of the nation, the call of our governor, and the call of our great leaders to help fight the battles of the world-wide war by helping feed the world. The Commissioners call upon the people of Person county to see to it that every family raise plenty of all home supplies and some to spare. The Board deemed the matter of such vast importance as to issue a call for the citizens of all the county so far as possible to assemble in the court house on next Saturday at 3 o'clock in the afternoon to thoroughly consider the matter and to organize a Person county Agricultural Association. The organization of a Food Conservation Society may also be considered. All the school committee of the county, all the farmers, all the merchants, all the bankers, all the lawyers, all the doctors and all the other folks are urged to attend this meeting.

The commencements or closing exercises of our schools this year have been of a fine order. I wish I had time to mention the three which came off last week, Longhurst, Allensville and Bethel Hill. It was a real treat to attend these commencements and I hope to speak more of them later unless some visitor or friend will be so kind as to write them up.

J. A. BEAM.

Mr. S. T. Pulliam, of Omega, Va., is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. W. B. Allen.

Person County Fair



The above is a picture of a portion of the farm exhibits at last year's Person County Fair. This year the management are anticipating the largest exhibits of Farm Products that has ever been known in the history of the Fair. The one slogan of every farmer in the County should be to raise an abundant food crop. The secretary and president, Messrs. J. S. Walker and Joe. H. Carver are working now on the Premium List Book for this year's Fair and same will soon be in the hands of the printer and later distributed to the farmers of the county. They are making especially handsome premiums in the farm exhibit department and every farmer should start out NOW to plant or grow something to be exhibited at the Person County Fair to be held in October. It will be well worth his time.

THE WEEK AND THE WAR

During the early part of the week there was a spurt of alarmist reports out from Washington. If these reports were intended to inspire the work of recruiting and the hastening of war preparations in general, they had the desired effect. More real military preparations have been accomplished in the United States during the past week than during any week since war was declared. The training camps are receiving overflow applicants, recruiting in both the Army and the Navy has gained impetus, and Congress has been working under full steam and in active accord with the plans of the Administration. The United States is being rapidly placed upon a war footing. It is to be supposed that plans for sending the first expeditionary force to France have been completed and are operative. The details for the organization of the first Army under selective conscription have been made public, together with the number of officers and men it is to include and the composition of divisions by states, and while nothing has been said as to the preparations of the Navy we are to understand that the co-operative system of warfare against the submarines is in an advanced stage of preparedness. The visiting British and French Commissioners have made their wants known in detail and have received hearty concurrence on part of the Administration. The people are beginning to realize that the country is getting closer and closer into actual war with Germany, and the people are aflame with their war spirit.

The week's news from the European front indicated a lull in the fighting for a period of a few days with a later resumption on what is said to be a fiercer stage than before, with continued successes for the Allies, but with gains of lesser consequence than featured the operations of the previous week. Much uneasiness has been manifested over rebellious demonstrations in Russia, and while these appeared to have had a serious aspect the reports at the closing of the week indicated that the hand of the new Government was strong enough to cope successfully with the situation. The trouble appears to have been precipitated by the action of the Government in sending a note of assurance that Russia would not make separate peace, but this action, when finally explained, was accepted by the disgruntled element of workingmen and soldiers. It was furthermore backed up by the Government, which declined to make any modification in the note, taking the firm position that Russia must stand by the United States and other countries to the finish. In Germany what might be called a peace sentiment has come into evidence, but to what extent developed cannot be said. However, that country appears to be on the verge of a serious division on the subject, though undoubtedly the Kaiser will continue to hold a controlling hand on the situation. Not so much is being heard from the submarines as in the earlier part of the week, but this is probably due to the fact that enemy craft has not been quite so easy of location.

The weeks feature of overshadowing interest was the Washington Government's announced intention of sending troops to France and the well calculated plans for carrying this purpose into effect. The country is naturally interested in the speculation as to when the troops may set sail and what troops will constitute the first expeditionary force. On part of the soldiers, themselves, the ruling disposition is to be among the first to go. An unmistakable development of the week, once it was known that the Government would send a military organization to fight in France was a universal desire on part of American soldiers to get into active service with the Allies. There is not the feverish haste which characterized the raising of armies for the Civil war, but rather a quiet calm determination to get over to France. It is possibly not too much to say that the military organization which the United States is arranging for participation in the European war will be the finest in the world, for it will represent the finest in America, and there could be none finer than that.—Charlotte Observer.

WHEN THE GERMANS FOUGHT US

Undoubtedly Southerners will be represented in any expeditionary force that may be sent to Germany—and it will not be the first time the Southern soldier has met the German. In the Civil War there was a large enlistment of Germans from Ohio, Indiana and other western states, and in addition to that many Germans came over from the Fatherland to join the Federal armies. It was not that they had any real cause for entering the war against the South. The impelling motive was simply to get into a war. It was during this war that the German soldier gave manifestation to the same brutal instincts that has characterized his fighting in Belgium and France. Next to killing soldiers in battle, his chief delight was to burn and destroy property and to terrorize and maltreat women and children. It was the Fifteenth Corps which swept through the South— which went "Marching Through Georgia," with Sherman, and it was to this corps that much of the diabolical inhumanities which characterized that march were accredited. They were known as "Bounty Germans" and John Brown worshippers, and they were very "brave" and destructive and reckless when there was nothing but women and children and practically defenseless towns to encounter. It was a different tale when they had the Confederate Army to cope with. It was at Chancellorville that the German "fighter" was put to test, and how he fared was famously expressed in the statement by one of Seigle's men, that "I fights mit Schurz and runs mit Seigle." And by that same token, what would the Allies be willing to give for the appearance of a Stonewall Jackson brigade on the French battle fields! It would be no new experience for the Southern fighter to meet the German soldier.—Charlotte Observer.

COMMISSIONERS IN SESSION MONDAY

To Pay Railroad Fare of All Confederates of Person County To Washington in June—Appropriate \$1000 for National Highway

The county commissioners met in regular monthly session Monday morning in the office of Register of Deeds, with all members present.

The commissioners appropriated \$1,000.00 for National Highway work thru Person county. Sometime ago the commissioners agreed to furnish \$10,000 and United States government to furnish \$10,000 for this work. The above \$1,000 is a part of the county's \$10,000.

Messrs. J. A. Long, J. C. Pass and R. A. Burch appeared before the board to request the commissioners to pay fares of Confederate soldiers of Person county to Washington, so the veterans could attend the meeting at Washington in June. The board decided to defray the railroad expenses of the trip. It is more than likely that a special car will be secured for veterans of Person county that will take them straight thru to Washington. The commissioners will meet May 28th and appoint a man to look after this matter.

Rev. J. A. Beam, Messrs. W. D. Merritt, S. P. Jones and W. T. Calton appeared before the board and made short speeches on the importance of the farmers of Person county realizing the need of raising more food products. It was decided some weeks ago to form an Agricultural Association for Person county, and the association was supposed to have been organized Monday. It was later decided to postpone the organization until later. An announcement to that effect will be found elsewhere in this issue.

PATRIOTIC SPEECHES MADE BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS

Monday was a busy day for the Board of County Commissioners, but not too much so to devote a few minutes of their time listening to the patriotic appeals of some of Person county's leading citizens. These addresses were not so much for the purpose of arousing the young men of our County to volunteer for military service in the allied trenches, as for getting on foot some local organization that would cooperate with our State and National government in bringing to the attention of our farmers the part they are expected to play if we are to render the greatest possible assistance in the great world war into which we have been reluctantly drawn. It was vividly shown how the deficit in the allies' food supply was increasing with alarming rapidity on account of the operation of the German undersea craft, and how with this menace not yet solved, we would, in meeting this demand, have to resort to increased food production. The farmer between the plow handles helping in this cause was pictured as serving his nation as patriotically as he who falls beneath the stars and stripes in the allied trenches. The Commissioners could not officially effect an organization for this purpose; but they individually expressed their willingness to foster any action that might be taken to stimulate greater activity in this direction.

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The 1917 commencement of the Roxboro graded schools will be May 11th to 14th inclusive. At 8:15 Friday evening, the 11th there will be an entertainment by the children of the primary grades. At the same hour Saturday evening, the 12th, the music pupils will give a recital under the direction of the music teacher. At 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, the 14th the graduating class will have their class-day exercises. At 8:15 that evening the final exercises will be held, at which time Dean H. H. Stacy of the College of Liberal Arts of the University at Chapel Hill will deliver the address. Medals will be awarded, honors and distinctions announced and diplomas given the graduates at these final exercises.

The public is cordially invited to all these exercises.

NOTICE—I hereby give notice that one Wiley Cousin, col. (goes by the name of Pars Cousin) has left my employ without my consent and being under contract, I hereby forbid anyone hiring or harboring said Cousins, anyone doing so will be prosecuted.—A. E. Jackson. 2ts pd.

FRENCH ADVANCE ON FRONT OF TWO AND ONE HALF MILES

WIN STRATEGIC POINT FOR FURTHER GAINS

Attacks By British on Arras Front Stop, Both British and Germans Apparently Being Worn Out By Continuous Fighting of the Last Two Days.

The French troops in a new offensive along the Aisne have captured the village of Craonne and the first German line on a front of 2 1/2 miles northwest of Rheims.

The French not only straightened out their line and gained a strategic position for further advance on the Vanclere plateau, but also took more than 150 prisoners.

Advancing northwest of Rheims on a front of two and one half miles, the French carried the first German line and took six hundred prisoners. Berlin asserts that the French attack was repulsed between Berry Au Bac and Brimont, about six miles north of Rheims.

Attacks by the British on the Arras front have stopped for the moment while Field-Marshal Haig's soldiers strengthen the positions taken on Thursday. Both the British and Germans apparently have been worn out by continuous attacks and counter-attacks of the last two days, and the Associated press correspondent with the British armies reports that while the infantrymen rest the artillery continue their bombardments.

London reports the capture of more than 9900 prisoners in the attacks on the Arras front Thursday and early Friday which resulted in the capture of Fresnoy and other sectors of the German line. Berlin admits loss of Fresnoy, but says the British were repulsed elsewhere and that the Germans took 1,000 prisoners.

From the other battle fronts come reports of scouting and reconnoitering raids and artillery duels. Haiti and China are on the verge of entering the world war against Germany. President Artiguenave, of Haiti, has called on Congress to declare war against Germany and a commission has been appointed to consider the question. A dispatch from Peking, passed by the censor after deletions says that China's entry into the war at an early date seems inevitable.

Discontent has broken out in Germany over the government's silence on Germany's war aims. Many political parties, widely separated as to their views concerning Germany's aims, are demanding that the Imperial Chancellor make a statement on the governmental policy.

Sixty-two British seamen, including one officer, are believed to have been drowned in the destruction of a British destroyer in the English channel by striking a mine.

Presbyterian Announcements

Prayer meeting tonight at 8 o'clock. Rev. Carleton E. White will preach at Hurdles Mill school house next Sunday at 11 o'clock; at Bushy Fork High School next Sunday at 3:30 in the afternoon. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

An Act To Extend Aid to the Confederate Veterans of North Carolina (Published by Request)

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. That the board of county commissioners of any county in North Carolina may appropriate out of the county funds a sufficient amount of money to pay the transportation cost to indigent Confederate soldiers to the reunion of the Confederate veterans to be held in Washington, D. C., in the year one thousand, nine hundred and seventeen.

Section 2. That no such fund will be appropriated to any veteran who is able to pay his own transportation cost and that in deciding who may be entitled to such aid the county board of pensions shall pass upon and recommend to whom such aid shall be given.

For Park Purposes

The Board of County Commissioners at their last meeting set aside the jail lot for parking purposes. Hitching posts will be erected and the people coming to town will have a place to hitch their horses and leave their vehicles.

Miss Alma Hall returned home Tuesday night after a pleasant visit to friends at Omega, Va.