

FAVORS COMPULSORY SERVICE.

Baker Gives His Qualified Approval to Change in Military Policy. Obligation to Serve is Universal, Secretary Says.

(Washington Dispatch, 19th) The agitation for some form of compulsory military service in the United States received qualified support from Secretary Baker today before the house military committee, encouraging opponents of the present volunteer system to expect that legislation for a change might be framed which would be sanctioned by Mr. Baker and possibly by President Wilson himself.

Repeating to a direct question as to his views on compulsory military service, Secretary Baker said:

"The obligation to serve the country is a universal one. The question of how to bring about preparation for national defense is one of policy rather than theory. Whether universal military service or a selective conscription is the correct answer I do not know. The theory of a common interest in a common country would be satisfied by a method of selecting soldiers that was not voluntary in character."

The secretary told the committee that since congress had rejected the continental army plan in favor of the National Guard system he believed the guard should be given a fair trial. He did not amplify his suggestion in regard to the selective conscription. It is known that he has been studying the question of the proper basis of military service. It is understood the plan under consideration contemplates the making of an inventory of men in the country and devising a means whereby every citizen would be made liable in a war emergency for the character of work for which he is best fitted.

AT MT. ZION.

Mr. G. A. Wright was in Raleigh Saturday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Taylor have just returned from Madison, where they have been visiting Dr. Thomas J. Taylor.

Mrs. J. R. Willis and little daughter, Joyce, spent the week-end with Mr. W. A. Sanders.

Mr. S. R. Johnson was in Mt. Zion section Sunday afternoon.

Mr. C. M. Altman, principal of Mt. Zion High School, will leave Saturday for his home in Sampson County where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mr. Alfred Taylor was in Raleigh Saturday.

Messrs. E. C. Brady and B. J. Penny have just returned from Cary, where they attended the reception Friday night.

Mt. Zion school will challenge Shiloh school, Friday night in a debate, the query being: Resolved, That we should adopt woman suffrage in North Carolina. Affirmative—C. M. Altman, S. A. Williams, R. B. Hatcher; Negative—D. M. Wood, N. W. Williams and Kenneth Coats.

We were surprised to note the marriage of Mr. B. N. Whitley to Miss Florence Batten, which occurred last Sunday near Wilson's Mills.

Mr. John Adams attended services at Mt. Zion last Sunday.

Mr. N. B. Rose was in Mt. Zion section last Saturday and Sunday.

There will be services at Mt. Zion church next first Sunday at eleven o'clock by the pastor, Rev. E. B. Craven.

Mr. G. A. Wright has purchased a new Ford.

Misses Blanche Moore and Lucy Sanders were in Raleigh Saturday shopping.

Mr. Ed. Stanley is spending a few days with Mr. J. F. Batts.

Miss Gladys Taylor was the guest of Miss Agnes Austin last Saturday and Sunday.

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America's First Real Composer.

Christian Science Monitor.

William Billings is named as the first composer of any note in North America. He was a native of Boston and began his career soon after the middle of the eighteenth century as a tanner's apprentice. The psalm tunes which he composed are not now held to have been altogether flawless, but they were sung in the churches of New England for many years. One writer speaking of him says that had he enjoyed the educational advantages open to composers of today his works would doubtless have possessed a permanent value. It may be asked how many educated musicians of our day compose melodies that will have, or deserve to have, a permanent value?

Profits of six principal meat companies of Argentina in 1915 reported at \$9,000,000 United States currency; their capital is approximately \$21,000,000.

CITY MAIL DELIVERY FOR DUNN

Congressman Godwin is Happy. Rural Carriers in Carolina Soon to Get Back Pay.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Representative Hannibal L. Godwin is a happy man tonight, not that the Sixth district congressman is not always happy, but tonight he has a reason. That reason is that the Postoffice Department today told him that, effective May 1, a real, sure enough city mail delivery service will be inaugurated at Mr. Godwin's home town, Dunn, North Carolina.

Mr. Godwin explained to the officials here that, notwithstanding the fact that Dunn has not been on the map but a short thirty years, the city can boast of the best streets, the most up-to-date waterworks, electric power plant, all owned and controlled by the city, and some 5,000 of the most progressive citizens in the Universe.

Congressman Godwin also found out that the back pay due rural delivery carriers is being paid and that North Carolina will be reached within three or four weeks. The states are being handled in alphabetical order. Mr. Godwin cautions carriers not to employ lawyers. Send petitions or write letters about this money. At the proper time the local postmaster will hand the carrier a voucher for the amount and that's all there is going to be to the whole question.—Wilmington Star.

HATCHER SCHOOL NOTES.

Everybody in this community is very busy killing hogs this cold weather.

Mr. Ollie Emery returned home last Wednesday, after a 'few weeks' visit to Wake Forest, to the delight of his many friends.

Miss Mae Belk spent last Saturday night with Miss Essie Campbell.

Mr. Fad Starling happened to the misfortune of getting his hand shot off last Tuesday.

The oyster supper, given at Hatcher's school house last Friday night, was largely attended and was a great success. The proceeds will go for the basket ball.

The Hatcher Literary Society met last Wednesday night and rendered a good program. It will meet again next Wednesday night, December 27, 1916.

A few of our people attended the wedding of Mr. Dallis Price and Miss Alice Starling last Sunday.

Mr. Lee Sauls, of Kenly, and Miss Sibyl Goodrich, of Hickory Cross, attended the oyster supper at Hatcher's school house last Friday night.

Mr. Elmon Brown, of the Selma Graded School, spent the week-end at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brown.

Messrs. J. A. and Walter Corbett, of this section, have purchased new Ford cars.

Mr. Condy Brown and Rev. Mr. Gore, of South Carolina, are visiting friends and relatives of this section. Miss Annie Bailey visited near Kenly last Saturday and Sunday.

Listen for the wedding bells.

Mr. Clarence Bailey has accepted a position in Dunn with Mr. Joe Hatcher.

Selma, Route No. 1, Dec 18, 1916.

The Life of Christ.

What images do I associate with the Christmas music as I see these images set forth on the Christmas trees?

Known before all others, keeping far apart from the others * * * An angel, speaking to a group of shepherds in a field; some travelers, with eyes uplifted, following a star; a baby in a manger; a child in a spacious temple talking with grave men; a solemn figure, with a mild and beautiful face, raising a dead girl by the hand; again, near a city gate, calling back the son of a widow on his brier to life; a crowd of people looking through the opened roof of a chamber where he sits and letting down a sick person on a bed with ropes; the same, in a tempest, walking on the water to a ship; again, on a seashore, teaching a great multitude; again, with a child upon his knee and other children around; again, restoring sight to the blind, speech to the dumb, hearing to the deaf, health to the sick, strength to the same, knowledge to the ignorant; again, dying upon a cross, a thick darkness coming on, the earth beginning to shake and only one voice heard, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."—Charles Dickens.

"A few people got together and organized." That is the way the history of nearly every important movement begins. No matter how much public spirit you may have in the individuals of your community, you are not likely to get far until you get some kind of community organization.—The Progressive Farmer.

According to a Munich physician, heat prostration is directly due to the reduction by the high temperature of the acids in the human system.

ITEMS FROM FOUR OAKS.

Mr. Ralph Canady, of Smithfield, was here Wednesday on business.

Mr. William Canady has gone to Richmond, Va., to accept a position with a local Drug Co.

Mr. K. L. Barbour suffered slight stroke of paralysis Sunday morning. We are glad to state that he is reported improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Ned Barbour are visiting at the home of Mrs. Barbour's father, Mr. K. L. Barbour.

Mr. Ed. Matthews, of Dillon, S. C., was in town shaking hands Friday.

Mr. Robie Adams, who is teaching at Aurelian Springs, is spending the Christmas holidays with his mother, Mrs. C. R. Adams.

Miss Gladys Adams and Martha Barbour returned from Louisburg College to spend the holidays with parents.

Mr. Charles Miren Heimes, of Charlotte, is spending a week here with Mr. H. B. Adams.

The Expression Class of the Four Oaks Graded School will give a recital Thursday afternoon.

Messrs. J. B. and H. B. Adams spent Sunday in Raleigh.

Miss Florence Adams returned Saturday from a week's visit at her sister's, Mrs. Dr. Ben F. Royal, of Morehead City.

Mr. C. C. Savage, of Goldsboro, has accepted a position with D. H. Sanders Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John Stroup are spending several days in Shelby, N. C., visiting Mr. Stroup's father.

Mr. Yates Stroup, of Raleigh, spent Sunday here with Mr. Marvin Stanley.

Four Oaks, December 21st.

Bride of Few Hours Badly Hurt.

Newton, Dec. 20.—This afternoon after a trip to Newton, where they were married, John E. Thornton and Miss Pearl Boyd and her sister were thrown from a bridge between here and Maiden when their car skidded on the ice and the bride and her sister were badly injured.

Mrs. Thornton was rendered unconscious and tonight was still in that condition.

Died in Florida.

Mr. J. B. Mozingo, who died in Ocala, Florida, Thursday, December 14th, was brought to the family burying place near Selma and was buried on December 18th. The remains were accompanied by his wife, Mrs. J. B. Mozingo, and daughter, Miss Hester, his father, Mr. J. W. Mozingo, Messrs. Preston Mozingo and S. J. Shuler.—X.

NEW HOPE NOTES.

Rev. T. W. Siler, of Newton Grove, filled his regular appointment at Antioch M. E. Church Sunday.

Mr. Will Batts and sister, Miss Sallie, are spending a few days with their sister, Mrs. W. H. Upchurch.

Miss Gribble, of Pomona school, spent Sunday with Miss Laura Young.

Misses Young and Richardson spent Saturday in Selma and Smithfield.

Mr. G. L. Massengill has recently purchased a Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Johnson spent Sunday night in Falcon.

Mr. Rufus Sanders, who is in school at Mebane, will return this week for the Christmas holidays.

The farmers of this section are carrying what they have left of the golden weed to the market. They seem well satisfied with the prices received.

Great preparation is being made towards Xmas affairs and festivals. December 19, 1916.

The farmers who raised good tobacco crops this past year are lucky. They have made money, and will not rush too heavily into cotton for another year. It is not a good policy to stake all on any one crop.

A Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our many thanks to our neighbors and friends for their help during the sickness and death of our husband and father; also for the beautiful flowers given.

MRS. J. W. CORBETT and CHILDREN. Selma, Route No. 2.

ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 19, 1916, my young pointer bird dog was carried away from Smithfield. He has slick and glossy hair, is white all over, except his ears, left ear and about half of right lemon color. Answers to name of "Jeff." Any information leading to his return will be liberally rewarded. H. M. Barnes, Smithfield, N. C.

SMALL FARM FOR SALE.

I offer for sale 25 acres of land, 15 acres cleared, six-room dwelling and good out buildings. Located in Elevation township, being a part of the R. A. Barbour tract of land. For further information see or write, MALONIA BARBOUR. Four Oaks, N. C., Route No. 4.

The Big Contest Is Over

And the Prizes Awarded by Mr. Geo L. Jones to the following:

- Dr. L. D. Wharton, 22,378 votes..... First Prize
F. K. Broadhurst, 19,259 votes..... Second Prize
J. E. Lanier, 17,810 votes..... Third Prize
Mrs. W. L. Woodall, 4,705 votes..... Fourth Prize
J. W. Wellons, 2,787 votes..... Fifth Prize
J. L. Johnson, 2,128 votes..... Sixth Prize
A. H. Hall, 1,947 votes..... Seventh Prize
W. P. Little, 1,835 votes..... Eighth Prize

The next six prizes, which are Kelly Axes, were awarded to the following:

- J. L. STRICKLAND
W. L. LASSITER
J. H. WOODALL
MRS. FLORENCE STEWART
C. W. CREECH
THOMAS MASSENGILL

And now with the closing of our books for the year, without thanking you for the business you have given us, would leave one of our principal debts unpaid.

Cotter Hardware Company

Smithfield, N. C.

A Merry Xmas

To all the many customers and friends who have helped to make this the best year since I have been in business.

Without your kind help and liberal patronage, my business could not have been so good.

Yours for better service,

S. C. TURNAGE
Smithfield, N. C.

FOR RENT—EIGHT-ROOM, TWO-story house, with water and lights, on Bridge Street, formerly occupied by Mrs. Fred Sasser as a boarding house. Apply to W. W. Cole, Smithfield, N. C.

JUST A FEW BOOKS FILLED with the Christmas spirit now on hand at Herald Book Store.

FOURTH CAR OF YOUNG MULES now in the barn. Will R. Long, Smithfield, N. C.

CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE a year; so let's make our distant friends feel near, with that genuine Christmas cheer, by purchasing a book—for sale right here—at The Herald Office.

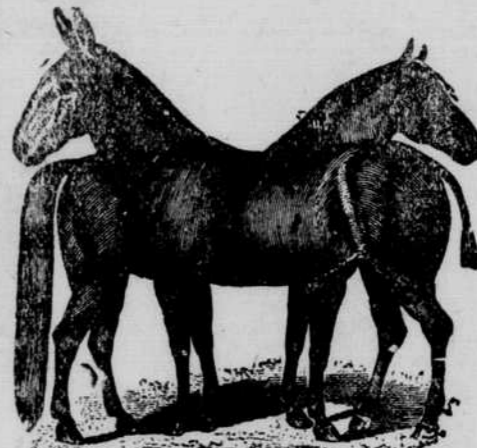
YOU CAN GET GALVANIZED Roofing from us any length. Our price is right. Cotter Hardware Co.

GET YOUR WAGON AT AUSTIN-Stephenson Company's Big Sale. See their ad for prices—and get a chance at \$50.00 in gold Free.

FIRE WORKS OF ALL KINDS AT A. B. Hollowell Store, Clayton, N. C.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AT VARIOUS prices from one to 15 cents each at Herald Book Store.

IF YOU HAVE A FARM YOU wish to sell, write Box 123, Smithfield, N. C.



Fourth Car Load of Mules

In my stables. Come quick and get your choice.

Your friend,

Will R. Long

Smithfield, N. C.

Merry Christmas

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Happy New Year To You All

Yours for everything in Fancy Groceries.

L. E. WATSON

Smithfield, N. C.

I WANT TO BUY YOUR SCRAP Iron and will pay you twenty cents per hundreds pounds for it. Bring it to me any time. A. H. Phelps, Four Oaks, N. C.
THOSE WHO PLACED ORDERS for Little Dutch Sulky Plows must get them this week to save \$5.00; \$40.00 after this. Austin-Stephenson Co., Smithfield, N. C.