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MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN CALLED TO SAVE THE NATION

THE FOOD SUPPLY OF THE COUNTRY IS INADEQUATE EVEN IF CONDITIONS WERE NORMAL—RAISE MORE

In the Enterprise of last week, was published a telegram from Washington, D. C. calling for patriotic service in insuring the food supply of this great Nation. This call continues to come, daily. The food supply is entirely inadequate, even if conditions were normal today. Flour jumps to \$12.50 a barrel and corn around \$2.00 per bushel wholesale. The price of meats is almost prohibitive. Farmers, this call comes to you; plant more corn, Soy beans, Velvet beans, cowpeas, peanuts, potatoes and garden crops this spring; live economically, take care of excess food on the farm; fill the barn with corn, the smokehouse with meat, the pantry with can goods. When the summer crops are off, prepare and plant wheat, rye, oats, and clovers, produce milk, butter, poultry and eggs in plenty and to spare. Begin now to prepare summer and fall pasture for your hogs; inoculate them against cholera, spray them with a reliable disinfectant and you will double your pork supply. Plant small crops of early corn to supplement your present supply of food and feed. Make your animals better; your work stock will soon begin to show the effects of these crops, which may be kept in fresh condition on the farm from the middle of June until frost. This is one of the many ways we may answer in service the call of the President and the country we love.

If the above methods were put into practice on every farm in Martin County, and by this each farmer was enabled to sell 5 bu. of corn, it would put 11500 bushels of corn (\$23,000 worth) for Martin's offering to relieve the tightly drawn tension on the bread market.

If the excess in food crops for feeding hogs and cattle, and steps taken to eradicate their diseases, would give only 500 lbs. more pork to the farm, this would give us 1,150,000 lbs. pork (value, \$230,000) at present prices. If this effort should increase the beef production only 100 lbs. per farm, the increase would be 230,000 lbs., or \$230,000 at the home market prices to say nothing of milk and butter. An increase of 20 hens and 20 dozen eggs would increase our food supply to the value of \$25,300; 20 cans of extra fruits and vegetables added to the normal pantry supply, would at 15 cents a can give us an extra value of \$6,900 worth of these essential foods. This is to say nothing of the splendid home makers in our numerous small towns, who are noted for their interest in this work.

I have tried not to overdraw this picture, but I feel that the figures are entirely too low for a standard for a people with the producing ability of the Martin County farmer. He can do all this and more, but he does not have it to do. The boys between the ages of 10 and 18 years will produce the excess of corn that I have mentioned, and will do it if given the opportunity. There are now over 50 boys who have expressed their willingness to do this work. Farmers, give

your boys the opportunity to enlist in the great army of bread producers in the United States. Mothers, help the girls in canning work, raising chickens, eggs, etc. It all will help feed the other little boys and girls in this country; think also of the Belgians, French and others, who are hungry, gaunt and bare, and still in the horrors of war. If only these few things are done, it will add \$308,200 to our present production.

I want to hear from 1,000 men, women, boys and girls, who will help in this work, and if need be, have a mass meeting at the county seat, and wire our president our desire to participate in the great work. We are all loyal let's assert our loyalty. We boast of our homes here in the "garden spot of the world," let's prove it, and when Jacobs come in search of corn, let us be able to send for the last boy and fill his sack also, and with the corn put in the cup of joy. While rejoicing around "Old Glory," let's pile sheaves of wheat, oats, rye, shiboleths of corn, loads of pork, beef and bacon to sustain the country. Let it be said of Martin County that she is the Egypt of North Carolina, and can supply bread.

Yours for much service,
Jos. L. Holliday,
County Agent.

Mrs. Robert E. Lilley Dead

Death entered the home of Robert E. Lilley on April 14th, 1917, and took away a devoted wife and mother, who after two months of intense suffering, without doubt, was glad to leave this world of pain and seek those fairer realms where sickness can not enter.

As Nancy Peel, daughter of the late Elder Henry Peel, she was favorably known in that section of the county in which she was born, and she lived many years in the love and esteem of those around and about her. Years ago, she united with the Church at Smithwick Creek, and lived the religion she professed in her every day life. Three children and a husband are left to keep the home without her motherly tenderness and care.

Elder W. B. Harrington, the pastor who had comforted her during the hours of pain, spoke the last sad words over the body at rest, and the interment was in the family cemetery. A large number of friends and relatives were present at the grave with sympathetic words for the bereaved family.

Spruill-Hardison

Mr. Henry Spruill and Miss Faith Hardison came here Monday from Plymouth, and secured license to marry. They went to the Methodist Parsonage, where Rev. H. M. Bare made them man and wife. They were invited to the home of Mr. W. H. Robertson and remained until the next day when they returned home.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hardison, of Plymouth, and Mr. Spruill is a young business man of that town.

TO ERECT MAMOTH GARAGE NEAR STATION

One of the improvements for Williamston to be built this year, will be the garage of J. W. Watts Ford Agent. Mr. Watts has purchased the Thomas C. Cook lot near the depot, and will move all the buildings from same before erecting the garage, which will be 50 by 150 feet and built of brick. The location of the lot will give three fronts to the building, which will open on Haughton, Washington and Railroad Streets. No better location could have been secured in the town. The building will be modernly equipped, and be in charge of the most experienced workmen to be obtained. The purchase price of the lot was \$6,000. The residence on the lot is to be removed to another lot in a different part of the town.

This improvement in the automobile business here will rank with those in larger towns and cities, and a large volume of business must be the outcome. Mr. Watts has already sold a large number of Fords and other cars within the past year, and with a splendid "Ford Home," he will be in a position to largely increase his sales. It will mean too, an increased payroll each week, which will help business.

Mr. Cook has purchased the Stone residence on East Main Street, and will move there with his family as soon as possible.

Found In Tree Top

The body of Link Bond, a trusted colored employee of the Wicomico Lumber Co., was found last week lodged in a submerged tree top, where it had been left by the fall of the water. Bond left here two weeks ago in a canoe to go to his home on the Bertie side of the river, and several days after, his boat was found down the river. Search failed to find any clue to where he had gone, and it was thought that he had been drowned. The last time that he was seen was at Concho, when he was en route home. Though Bond was drinking, he was not in such a condition that he could not take care of himself. And so the first thought was that he had been murdered.

When his body was examined by Coroner J. B. H. Knight, the head was found to have been battered and all of his pockets had been cut open. The jury decided that Bond had met death at the hands of some party or parties unknown. There was no clue or suspicion which justified the arrest of any one. Bond was an industrious and well-to-do negro, and had the respect not only of his own people but that of the white folks. His body was taken on a gas boat to his home and there interred.

Killed A Bear

Lee Johnson, who with Dr. Gordon was in Tyrrell County last week, killed large bear near the town of Columbia in that county. The bear had just killed a pig. The animal weighed 258 pounds, and Mr. Johnson sold the meat at 10 cents per pound.

Next Friday, a representative of the National Biscuit Co., will demonstrate the different products of the Company at the store of Theo. Robertson & Co. The housekeepers are especially invited to attend and "sample" the delicious products.

SOME VERY INTERESTING EVENTS NEXT WEEK

The following week will mark the consecration of the new Episcopal Church and the meeting of the Convocation of Edenton, the former to take place Thursday and the latter beginning Tuesday night. It is expected that a number of visitors will be here, and Bishop Darst will consecrate the edifice. Rev. Mr. Madara, an Alaskan missionary, will preach the opening sermon at the Convocation.

Another event of interest is the annual commencement of the High School, which will be held Friday, the 27th. President Robert H. Wright, of the E. C. T. T. School, Greenville, will deliver the address before the graduation class, which is smaller than usual, being composed of Mr. Roland C. Crawford, Miss Carrie Delle White and Miss Sylvia Upton. The school closes this term on account of the necessity of moving the present building to make way for the new brick structure.

Plant Your Tobacco

While the demand was never greater nor the appeal stronger for the raising of food stuffs, the farmer, especially the Martin County kind, must remember that this will also be a good year for tobacco. The demand for cigarettes must be met in foreign countries, and the big manufacturers have very little stock on hand. They must and will have the yellow weed of the Martin County variety. From the most reliable sources comes the information that the price will be high all through the season, and tobacco this year will be fine for a money crop. Raise plenty of something for man and beast, and then look to your tobacco, Martin County farmers. The warmer days have come and the plants in the bed are growing night and day; get the soil ready and set out early.

If there are any who are trying to decide about the setting of plants, they should halt no longer, but prepare for the best tobacco crop in years. All doubt about good prices should vanish away as mist before the sun. The big companies need the crop and will take it at a large profit to the farmers. "The man who hesitates is lost" both in farming and in commercial, agricultural or professional life. The money made last year by the farmers of Martin should be supplemented this year by a larger amount. Don't neglect the "hog and hominy" and plant tobacco as heretofore.

OAK CITY NEWS ITEMS

Messrs. Bullock and Joyner, of Rocky Mount, were in town Sunday.

Guy Tyson, of Greenville, spent the week-end with his brother here.

Mr. and Mrs. Gay, of Bath, were in town Saturday, as guests of L. J. Davenport.

Mrs. E. M. Long and Mrs. Dora Quinn, of Kinston, spent Sunday afternoon in town.

A quiet marriage was solemnized in Tarboro Thursday evening at the Baptist parsonage, when Miss Mary L. Hines, daughter of the late J. L. Hines, wedded Mr. Robert M. Long, youngest son of J. J. Long of this place, Rev. Mr. Bowden performing the ceremony.

LET THE COUNTRY TAKE TIME TO BE LOYAL

President Wilson has issued a proclamation warning all citizens and aliens against treasonable acts or attempts to shield those committing such acts. Any person or persons found guilty of acts contrary to law, will be vigorously prosecuted by the government.

In time of war, such a proclamation is needful, especially when the country is full of aliens and, too, it is feared, some citizens who are willing to commit acts of treason or to utter treasonable words at this critical time.

Much has been said and written about the loyalty of the negroes down South. In many instances, their foolish remarks have caused a doubt in the minds of some. But it is firmly believed that the negroes will be and are loyal to the government of the United States. Their own common sense should teach them that they must give loyalty to their country which by right of birth is theirs. Unfortunately, there have been indiscreet words uttered, chiefly by the women, it is said, right here in Williamston. They should remember that such words are apt to get them in the clutches of the United States government, and they should follow the advice given to Germans in this country: "Keep your mouth shut."

Any indignity shown to the flag such as tearing it or trampling its colors in the dust are treasonable acts subject to punishment by the government. It is reported that many of the flags kept at the Graded School building have been torn and trampled—the act, it is thought of a small boy, who should have known better. If there is anything for which the boys and the girls of the Nation stand for, it is the flag of the United States. From every school house in the country, "Old Glory" should be flying today, for it maketh the heart glad to see its shining folds unfurled to the breeze. Let every boy and girl, man and woman, white and colored be true to God and country in the supreme test of the Nation.

German Spies

We understand that Augustus Robbins one of our most influential colored men has written President Wilson, pledging the loyalty of his race to the government. All of this talk about the Germans stirring up the colored people is idle rumor. The colored people of Bertie County are happy, contented and prosperous. They do not like the idea of Germany classing them with the Mexicans half breeds and priest ridden. We are certain that our leading colored men will not only resent such approaches, but that they will promptly report them if any are made, to the proper authorities. The man who attempts to stir up strife between the white people and the colored people in Bertie County little knows what he is risking. When the call for volunteers is made to deal with that sort of man Windsor will be fuller of determined citizens than ever before. We are not making any predictions as to what will happen. Time will take care of that. It is well, however, for patriotic citizens of both races to be on guard. Robbins sets his race a good example which we are sure they will follow.—Windsor Ledger.

PHYSICIANS OF COUNTY ORGANIZE AUXILIARY

On Thursday night, April 12th the doctors of Martin County met here and organized an Auxiliary Medical Defence Committee. The Council of National defence among other important endeavors has appointed a committee of American physicians for National Preparedness. This Committee has appointed State Committees for the various States in the United States. One of the functions of the State Committees among others, is to assist the National Committee in perfecting of an organization of the medical profession for war, throughout every nook and corner of the United States.

Dr. John C. Rodman, of Washington, N. C., is one of the members of the State Committee for National Preparedness, and was present to organize the Auxiliary Medical Defence Committee for Martin County on Thursday night. Under the auspices of the Martin County Medical Society, all the physicians in the county were asked to participate in the undertaking. There were present, W. Hassell House, President of the County Society, William E. Warren, Sec. and Treas., J. H. Saunders, H. B. York, J. B. H. Knight, J. S. Rhodes, J. E. Smithwick, J. W. Williams R. M. Buie, B. L. Long, M. I. Fleming, Dr. G. C. Godwin and Dr. D. T. Tayloe were invited guests. Dr. J. H. Saunders was elected President, and Dr. J. S. Rhodes Sec'y.

The principal duties of the Auxiliary Medical Defense Committee for the counties, are:

First: To co-operate with the State and National Committees in their efforts to gain information regarding the civilian medical resources of the counties, and to co-ordinate civilian activities for prompt mobilization in case of need.

Second: To secure recruits for the Army Medical Corps. If the President should call the full complement of troops already authorized by Congress, the regular army would need 1,200 additional medical officers. (b) For the National officers Reserve Corps. If war should come, 20,000 to 30,000 Medical Reserve Officers would be needed. (c) For the Naval Medical Corps, which needs about 350 additional officers. (d) For the Coast Defense Reserve Corps of the Navy. Several hundred high class Reserve medical officers are desired. (e) For the National Guard such members as may be required so as to bring the local National Guard to full strength.

Third: To co-operate individually and collectively with the Medical Departments of the Army, Navy and Public Health Service and with the Council of National Defense.

Fourth: To co-operate with the Red Cross in an attempt to bring that organization to the highest point of efficiency.

Fifth: To name the county organization "The Auxiliary Defense Committee of Martin County."

The Society was most hospitably entertained by Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Saunders at their elegant home on Church Street.

The old wooden shanties on Main St., have been torn away, and even if they were not to be replaced by a brick building, the appearance and odor of that part of the town, would be much improved.