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TYRRELL VETERANS CALLED TO REGISTER WITH LEGION FOR NATIONAL DEFENSE

Nation-Wide Registration Will Provide a List of Trained Men For State, National Governments; Local Legion Auxiliary Plans to Form an Emergency Volunteer Corps

All Tyrrell County World War veterans will be called on to register with Scuppernon Post No. 182 some time shortly for possible service in connection with National Defense, Post Commander J. Ernest Norris announced this week. The registration, which is being carried out in conjunction with American Legion Posts over the nation, is designed to furnish the government with a list of trained men in each community who would be available for home guard duty, intelligence work, or any other duties for which men who have seen military service might be required.

Complete details of the registration here in the county will be announced in next week's Tribune. "This is a summons for possible important service to God and country whom we served as young men 1917-18," Commander Norris said. "I feel certain that every Legionnaire and World War veteran generally will welcome this opportunity of perhaps doing another bit for their country. We do expect to be called for active military service. Most of us are beyond that age. But there are many home defense duties to be performed. I urge every Legionnaire and other interested World War veterans in this community to register during the period to be announced. It is a patriotic duty which we of the American Legion never shirked our duty, or neglected in our patriotism."

Questionnaires

The veterans will fill out a questionnaire indicating their previous military experience and training, availability, and general physical condition. One copy of the questionnaire will be kept by the local post, one will go to state headquarters, and a third will be sent to national headquarters.

Not to be outdone by their men, the members of the local American Legion Auxiliary are planning a registration of their body for an Emergency Volunteer Corps here in the county.

An Emergency Volunteer chairman is to be appointed by Mrs. J. Ernest Norris, president of the Legion Auxiliary, and registration of members of the auxiliary who are willing to give voluntary service in time of emergency will be carried out under her direction. The purpose of the Emergency Volunteer Corp will be to strengthen and make more effective the Red Cross program for disaster relief by furnishing women who can act as nurses, prepare food, furnish shelter, and be of service generally in time of emergency, whether national or local.

Registration of Legionnaires and World War veterans was authorized by the 22d National Convention of the American Legion in Boston, Mass., last Summer. The organization hopes to enroll all of its 78,119 members through the program which is now being carried out over the nation. Sample questions asked the registrants are: Can you speak any foreign language? Have you any police, fire department or intelligence service experience? What was your branch of former service? What is your present military or naval status? Will you be available for service in state camps replacing national guards? What is your general physical condition?

According to present plans, Tyrrell County veterans will register in Columbia at some central location, yet to be designated. Several persons have volunteered their services to help the veterans with the questionnaires.

METHODISTS TO HOLD SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

The Methodists will hold a School of Missions next week, beginning Monday night and running through Thursday night. The school will be held in the annex of the Columbia Methodist church with assembly each evening at 8:00 o'clock. All the members of the charge are to participate and the general public is invited to attend.

Rev. Alfred L. Chaplin, pastor of the charge will teach the adults and Miss Hortense Boomer is to teach the children. The course will be based on Henry Van Dusen's interesting volume, "Methodism's World Mission."

STATE FUNDS MAY ASSURE PERMANENT TYRRELL LIBRARY

Appropriation Bill Will Pass Assembly Think Raleigh Observers

An ultimate victory is in sight this week for the men and women whose untiring efforts founded and developed the county's public library here to its present efficient if somewhat precarious status.

Now pending action before the state legislature is a bill designed to furnish an appropriation of \$100,000 for state aid to public libraries. The prevalent opinion up in Raleigh is that the appropriation will be adopted without any too much difficulty.

Passage of the measure would mean that the county library would be assured a permanent future without the necessity for dependence upon WPA funds which have played a prominent part in making the library possible.

Shaky Existence

The library has led a shaky existence since its founding three years ago by the Woman's Club. It has faced discontinuance innumerable times only to be rescued and pushed forward by county and civic organizations as well as private citizens.

Today the little white frame structure that formerly houses the municipal government is one of the busiest of the cluster of public buildings around the courthouse. Under the capable direction of the library board, headed by Mrs. A. W. Houtz, and Librarian Sarah Fleming, the library is furnishing the reading public of the county with the latest in popular fiction and periodicals, as well as the classics and children's books.

Among the new books going on the shelves this week are: "Old Glass European and American," by Hudson Moore. "Van Loon's Geography," "The Outline of History," by H. G. Wells.

"Fielding's Folly," by Frances P. Keyes. "No Lovelier Spring," by Lida Larimore. "Give Me One Summer," by Emily Loring.

"A Voice in the Wilderness," by Grace T. Hill. "The Case of the Sulky Girl" by Erle S. Gardner.

"Keeper of the Keys," by Earl Derr Biggers. "Enchanted Oasis," by Faith Baldwin.

"American Beauty," by Edna Ferber. "Camille," by Alexander Dumas. "The House of the Seven Gables," by Nathaniel Hawthorne.

"Lee the American," by G. M. J. Bradford. New books for children include: "Little Women," by Louisa May Alcott.

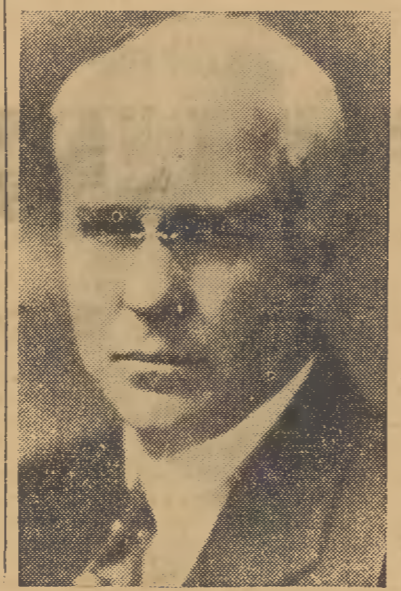
"A Child's Garden of Verses," by Robert Louis Stevenson. "Swiss Family Robinson," by Johann Wyss.

"The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," by Samuel L. Clemens. "Heidi," by Johanna Spyri. "Alice in Wonderland," by Lewis Carroll.

"Treasure Island," by Robert L. Stevenson. "Aesop's Fables," by Aesop. "Little Men," by Louisa May Alcott.

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HALL SAYS CASH IN ON THESE TOURISTS



G. LESLIE HALL of Norfolk, is well throughout Tidewater North Carolina and Virginia because of the large and popular optical firm which bears his name. He is also well-known as an after-dinner speaker and pep-talker. The other night, he addressed Ahoskie Rotarians, and he told them plenty, ---things that ought to appeal to our folks in the Southern Albemarle. He showed them a new crop of 150,000 tourists who heretofore have been spending their money in Europe. Listen to what he said, as reported in Roy Parker's newspapers:

It is estimated that 150,000 tourists have annually visited Europe. The War has automatically cut this off, adding that number to American Tourists who will "see America first". Secretary Ickes estimates the annual expenditure by this group to be approximately \$400,000,000.

There are approximately 30,000 motorists in the U.S.A.--all potential visitors to Virginia and North Carolina.

Good roads, advertising, and Southern hospitality will bring them to Virginia and North Carolina.

WHY ADVERTISE?--- Heaven is a wonderful place, so were are told---flowing with milk and honey---but think of the "selling agencies" necessary to publicize it! Literally hundreds of thousands of religious organizations, with millions upon millions of dollars invested in properties--supporting "advanced agents" and "publicity representatives" and propaganda beyond my ability to estimate. The strongest "selling" organization in the world--Hell seems to be a very popular objective, notwithstanding its drawbacks, judging by the roads provided---wide and smooth---and certainly of a type to appeal to our modern speed artists! Yet think of the alluring publicity, attractively displayed in every conceivable manner to merchandise its attractions! The devil is no slacker, and he's ever on his tiptoes to meet competition.

Virginia and Carolina have everything to attract the millions of motorists and other tourists--decendants who owe their allegiance to this section, and scattered throughout the country. BUT PUBLICITY IS NEEDED TO COMPEL THEM TO COME IN!..It costs money as well as time and ability in co-operative organizations to "go into" the "highways and hedges and compel them to come in," but Florida is doing it (sunshine and suckers!); California is doing it!

METHODIST WAR RELIEF DRIVE NETS \$52 TOTAL

With Methodist churches over the nation, the churches of the Columbia charge last Sunday observed the "Day of Compassion," to raise funds for relief in war-stricken areas of the globe.

The four churches of the charge campaign. Wesley Memorial here gave \$33.35, Wesley Chapel at Alligator \$10, Cedar Grove at Gum Neck \$7.50, and Holly Grove at Cross Landing \$2.15.

The goal for the nation-wide one-day drive was set by the Methodist church at \$1,000,000.

"I consider the one day offering of \$52 by our church people very generous and I wish to give to each contributor who helped to make the campaign such a success an appreciation of my sincere appreciation," the Rev. Alfred L. Chaplin, pastor of the Columbia charge, said in commenting on the drive.

Executive Meeting

The executive committee of the Woman's Club will hold its regular meeting in the Agricultural building here next Saturday.

PLEASANT VIEW LEASES SCHOOL FOR COMMUNITY

Board of Education Moves to Acquire Additional Playground Space

Another community building came into official existence in Tyrrell Monday with the signing of a 99 year lease by the county board of education and representatives of the Pleasant View community for the use of the school building there, idle since the county schools were consolidated.

The board also made a long step towards providing additional space for the school playground here by nearing an agreement with the Tyrrell County Lumber Company to purchase a portion of their property which adjoins the present playground. Members of the board spent a part of the day on the grounds tracing the lines of the survey and named R. L. Spencer to complete the deal with the company, possibly sometime this week.

As soon as the land is acquired it will be leveled off and fenced into the present school playground, thus providing the school children with pleasant, adequate grounds on which to play, W. T. Crutchfield, county superintendent, said.

Terms of the lease by which the school building was let to the Pleasant View community provide that the building must be used for community purposes only, that it be insured against fire for at least \$1,000, that the buildings and grounds be kept in a good state of repair, that the community secure the permission of the board of education before undertaking any major alterations, and finally that the building can be taken over again by the board if it is ever needed for a school.

Violation of any terms of the lease will result in the building reverting to the board. H. S. Swain and W. B. Spencer signed as trustees for Pleasant View.

COLUMBIA MERCHANT IS RENOVATING FOR SPRING

The carpenters and painters took a hand in spring cleaning around at A. L. Walker & Company.

Mr. Walker, who has been serving the citizens of Columbia and Tyrrell County for the past 49 years, is in the process of renovating and repainting the interior of his store before laying in his spring stock of merchandise.

The shelves around the wall have been cut down and rearranged to present a convenient and pleasing method of displaying his stock, ranging all the way from shoes to seed, and the walls and ceiling repainted. The painters have a little more work to do on the walls before Mr. Walker will be ready for his spring merchandise which is now on the way.

Mr. Walker's present location is his fourth in Columbia. There isn't a one of his many customers that he doesn't know as an old friend although he says it is a little hard to keep up with the younger generation.

"But I know their faces and the families they're from every time," he says.

ARMSTRONG SAYS CHARGES AGAINST HIM ARE FALSE AS BOTH SIDES GET A HEARING

Newsman Go to Scuppernon Farms For Called Meeting; Armstrong Says He Has no Apologies to Make; Homesteaders and Co-ops Still Claim They Have Been Wronged

DARE ASKS STATE FOR SHORT ROUTE ALLIGATOR RIVER

But Little Response Received While Work Goes on on Tyrrell Side of River

The County Commissioners of Dare County have received little encouragement as the result of a request of the State Highway and Public Works Commission that work be begun on a short route to Alligator River to match the work being done on the Tyrrell side, and which would have in mind the purpose of making a shorter route for either ferry or bridge.

The Daily Advance of Elizabeth City views the work being done in Tyrrell as a hopeful sign toward the extension of Route 64 to Dare County, and thinks it is the result of the new administration and the old highway set up.

The fact of the matter is, all the work now being done is in Tyrrell County, in the district of Commissioner E. V. Webb of Kinston, who first began the Dillon Ridge short cut to the river, back in 1939. Much work was done on it, but the men were taken off and put on a mere pressing project. Mr. Webb has always been anxious to do something about the route.

But unfortunately Dare County is the orphan county in another district, and it has been able to get little encouragement for the work on this side of the river. Dare had a two-fold purpose in asking that a short cut to the river be made at East Lake. It would make possible a 20 to 25 minute trip across the river by ferry when the Tyrrell side is completed and provide deep landings for the ferry; and at present, it would give employment to many needy WPA workers living in the East Lake vicinity.

If the river is bridged, the new route would serve the bridge. And the distance, from Van Creef's, to Laurel Bay Point, is only about two miles.

But being the wards of other counties, who wish to dictate just what Dare can get, and who have always apparently had more consideration of the Commissioners supposed to serve it, than Dare gets, it is not likely that the East Lake project will come along with the other, and there will be another loophole later, for the Commission to deny some request because something that should be done now, "hasn't been done."

Is it any wonder that Dare wishes to get put into another district? Is it strange that Dare feels indifferent to its old friends and neighbors sometimes?

Reasons for many of the complaints were found, not to be against the project itself, but rather against the method of treatment, and the hardships caused by delays in getting farming equipment to the various farms when they needed them to tend their crops.

When homesteaders and co-ops appeared before the newspaper men, they claimed they had been mistreated to such an extent that they had got to the point where they felt it was hopeless to try anything worthwhile. Langston Smith, a home-steader, brazenly told the group he was planning to leave in the near future because there was no chance of making a living on the farms, as his land would produce nothing. Many claimed they were better off before coming to the farms. When asked if someone couldn't give a good word for the administration up on Lake Phelps, there was only a round of cynical laughter for the reporters and editors.

Interest Shown

Contrary to public belief, the farmers claimed and showed vital interest in the farms, and desire to make "a go of the thing." They all claimed conditions would be changed before this could be accomplished.

Outstanding conflicts were shown in the denials made by Armstrong when the farmers were called together. The community manager claimed there had been no change in the "treatment" of the farmers since unfavorable publicity first appeared, but when the farmers were questioned on this phase of the conditions they claimed it was improving every day.

Mr. Armstrong attempted to make a glowing picture of the "good work" which is being carried out, and had figures to show there were 7,000 quarts of fruit and vegetables canned by the farm families in 1940. The general understanding was that this was canned from produce raised in the gardens furnished each family, but the farmers put a new light on the facts when they revealed there was a lot of canning done---after they had gone to Creswell and bought the fruit and vegetables with money out of their own pockets. They claimed working conditions on the farms gave them no time to tend a garden.

Williams' Case

A case which drew the attention of the entire group came about when Armstrong denied that he was at the scene of an accident which injured W. R. Williams, a homesteader, who claims to have been mistreated in that he was never given a medical examination until two years after the accident.

After the denial by the community manager, the newsmen made a special trip to Creswell where Mr. Williams explained his

the proposal again. Mrs. Eva Avent, WPA supervisor, requested the county to sponsor a WPA weaving project for the women of the county, to be established as soon as possible, to which the board agreed.

Acting under certain powers granted by ruling of the State Board of Conservation and Development, the commissioners adopted a resolution providing no closed season on foxes in the county this year since the number of foxes had increased to the point where they had become a menace to poultry growers.

A committee consisting of Lem A. Cohoon, C. H. Meekins and Rubin Berry was appointed to investigate the damages done by dogs to a flock of goats belonging to S. S. Clark.

The board heard and adjusted several tax complaints, as well as approving the monthly reports of

Allen J. Green Shares Ownership and Editorship of The Tribune Outlines Policies Elsewhere

Effective March 1, Allen J. Green became one of the owners of The Tyrrell Tribune and will manage the business and direct its policies, endeavoring to give the people of Tyrrell County a newspaper devoted to high public service.

Mr. Green is a graduate of the University of North Carolina, where he took journalism, and edited the Carolina Magazine, and a co-publisher and editor of the Summer School News, at Chapel Hill. And he was elected to membership in The Golden Fleece, an honorary society recognizing campus leadership. He is a native of Cooleseme in Davie County.

Following college life, Mr. Green did editorial and news writing on the Franklin Press in Mason County, and the Daily News-Herald at Suffolk, Virginia.

A statement by Mr. Green appears elsewhere in these columns. The Times Printing Company, takes pleasure in announcing Mr. Green's relationship with The Tyrrell Tribune, and wishes him a successful administration.

Mr. Geo. M. Kelley, Jr., has left of his own accord, and with our good wishes, and appreciation for his services during the past six months, to take employment elsewhere.

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