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Must Feed Ourselves Or Else Go Hungry

Other Sections of Nation Warn South Not to Look Elsewhere For Foodstuffs This Year.

By (JOHN PAUL LUCAS)
"Grow your own food and feed crops or go hungry." In less abrupt phrasing but in language just as easily understood, this is what the rest of the country is saying to the South this year.

The South has been depending upon the North and Central West for food and feed and feedstuffs to the value of approximately \$700,000,000 a year—at present prices the figures would no doubt pass the billion dollar mark. North Carolina's part of this tremendous aggregate of imports has been in round numbers \$80,000,000. For the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1916 and ending June 30, 1917, because of a combination of high prices and poor crops in some sections, our importations will no doubt reach the staggering figure of \$100,000,000.

This State in common with all of the South has received solemn warning from officials of the National Government, including the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, that the food and feedstuffs we have been importing will not be available this year because they will be required for our armies and the armies of our allies. The Governors, agricultural leaders and far-sighted farmers and business men of the South, have sounded the warning also. So grave is the situation that President Wilson himself has made a special appeal to the farmers of the South.

The State of North Carolina has been early to take steps to meet the situation. Even before war was declared Governor Bickett took time by the forelock and issued a proclamation urging upon the people of our cities and towns as well as those on farms the importance of planting ample home vegetable gardens. Following the entry of this Nation into the war Governor Bickett appointed a State Food Conservation Commission which promptly met and has planned and is putting into execution under the direction of its executive Secretary a vigorous campaign for greater feed and feed production. A sub commission is being appointed in each county in the State, to have representation from every school district. The newspapers of the State, the commercial organizations, ministers, mayors of towns and cities, bankers and other persons and agencies will be called upon to assist in this campaign. In addition to the State Department of Agriculture, the Farm Extension Service, the boys' and girls' corn and tomato clubs and other organizations, in short every possible agency is being mobilized to meet the situation.

There are several means of increasing production. Where farmers can see their way clear, they are urged to reduce slightly their acreage of cotton and tobacco, especially the latter, giving more acres to corn, soy beans, peas, potatoes, hay and other food and feed crops. Even where they do not reduce their acreage of cotton and tobacco they are urged to try to take care of a slight additional acreage, if they can do so without neglecting their accustomed crops. Increased amounts of fertilizers may be used to advantage where wisely applied. County commissioners are urged to use convicts and their work on ten-acre farms for the cultivation of corn and hay especially, even to the temporary neglect of road work. The people of our cities and towns are urged to utilize vacant lots and lands close by for the growing of staple food and feed crops.

BESS CITY BOY KILLED IN GUARD

William Henry Hill Meets Death At Wilmington Delaware While Serving In National Guard.

Mr. G. W. Steger of this city received by long distance telephone this morning news of the death of his nephew, William Henry Hill of the National Guard who was killed while on guard duty at a railroad bridge at Wilmington, Delaware. Mr. Steger has only meager details of the young man met his death but understood that he was run over by a train.

William Henry Hill was about twenty seven years old and the son of the late H. O. Hill of this city. He grew to manhood here and about eight or ten years ago left here and married in Baltimore where a wife survives him. He is also survived by four sisters, Mrs. Leah Moffett of Berkley, Mrs. Kate, Whitehurst of Norfolk, Mrs. Ida Robinson and Mrs. Sadie Davis of Portsmouth; also by two brothers, Horace Hill of New Bern and Joseph Hill, a farmer in the western part of New York.

Hill had been at El Paso with his regiment and had but recently got back from his term of service on the border.

Gas Company Gives Benefit

The ladies of Elizabeth City are to be given an unusual opportunity this week to hear some interesting lectures on fancy cooking.

These lectures are to be given through the generosity of the Gas Company, and are under the auspices of the Parsonage Society of City Road Methodist Church. There will be three lectures to be given on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 4 o'clock until 5:30 in the afternoon.

The lecturer is Mrs. Florence Wright, of New York City. Mrs. Wright is a graduate of Simmons' College and the Boston Cooking Schools and has had ten years' experience in domestic science. The lectures will be planned with especial attention to unusual recipes for salads and desserts, also some new and inexpensive meat dishes.

Lawyer Shot At Richmond

Richmond, April 24—John A. Lamb a prominent attorney of this city, was found by his family on his bedroom floor with a dangerous revolver wound in his head this afternoon. The family expressed the belief that the shooting was accidental.

British Get Many U-boats

Washington, April 24.—One member of the British War Commission declared that up to April 19th, the day before his party sailed for America, the English had captured twenty

Pamlico Off For Dare County

The Cutter Pamlico, leaves here Tuesday for Manteo to enroll men in the Naval Coast Defense Reserve. "This is a branch of the service," says Lieutenant Scott, aide to Commandant of the Fifth Naval District, "which, being comparatively new, is very little understood; but it is one that offers peculiar opportunities and advantages to the men of this section who want to 'do their bit' and yet don't want to enlist in the regular service.

"A man enrolls in this Reserve for four years and under peace conditions is required to serve only three months during this enrollment about three weeks each year. While actively serving he gets the same pay as a man of corresponding rating in the Navy. After his enrollment is confirmed he gets two months pay each year as a retainer, this being in addition to what he gets while employed on active service. On reporting for active duty he gets a uniform gratuity of \$30, in time of peace, and of \$60, in time of war. While employed in active service men are furnished with subsistence so that the pay which may to an outsider appear small, is actually all clear money. And with the retainer pay it will be seen that a man kept on active duty for a year gets fourteen months' pay in a year.

"The men enrolled in this reserve are not required to serve outside the district in which enrolled; in this district from Assateague, Virginia, to New River, North Carolina—so that their work will be guarding their own homes and people. And because they will be already serving they will not be subject to draft under the universal service law.

"There must be no idea that they will not have to serve; men enrolled now will go into active service at once. The country needs them now, though neither Virginia nor North Carolina seems to have waked up to the fact that we are at war. The apathy of our young men is astounding;—each one hangs back waiting for some one else to do it. Can it be that the state that a little over fifty years ago sent a greater number of her sons than any other Confederate state to defend her liberties has meanwhile bred a race of cowards? This were incredible; still their country needs them and calls for them and yet they do not come. It may be that reading for two years of the horrors of a distant war has dulled their sensibilities; surely it has not made them afraid to defend the right. Perhaps they can not see that the cloud that has hung so long over devastated Europe has spread its threatening shadow to our happy land and already begins to obscure our sun. They do not know that our ships must now slip secretly from port to port with darkened lights, and that a constant patrol with shotted guns has to be kept to make this passage possible.

"Pick up a Norfolk paper and glance at the Honor Roll for a day, for a week for the month—and then O son of Virginia and son of the Old North State, go hide your head in shame. Yet these are our heroes; and it seems to me that we must give them double honor or they not only stand forth to do their duty but they have stepped to the front when all the rest stepped back.

"I hope The Advance will give this as much publicity as it can and when we get down there, I hope we may have a real Honor Roll for Manteo."

To The Citizens Of Elizabeth City:

As you know, our President has called upon the various Governors of the State throughout this Union and the Governors in turn have requested the executive heads of the various towns and cities in their respective states to do all things possible to relieve the food situation and reduce the high cost of living largely the result of the conflict in which we are engaged as a people. I am calling upon each and every one of you owning or controlling any vacant lot or lots in Elizabeth City suitable for cultivation, to immediately plant and raise everything possible for the relief of the people, and should any of you not be in a position to use these lots yourself, then I earnestly request that you file the same with me, giving description therewith, that I may turn these lots over to a committee of good women who have this matter upon their hearts and who will furnish the seed and see that it is cultivated. I know of no more patriotic duty that we can perform at this time than that of aiding our people who suffer because of high prices.

In earnestness and sincerity I call on you and ask that you render this service to humanity, and I feel confident that it needs only to be called to your attention to be granted.

Any service that I can render as the official head of this city will be a pleasure, and I ask that you call upon me at anytime.

Respectfully,

P. G. SAWYER,

MAYOR.

HONOR ROLL THIRD MONTH

SECOND TERM APPROACHES END WITH GOOD RECORDS FROM MANY ELIZABETH CITY PUPILS

The honor-roll for Elizabeth City schools for the third month of the second term, ending April 13th, is as follows:

HIGH SCHOOL
Thelma Sykes, Margaret LeRoy, Frances Williams, Janie Mercer, Elizabeth Kramer, Ina Mae LeRoy, Marie Lowry, Maude Leigh, Helen Williams, Clarence Ashby, Graham Evans, Francis Seyfert, Gardner Bennett, William Jennings.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL
Fourth Grades
Miss Holt, teacher—Margaret Gordon, Rebecca Miller, Howard Berry, Oscar Williams, Oscar Gaskins, Miss Cobb, teacher—Mary Harney Pritchard, Hilda Nooney, Annie Mae Winslow, Elizabeth Harris, Mary Dozier, Ada Belangia, James Hill, William Scott, Joseph Feregee, Oliver Evans.

Miss Weatherly, teacher—Margaret Hollowell, Mary Lee Jackson, Margaret Nash, Nannie Mae Stokes, Wilmer Ballard, Willie Dozier, Tommie Gray, Edward Old, Marion Seyfert.

Fifth Grades
Miss Faison, teacher—Mittie Fearing, Lillie Mae Harris, Evelyn Hooper, Ida Jones, Elsie Pugh, Paul Miller, Bradford Sanders, Elliott Ward, Marvin Williams.

Mrs. Pearson, teacher—Margaret Commander, Mary Trueblood, Lillian Harris, Cora Sanderlin, Albert Bright, Stuart Wood, Miss LeRoy, teacher—Margaret Bondurant, William Dalley, Joseph Porter, Randall Holloman, Joseph Spence, Carlton Woodley, Julian Ward, Wilborne Harrell, Ernest Corbett.

Sixth Grades
Miss Lassiter, teacher—Millicent Hayman, Anna Belle Abbott, Luther Davis, Alonzo Rollinson, Arthur Padgett.

Mrs. Roberts, teacher, Eliza Spencer, James Hathaway, Larry Skinner, Joseph Winslow, Mrs. Pool, teacher—Ernestine Balance, Leona Lewis, Susie Rhodes, Ruth Williams, Weymouth Davis, Dennis Gaskins, Hollowell Goodwin, Claiborne Quinn.

Seventh Grades
Miss Elliott, teacher—Margaret Spragens, Eunice Goodwin, Goldie Stokes, Lottie Drinkwater, Elizabeth Etheridge, Margaret Cheason, Dorothy Zoeller, Emily Jennings, Alma Hayman, Laura Pritchard, Gertrude Stokeley, Goldie Baker, Margaret Mann, Billy Houtz, Claude Ward, George Owen, Jule Modlin, Grafton Love, Sidney Evans, Charlie Sanders.

Miss Harney, teacher—Sophia Davis, Elizabeth Hathaway, Odell Long, Nellie Meads, Annie White, Frank Dawson, Robert Kramer, Selden Lamb, Robert Lowry, Wertzman Munden, Charles Seyfert.

First Grades
Miss Griffin, teacher—Joseph Baker, Adrian Davis, Linda Humphlett, Essie Miller, Zean Bunch, Charlie Sawyer, Miss Stevens, teacher—Virginia Banks, Carrie Gard, Flora Griggs, Mary Johnson, Evelyn Puckett, Rebecca Stevens, Helen Stokes, Elva Mae Swain, William Anderson, Gen. Bembury, James Ferebee, Hallie Payne, William Puckett, Selby Stokes, Charlie Spear, Milton Self, Julian Raper.

Miss Zoeller, teacher—Naomi Bagley, Edna Sanderlin, Elizabeth Steger, Susie Willey, Earl Dean, Edison Tarkenton, Bertram White, Nathan White.

Mrs. Fearing, teacher—Inez Hill, Louise Harris, Cornelia Jenkins, Belle Miller, Frances McClenney, Anne White, Rufus Bradley, John Chadwick, William Mettrey, Keith Saunders.

Mrs. Brooks, teacher—Sadie Baker, Violet Baker, Mary Dudley, Lucille Trueblood, Walter Genderson, Edward Gaskins, Bonnie Genderson, Pelton White.

WORST OF WAR YET FOR GERMANS

Past Week Has Meant More Of Disaster To Teuton Arms Than Any Week Since Opening of Hostilities.

With French Armies Afield, April 24.—Germany has just gone through what for her is the most disastrous week of the war.

Today marks the anniversary of the great spring drive and the French army staff permits me to say that the coming seven days are likely to unfold the nature of a new offensive more clearly to the people of France.

The British offensive fighting now in progress is regarded as of tremendously vital importance.

The French accomplished wonders during the past week, taking twenty thousand prisoners, occupying twenty large villages, not including hamlets, wresting fifty square miles of French soil from the invader, and inflicting losses on the Germans conservatively estimated at 100,000 killed, wounded and missing.

HAIG'S SMASH DRIVES ON

London, April 24.—Over a wide front on both sides of the river Scarpe, Haig today resumed the British drive with a tremendously forceful attack. His report describes the progress made as satisfactory, and says, "South of Bapaume on the Cambria road we captured the remainder of the village of Trescault, and gained a greater part of Havincourt wood." Indications are that the Franco-British plans, contemplate alternate smashes on the German line forcing Hindenburg to keep busy concentrating his forces at the point of attack while the resting army consolidates its new positions.

The renewed British attack was begun this morning after a week's interval.

It is indicated that the British advance carried them well toward the Vimy positions on the North and beyond the Arras Cambria road to the South. This tends still further to envelop Lens and threaten Douai an important distributing point on the German line.

Cartwright, Katherine Duff, Mary Gladdeen Gregory, Helen Leigh, Emma Owens, Evelyn Shores, Martha Scott, Roy Berry, Curtis Forbes, Miss Bell, teacher—Mary Owens, Lillian Twiford, Helen Kramer, Clara Carter, Hazel Perry, Margaret Wells, Katie White, Bertha Simpson, Allen Bell, Archie Turner, Clarence Pritchard, Clarence Sanders.

Mrs. Etheridge, teacher—Margaret Connery, Ida Lassiter, Virginia Owens, Julia Sattler, Howard Johnson, Iva Mae Spruill.

Third Grades
Miss Marshall, teacher—Katie Carter, Olivia Benton, Margaret Ball, Ruth Gaskins, Edna Miller, Cecil Patrick, Marshall Barkley, Walter Betts, William Drinkwater, Frank Hollowell, Frank Horner, Thomas Jenkins, Jesse Perry.

Miss Ferebee, teacher—Sarah Helen Lewis, Annie Midgett, Mary Tarkenton, Laurence Ayldett, Wilbur Madrin, Charlie Price.

Miss Skinner, teacher—Lyda Crawford, Camilla Hopkins, Lucile Jennett, Mary Louise James, Louise Outlaw, Bonnie Parks, Margaret W. Sawyer, Margaret E. Sawyer, Annie Seeley, Marjorie Skinner, Mary Frances Thompson, Lillian Wilkins, Grace Pendleton, Carroll Abbott, Vernon Chappell, Kennedy Houtz, Eugene Palmer, Joseph Pool, William Perry.

House Acts on Big Bond Issue

Washington, April 24.—The Conference report on the seven billion dollar bond issue was adopted by the House today.

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