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REGISTRANTS STILL SUBJECT TO DRAFT

Under New Regulations All Registrants to Answer Long List of Questions.

Under the new selective service regulations just issued all discharges and exemptions given by local or district boards automatically become invalid after Dec. 15 next.

On or about that date the local board will begin to mail to each registrant a long list of questions which must be answered and the questionnaire returned to the local board within seven days.

Under authority of the governor the council of defense is appointing a legal advisory board to assist registrants in filling out the questionnaires.

FAIR ASSOCIATION FOR 1918 IS FULLY ORGANIZED

Two Meetings of Citizens Held This Week to Complete Organization; C. E. Orr Retained as President; Strong Force of Officers and Capable Executive Committee.

Two meetings were held this week to perfect the organization of a Fair association for 1918. The first was on Monday at the noon hour and the second on Wednesday night. These meetings resulted in the election of the following officers:

President, C. E. Orr;
Vice president, E. W. Blythe;
Secretary and Treasurer, T. H. Shipman.

Executive Committee:

R. H. Zachary, T. S. Wood, C. C. Duckworth, Fred Johnson, C. M. Doyle, W. E. Bruce.

The executive committee will meet at an early date and appoint a sub committee for the different townships of the county.

The organizers of the association have entered the work with the determination to make the fair next year a success and an improvement on the best efforts of this year. They have been fortunate in the selection of officers and a committee who will work for the best interests of the county.

WALTER HURST WRITES ON MILITARY TRAINING

Walter Hurst, who recently enlisted in the aviation service, makes the following observations on the training of a soldier in a letter written from Fort Thomas, Ky.

"If a young man has not learned self-reliance prior to his coming here, he will have ample opportunity to acquire the exact type of training. In this and all other army camps a chap has to win his spurs. However, in spite of the rigid discipline that exists at Ft. Thomas, there is no lack of levity and enthusiasm. I have observed that when a recruit wears Uncle Sam's uniform, heat one becomes a man of poise and appears fully that he is going into a new sphere of endeavor. It is this feeling emanating from each and every man that is going to teach him a lesson that he will never forget."

LEGAL ADVISORY BOARD

Ralph R. Fisher, Welch Tolleson and T. C. Galloway have been appointed and have received commissions from Governor Bickett to serve as a legal advisory board to the local exemption board in the matter of exemption of registrants. The attorneys thus appointed will give their time and labor to the cause without any remuneration and simply as a patriotic service.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF RED CROSS MEETS

Election of Persons to Fill Various Positions; Pledge Cards to be Given Out; Money Needed for Work Room Supplies; Branch of Chapter at Toxaway

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Transylvania chapter of the Red Cross Tuesday night, the following persons were elected to various positions:

Miss Georgia Bell, chairman of Junior Red Cross, a branch of the chapter recently established.

J. H. Zachary, chairman of membership committee, to succeed Rev. A. W. McDaniel.

Mrs. E. N. Carrier, director of women's work.

Mrs. T. E. Pitton, Jr., supervisor of surgical dressings.

Miss Annie Gash, supervisor of hospital garments.

Mrs. E. T. Henning, supervisor of knitting.

It was decided to have cards prepared for distribution carrying weekly pledges to be paid to the chapter to take care of the great demand on the work room supplies. It was estimated that \$100 a month would be needed for these supplies.

The chapter recently received a donation of \$10 from one of its members to pay for wood for Red Cross supplies.

The Christmas drive for donations by members in the United States will begin December 7, and a part of these members must come from this county.

The committee authorized the formation of the Toxaway branch at Lake Toxaway for which application had been made.

COMMITTEE TO PROMOTE SHEEP INDUSTRY HERE

At the Sheep Conference held in Asheville last month a resolution was passed that the county agent in each of the 18 counties comprising the Mountain District appoint a chairman, who in turn should appoint two others to serve with him on a committee to co-operate with the county agent and the State animal husbandry division in promoting the industry of sheep raising.

In compliance with this resolution, County Agent R. E. Lawrence recently appointed W. L. Aiken as chairman, and Mr. Aiken has appointed to serve with him on the committee Millard Galloway of Gloucester and C. W. Wilson of Penrose.

DEATH OF J. H. OSTEEN

J. H. Osteen died on Thursday of last week at his home near Schloss and was buried at Cathey's Creek cemetery on Saturday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. W. McDaniel, pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, who read as his text James 1:1, "What is thy life?" A large number of friends and relatives were present at the funeral.

Mr. Osteen was 60 years old, being born in the year 1857. He married in 1879. Besides his widow there are three surviving children: a daughter of Selma, Mrs. Sallie Jordan of Calvert, and Everett Osteen now a member of the coast artillery at Fort Caswell.

Mr. Osteen was a member of Gladys Branch Baptist church. He was a good citizen, held in much esteem by his neighbors. Plain and unassuming in manner and speech, he always had for his friends the pleasant word, springing from kindly nature.

For several years he had been failing in health and strength from a disease that sapped his powers in their prime.

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THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS DOING THREE THINGS

Keeping the Transylvania Boys Out of the Trenches.

Shortening the War.

Forming a Better Basis for Peace at the End of the War.

When the French fighter comes out of the trenches he must be met by Red Cross workers, who give him the ordinary comforts of life which have been denied him during his four months' duty in the trenches. If his family has been lost to him for months, the Red Cross makes every effort to bring together the separated relatives and reunite them. At the end of a furlough spent under the happiest conditions possible under the circumstances—conditions brought about by the Red Cross—the Frenchman returns to the fighting line determined to give his life in defense of democracy. On the other hand, without the ministrations of the Red Cross the French soldier probably would not return to the fighting line—if he did not return a number of his comrades did not return Pershing's men would have to take their places, prepared or unprepared.

The Red Cross workers are shortening the war by their efficient work in keeping up the fighting spirit of the men.

When this war ends peace will be made on the basis of conditions then obtaining. If you help the Red Cross to keep in the minds of men a clearer idea of justice—you will help the Red Cross form a better basis for peace when it comes.

WHY WE ARE LATE DEATH OF W. M. SHIPMAN OF LITTLE RIVER SECTION

One of Oldest Citizens of County Dead—Over 80 Years of Age—Family of Nine Children, Most of Them Residents of This County.

W. M. Shipman, one of the oldest citizens of the county, died at his home at Little River on November 10, and was buried at Little River cemetery on November 12. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. E. Posey, pastor of the Brevard Methodist church. Mr. Shipman joined the Methodist church at Piney Grove when he was about 14 years old. He was 80 years, 7 months and 10 days old at the time of his death.

He leaves a wife and four children, one sister and a brother. Of the children there are six girls and three boys. The oldest daughter, Pendle, married W. G. McNeil of Liberty, S. C.; Beulah married Luther Hamilton of Little River. The twins, Florence and Florida, married C. C. Neal of Brevard and H. A. Allison of Pisgah Forest, respectively. Another daughter, Louise, married J. R. Hall of Brevard, and then became the wife of Robert Wilson of Chalis, Wash. The oldest son, Ed, is not married and is a teacher of the mother. Another son, E. P. Shipman, married Miss Ada Palmer of Little River and they are now making their home in that town. The third son, W. E. Shipman, one of the best of county economists, is a resident of Tuscaloosa, Ala., engaged Miss Nellie Givens of that place.

The deceased was well known in this county. He has gone but will not be forgotten.

SCHOOL AT MORTVALE TEMPORARILY CLOSES

Miss Alta Younger recently left a part of the public school term at Mortdale and left Tuesday to take charge of a school in her home. Miss Younger's successor of the position at Mortdale was with the understanding that she would leave at this time.

The school will have a vacation until after Christmas, when Miss S. Heath of Little River will take charge.

BREVARD INSTITUTE NOTES

John Hamrick, a former student here in Mortdale from Elbertville, motor, to earn his living. Clara and brother Ryburn, of the same state, have succeeded by his mother, E. M. Hamrick, Miss Anna Fisher, W. A. Inday and J. M. Inday, Mr. and Miss Inday came to visit Ralph Inday, now a student here.

The Adelphi and Lester societies gave a social on Saturday night to welcome the new members recently elected.

Tom Billard, Joe Eddie and Roy Holland went to Spartanburg last week to enter military service.

The first ball game of the season between the Leader and Brevard societies was played on Monday afternoon with the usual amount of interest by spectators.

James Eller of Asheville joined his brother Benjamin Sunday, for two hours.

Carl Myatt spent a few hours on Sunday with his family. He is stationed now at Camp Greene.

GOV. BICKETT WRITES TO EXEMPTION BOARDS

People Not Posted as to Allotments; Classes of Dependents to Whom Allowances are Made; How Applications are to be Made.

With the present price of food stuff high and the prospect of it getting higher, we should begin now to prepare to raise more Irish potatoes in Transylvania next year.

This county is especially adapted to growing Irish potatoes, and the farmers should make it their chief money crop. Several farmers in this county this year have raised potatoes at the rate of 200 bushels per acre. On average land that is adapted to growing Irish potatoes, it will make three times as much potatoes per acre as corn and the price of potatoes and corn is generally about the same per bushel. We raised in this county this year around fifteen ears of potatoes. Some of the counties in western North Carolina are raising one hundred ears of potatoes on land no better adapted to growing potatoes than the land in this county. The farmers should select and save their own seed potatoes this year and seed potatoes promise to be high next spring. It will require around eight bushels to plant an acre.

It is expected that every soldier shall allot a portion of his wages to those dependent upon him. With respect to a wife or child the Government requires an allotment of not less than \$15 per month. The judgment of the Government is that the balance of the soldier's wages will be ample for him. The Government clothes, feeds and doctors a soldier and pays every necessary expense, so that after making this allotment of \$15 to those dependent upon him, he has \$15 a month for his own personal expenses. An unmarried soldier should certainly make an allotment of \$15 per month to those dependent upon him, if there be any. Certainly neither he nor they should make any complaint until this is done.

In addition to these allotments from the wages of the soldier, the Government makes to dependents the following allowances:

Class A. Wife, child, or children:
(a) If there be a wife but no child, \$15.
(b) If there be a wife and one child, \$25.
(c) If there be a wife and two children, \$32.50, with \$8 per month for each additional child.
(d) If there be no wife, but one child, \$5.
(e) If there be no wife, but two children, \$12.50.
(f) If there be no wife, but three children, \$20.
(g) If there be no wife, but four children, \$30, with \$8 per month for each additional child.

Class B. Grandchild, parent, brother or sister:

(a) If there be one parent \$15.
(b) If there be two parents \$30.
(c) For each grandchild, brother, sister, and additional parent, \$5.

It will be seen from the above that the total provision made by the Government for a dependent out of the soldier's wages and out of the fund provided by Congress is \$25 per month for one parent, \$30 per month for wife, \$30 per month for two parents; \$40 per month for wife and one child, with \$8 per month for each additional child. For wife, one child and parents the Government will pay \$40 per month, plus \$15 out of the soldier's wages, making \$60 per month. Application for these allowances should be made to the Commissioner of Military and Naval Insurance, Washington, D. C.

Please give to these important matters and figures the widest publicity.

Very truly yours,
T. W. BICKETT,
Governor.

CARD OF THANKS

We thank the people of Little River for their kindness during the illness of our dear husband and father, W. M. Shipman.

The Family.

SOIL ADAPTED TO IRISH POTATOES

Good Money Crop for Transylvania County. Begin Now to Prepare for Next Year's Crop By Saving Seed and Preparing Land.

According to experiments by the Buncombe test farm, our home grown seed where they are not run out, are just as productive as the northern grown seed. The test farm ran an experiment on Early Rose potatoes this year and found that the home grown seed yielded as much per acre as the Maine grown seed. The market favors a round type of potato and discriminates against the long type.

An ideal place for potatoes is in a clover soil or some other legume. Where manure is to be applied to the land for potatoes the land should be broken this fall and the manure put out as when it is put out in the spring just before planting time it has a tendency to cause scab on the potatoes.

The government is calling attention to the farmers about scab on potatoes and is not buying potatoes with more than ten per cent of scab on them.

R. E. Lawrence,
County Agent.

TO THE PEOPLE OF BREVARD TOWNSHIP

Since it is self-evident that a new school house is very much needed indeed for the Brevard graded school children, who will try the sentiment of the people by calling at my office and getting a petition to circulate. Some one come and start the ball to rolling for Brevard graded school. Could you see me next Saturday at 2 p. m.

Sincerely yours,
A. F. Maynard,
County Agent.

CATTLE DIE OF MILKSICK

County Agent, R. E. Lawrence who has recently been visiting in the western part of the county, reported to the News that four head of cattle died last week near Lake Toxaway of milksick. F. T. Peden, of the state department of animal industry, came over from Haywood county to investigate, but the animals were dead before his arrival.

One of the cattle belonged to F. T. Lowe, one to Lee Norton, and two to Theodore Aiken.

The state department has been making experiments as to the cause of milksick, and has found that the common weed, white snake root, or "richweed," produces in sheep the typical trembles of the dreaded disease.

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