

The Citizens Military Training Camp

Postmaster Sam I. Franks represents the government in obtaining applicants for the Citizens Military Training Camps. It is understood that this county's quota is four boys who will be sent to Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. Those desiring further information can see Mr. Franks or fill out the Information Blank printed below. Mr. Franks states that those who apply first will have first consideration. The government will pay all traveling expenses and expenses while in camp.

CITIZENS MILITARY TRAINING CAMP INFORMATION BLANK

To
 (Name of County or local Chairman)

Address
 Please send me information as to how I can enroll in one of the six Citizens Military Training Camps to be held this summer.

Name
 Street Address

City State

The Government pays necessary expenses. Camps are to be held in 1929 at: Fort Barrancas, Fla.; Camp McClellan, Ala.; Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.; Fort Bragg, N. C.; Fort Moultrie, S. C., and Fort Screven, Ga.

REAL FARMER TALKING TO REAL FARMERS

The article below was clipped from the Brevard News and was written by a real farmer of Transylvania county. It so exactly describes conditions in Macon county The Press considers it worth republishing. However, in Transylvania they are trying to do something to remedy matters while here in Macon it has been decided to buy a male and female gondola and let nature take its course.

C. C. Yongue is the author of the article which follows:
 In the first place I want to say that what few remarks I may make will be addressed to the average farmer of the county, I being a farmer myself will put myself in the class of the average farmer.

As you know, I did business in town for 18 years and pretty well know the business condition of every man in town. I belonged and still belong to every organization in town whose aim and purpose is the betterment of conditions throughout the town, etc. I believe the average farmer believes that the chamber of commerce is a kind of secret order or something where the men of the town get together every few nights and have a good time eating, drinking, smoking and cracking jokes. Now, brother farmer, let me disabuse your mind of that once and for all time. The chamber of commerce is an organization composed of the progressive men of the town, and a few from the country. We would be only too glad for every farmer in the county to be a member. Do you suppose that we would pay our good hard earned money, from \$25 to \$200 apiece just for a bit of foolishness. No, it is our aim and purpose at all times to do everything in our power for the advancement of the town and county, and I here take the

privilege of giving each of you a cordial invitation to come and sit with us on any of our meeting nights, and any ideas or suggestions that you will make will be appreciated and considered. Now that we know what the chamber of commerce is and that its members have our interests at heart, as well as the aim, we will talk of something else for a few minutes.

Now it is not my aim to bore you with the old tiresome story of hard times and high tax—still in order to get at just what I want to say will discuss financial conditions just a little. Let us make a little summary of approximately what money goes out of this county each year. This is somewhat guess work, but I don't think my guess will be very wrong. State and county tax, \$300,000; town tax and assessment, \$50,000; interest on farm loan and out of town money, \$40,000. This is \$390,000 which I believe is about right.

Now I will leave you to guess how much goes out of the county annually for automobiles, auto tags, gas, oil and accessories, food and clothing and many other smaller things too numerous to mention. We will stop long enough to say a word about food. I have eaten with lots of you table. Where do most of you get it—why, at the store. Drop into any grocery store and look around and see how much you can find that was produced in the county. Canned vegetables and fruits from Tennessee, Maryland and California; preserves, jams and jellies from New York and California; side meat, hams, breakfast bacon from the Middle West; lard and other fats from all over the cotton belt; fresh vegetables from Florida and California; condiments of all kinds from everywhere. That about cleans up his stock. How much did you find that was produced in the county, and I forgot the most important items—butter from Tennessee and Illinois, and eggs from Tennessee, or most anywhere out of the county. All things are brought into the county and sold, so must be listed as money

leaving the county.

Now about clothing: If we produced enough wool to make what clothing is sold in the county we would be all right, but did you know that they rear seven times as many dogs in the county as there are sheep. Now, brother farmer, I have tried to show you where our money is going, I am asking you one of these cold rainy days to cock your feet upon the fireboard, take a pencil and paper and see from where it is coming. See if you can figure out where in the world the money comes from to meet these heavy demands that must be met. Frankly, I don't know, but this I do know—There is decidedly more money leaving the county every year than there is coming in to the county. That being the case, we are getting poorer and poorer each year. Now, just how long can we stand this state of affairs? It is not my purpose to try to offer a solution of the problem now. I want you to think this condition over carefully. When you do you will surely awaken to the fact that something must be done pretty quick.

Brother Farmer, do you ever ride around over the county and see what your neighbor in the other part of the county is doing? If you do you will see that his farm, like your own, is in twenty per cent worse condition than it was five or ten years ago. Why this depreciation of farm land? Now, Brother Farmer, let's be fair with each other about this and speak the facts just as they are. You will agree with me that the stock has gone from the farms. You will also agree with me that the stock has means of soil improvement went with them. So we have since that time been trying to improve our farms by growing corn and rye and most of us have quit raising rye and now cultivate in corn one year then let the land lay idle the next year and grow up in weeds and briars. Brother Farmer, don't it take as much from the soil to grow and ripen the seed in a field of weeds as it does in a field of small grain? Now, Brother Farmer, I am not criticising your way of farming, nor trying to tell you how to farm, but merely telling you that we are not farming, merely living on a farm, working about five months in the year, loafing around the balance of the year, cussing high tax and hard times.

Listen, Brother Farmer, sixteen years ago you could start at Rosman and ride down our beautiful valley and in a few hours have something

any kind of good cattle you wanted. I have been trying for a month to buy a few cattle to feed and I don't believe there are three dozen good feeder cattle in the county other than a few brought here from away out West.

Now, Brother Farmer, what are we going to do about it. Are you satisfied with present conditions? If so, I've no more to say; if not, let's get together and map out a plan whereby we can better these conditions. Now I don't mean get together and try to find a scheme to lower our tax by running some people out of the county or to discuss politics, but by trying to devise some ways and means whereby we can better our own conditions. We believe we have the best county in Western North Carolina, and I really think we are making the least out of it. Lumber, tan bark, chestnut wood, all the things that God gave us without any exertion on our part we have let go. Now we have got to go to work or lots of these beautiful farms and homes are going to be sold to somebody that will work. That's plain talk but I believe you will agree that I am right.

The chamber of commerce has appointed from among its members an agricultural committee. This committee will do every thing possible to help the farmer of the county to formulate some plan whereby we can get together and begin to get our farms on a real paying basis. The chances are that this committee that I speak of will, before long, call a few of the farmers from the different parts of the county together that we may talk over the situation and see just what can be done. Now, men, when you are asked to meet with this committee if you are interested in bettering conditions in this county, come and let it be known. You remember that last year the Kiwanis club invited forty farmers to lunch with them in town. Seven men attended this meeting. You should know that kind of interest in things will tax the patience of the devil. I want you to know that I am deeply interested in the welfare of my neighbor farmers all over the county and am willing to work day and night if I can be of service to him, and I know that the business men of the town, particularly the members of the chamber of commerce, feel the same way.

I hope to write you another little note real soon and have something

Wealth In the Depths

Mother Earth has given generously of her treasures for the benefit of mankind, but it appears that she still holds in her bosom riches even greater than those already yielded up.

Recent news from the Cripple Creek gold district of Colorado tells of the successful operation of mines to a depth of 2,700 feet, whereas the older workings rarely exceeded 1,000 feet in depth.

A new well in Texas is 8,520 feet deep and has yielded more than 600 barrels of oil a day.

Numerous instances can be pointed out in which new and greater oil deposits have been found at lower levels, after the wells drilled to ordinary depths have been exhausted.

The same thing is true of other mineral wealth discovered at ever increasing depths, where modern machinery makes it possible to work with profit.

These facts, together with the desire of scientists for greater knowledge of the earth's interior, have led to the serious suggestion that a great hole be dug to a depth of several miles into the earth's crust, in the combined interests of science and industry.

It has been proposed that such an enterprise be undertaken as a government project, it being pointed out that it could be done for the cost of a modern battleship. Here lies a limitless unexplored field for adventure, with possibilities for astonishing results.

Did He Hunt in Macon?

Gunbusta was on a hunting trip in the mountains and he stopped at a farm house to have dinner. The farmer was a querulous old fellow who was complaining about hard times.

"Why, man," said the hunter, "You ought to be able to make lots of money growing and shipping potatoes to market."

"Yes, I ortter," was the sullen reply.

"You have the land, I suppose, and can get the seed."

"Yes, I guess so."

"Then why don't you go into the business?"

"No use, stranger," sadly replied the man. "The old woman is too pokey to do the plowin' and plantin'!"

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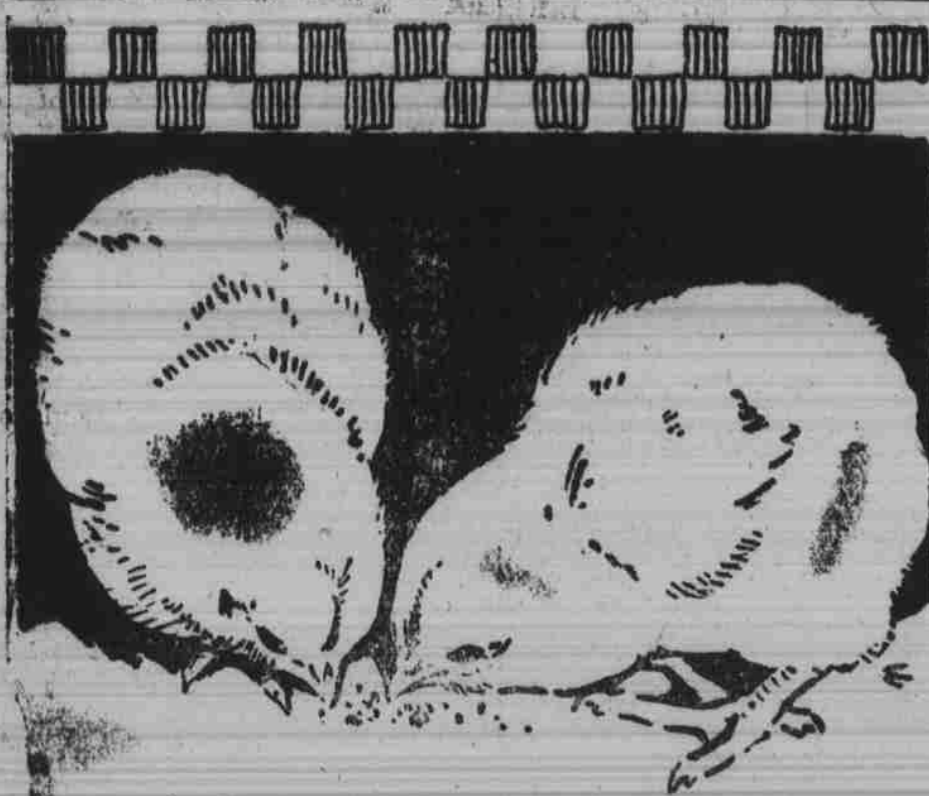
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Last week we told you of the Enna Jettick Shoes we have for ladies and misses. We then promised to tell you this week about our line of Shoes for Men. So here goes. We have a complete line of Selz Shoes for men and boys at prices that appeal to the average man during these depressed times. These shoes range in price from almost nothing to \$5 or \$6. In fact we can fit any body regardless of the size of his foot or pocketbook. Macon County's Biggest Store has always taken the lead in the sale of shoes and we are now proposing to hold this lead by selling GOOD shoes at remarkably low prices.

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