

FIRST AMERICAN FIELD ARMY IS COMPOSED OF FIVE FULL ARMY CORPS. WILL TAKE OVER PART OF LINE

It Places the American Army in France on Same Footing With France and England.

Washington, Aug. 13.—Secretary Baker was formally advised today by General Pershing that the first American field army had been created. General Pershing retaining command of the army as well as of the entire American expeditionary force for the present. The dispatch added nothing to details of the army organization already made known from Paris, however, Mr. Baker said.

The announcement is regarded as having deep significance at the war department, mainly because it places the American army in France on the same footing as the French or British forces there. Formation of the army is taken here to mean that the Americanization of a definite portion of the front has been completed. Supply lines, railways bases, storage facilities, debarkation ports and the like created and operated by Americans, stand behind the first army. The only statement of the location of this American front is that it is "south of the Marne."

Presumably this means a part at least of the long line from St. Mihiel to the Swiss border, where American troops have been put in at intervals during the last few months.

Army of 1,250,000 Men. The extent of that front has not been closed nor has the definite strength of the army been given. The figures indicate that it comprises, however, five full corps which means approximately 1,250,000 men. The effect of the taking over of the line is to make a definite beginning at apportioning the long front. The British hold the left flank, aided by the Belgians from the North and to the junction of the British front and the French first army in Picardy, where an offensive is being conducted at present. In that position the British are not only holding their share of the line but "aud between the enemy and the channel ports which would be his easy road to England while the British

DRAFT BILL ACTED ON BY SENATE COMMITTEE.

Is Ordered Favorably Reported; Chamberlain Wants Consideration by Senate Monday.

Washington, Aug. 13.—With a broad work or light amendment designed to prevent strikes and a new provision for education at government expense after the war of youths under 21 serving in the military or naval service, the administration manpower bill extending draft ages so as to include all men between 18 and 45 years of age, was ordered favorably reported today by the senate military committee.

Chairman Chamberlain plans to report the bill next Thursday and to take up its consideration in the senate next Monday cutting short the senate vacation recess period by a week.

The bill, which was prepared under the direction of Secretary Baker is framed to enable the nation to increase its war program in accordance with an understanding reached with the allies. About 13,000,000 men would be registered under the law, and Provost Marshal General Crowder estimates it will make available at once for military service 2,398,000 men between the ages of 18 and 20 and 32 and 45.

Action by the committee followed about time Secretary Baker, General March and General Crowder appeared to explain the imperative necessity for extending the draft ages and to urge prompt action.

The work or light amendment, accepted, was offered by Senator Reed, of Missouri, as a substitute for one presented by Senator Thomas, of Colorado. It provides that "When any person shall have been placed in deferred or exempted class, he shall 'not be entitled to remain therein until he shall in good faith continue, while physically able to do so, to work and follow such occupation.'" Should he fail to do this he would become subject to immediate draft.

While the bill was before the committee, Senator Kirby, of Arkansas, attempted to amend it so as to make 21 the minimum age. He failed, but announced he would renew the fight when the bill reached the senate.

JOHNSTON COUNTY CRIMINAL COURT.

Smithfield, Aug. 12.—August term of criminal court is in session here with Judge Frank A. Daniels presiding and Solicitor Walker D. Liles prosecuting. Five murder cases are on the docket for trial. Austin Cowdin will be tried for murder in the first degree Wednesday for the alleged killing of Elisha Grise in Selma. Preston Hudson, John D. McLamb and Seth Ryals will be tried for murder in the first degree Friday for the alleged murder of John M. Wabb in Hayes' township. Shain Bailey will be tried for murder in the second degree for the alleged killing of his brother, Manly Land Bailey, on April 4. Fred Butler was indicted for the killing of Charlie Flemming last Wednesday and the case was continued for the term. All the above defendants are white men.

Joc Avera, a negro, stands indicted for the killing of a fellow-laborer. More men have been killed at home than from Johnston in great many years. Several other cases of importance including an indictment brought by the Insurance Department against A. P. and W. M. Holmes for alleged burning of dwelling and storehouse several years ago.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Summary of the Program. West Raleigh, N. C., August 13th.—The present high price of materials, the shortage of labor, and the necessity for increased production has brought about new problems on the farm and in the farm home. In order to protect the country and ourselves it is necessary to take advantage of the most practical methods of production and conservation. In preparing the program for the Farmers' and Farm Women's Convention to be held August 23, 29, and 30th, the committee has considered only practical demonstrations and discussions which apply directly to present needs on the farm and in the farm home.

Tractor Demonstration. The present need of labor-saving machinery has drawn considerable attention to the tractor. Persons who wish to see a

HELP FOR THE NECESSITY.

A Proclamation By the Governor.

Last year the world was thrilled when the news flashed over the wires that the Turk had delivered from the Holy City. The feeling was that the people who had suffered and whose history is so full of tragedy and sorrow, but whose restoration is so important that the restoration of the Holy City, the restoration of the Jews from hunger and death. In Turkey, in Palestine, in Lithuania, in Russia, in Galicia, starvation stared children in the face. Daily thousands of husbands and wives were separated and faded away into the great Silence. Daily Jewish women were seen frantically at breasts that were dried and dry; and above the din of battle is heard once more the wailing and wailing for help, and refusing to be comforted as they are not.

I call upon the people of North Carolina to join in this cry, to rally to the aid of the helpless and once to help themselves worthy of the help they are privileged to receive. The hounded, hungering, and dying people of the world are looking to us for help. We cannot afford to refuse and "inaction" to be a blot on our hands.

Therefore, Walter Bickett, Governor of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim, on this 19 day of August, 1919, the Jewish Relief Day, to be observed on this day, and every day thereafter, as a day of prayer and sympathy for the Jewish people.

Walter Bickett, Governor.

NO COLOR BUT ENEMY'S WHITE

(Little River Record) A nephew of Booker Washington, a respected citizen of Louisville, Roscoe Conklin Simmons, is making a place for himself beside that of his illustrious uncle. Just now, when the patriotism of the negroes is being tested, he comes out in those wise and timely words: "We have a record to

THE FALCON CAMP MEETING.

Famous Preachers To be on Hand August 14 to 25, to Take Part in Meeting.

The Falcon Camp Meeting, which always attracts great crowds from far and near, will be held this year, beginning August 14 and continue through August 25. The preachers for this year are Rev. A. G. Doner, of Peterboro, Canada and Rev. K. D. Reeves, of Roanoke, Va.

From the circular sent out in regard to the meeting we take the following paragraphs:

"It is our intention this year to encourage a larger co-operation on the part of our local ministry than usual, and to use them more largely than before, so that a deeper interest and fellowship may be manifested among our own people; so instead of resting ourselves so contentedly in the enjoyment of the good preaching of visiting brethren, we desire to welcome them as our 'allies' in the warfare, and with the encouragement of their presence, we want to go into battle with our objective fixed at the point of greatest victory possible to a united army of soldiers having on 'the whole armor of God'." "These are days when every individual is expected to co-operate with the actively engaged forces to accomplish the purposes desired, and the services of the man outside the battle lines is just as essential to victory as that of the soldier in uniform. We desire and need help in giving publicity to the approaching Camp Meeting."

Falcon is about three miles from Godwin on the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad between Dunn and Fayetteville.

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CASUALTIES PASS 20,000 MARK.

Total of Lists Issued During Past Week 4,916. Sunday Lists Total 432.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Casualties in the army and marine corps overseas, made public today, aggregated 432 bringing the total of the week to 4,916 and the total since American troops landed in France to 20,112. Most of the casualties for the week represented losses in the fighting on the Marne-Alsace front.

Of the total thus far announced today 345 soldiers and 87 marines, while of the week's total, which included today's lists 4,198 were soldiers and 718 marines. The week's aggregate of 4,916 compared with 1,430 the week before.

In the 20,112 casualties, total deaths including 291 lost at sea, men killed in action, dead of wounds, diseases, accidents and other causes numbered 7,716—soldiers 6883; marines, 833. The wounded aggregated 10,474—soldiers 9,049; marines, 1,426, and the missing including prisoners, 1,922—soldiers, 1,481; marines, 91.

Of the week's increase deaths from all causes, aggregated 1,572 as compared with 651 the week before; the wounded numbered 2,610 compared with 732 the previous week and the missing and prisoners 784, compared with 74 the week before.

While the proportion of the deaths for the week as compared with the wounded was large, attention was called today to the fact that the casualties being reported now by General Pershing represent an accumulation as the result of the fighting which began July 15 and it is not to be assumed that the ratio of killed and the wounded will be maintained when the final toll of the Marne-Alsace victory is complete.

SOME FIGHT.

An American soldier who had just come over met a Canadian who was on leave in Paris. "Say, old-timer, tell me about those big shells, and what they do when they light," he asked. "Well, when old Fyris starts to

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

D. C. Stewart to Bell Morris both of Harnett. Leslie H. Wood to Adelaide Jeffreys of Harnett county. J. L. Lee to Viola Bryant of Harnett County.

COLORED.

Neill Ray to Mary Bailey. J. A. Cox to Cornelia Moore. Dallas Lyde to Carrie Draughon, all of Harnett county.

Make thrift your buy-word.

are upon the statute books, but in this hour of peril I forget—and you must forget—all thought of self or creed or politics or color. That boys is loyalty."

MISS THOMPSON ENTERTAINS.

Miss Elizabeth Thompson entertained in honor of Miss Mary Ellen Travis, of Weldon, her attractive house guest, on the evening of August 6th.

The Thompson home never looked more beautiful than on this delightful occasion. The spacious hall, drawing room, library and dining room were thrown open to the young set, a number of whom were present. A guessing contest was the feature of the evening. Punch was served in the hall, Miss Madred Hood presiding over the punch bowl in her usual charming manner.

Music which was rendered by Misses Travis and Hood, added much to the pleasure of the occasion. Several social functions have been given in honor of Miss Travis since she has been visiting Miss Thompson, but this one, perhaps, was the most delightful.

OLD SOLDIER'S RE-UNION.

The annual re-union of the old soldiers of Harnett county will be held at Lillington, Friday August 23rd. Rev. S. J. Becker, of Duke, will deliver the address. The Daughters of the Confederacy will serve dinner and it is earnestly requested that as many of the old soldiers as possible, attend. Lillington will welcome us all.

J. L. SMITH, Secretary.

Unexpected.

He was calling on the one and only girl, relates Harper's Magazine. "William," she said, softly, expecting the usual answer: "William, dear, have you any idea what heaven must be like?" "Well, I'll tell you darling. Until today I had never given the matter a thought, but now I believe I have a very good idea of what heaven is like."

Mr. John Pleasant, age about 80 years, who lives 4 miles of Angier; cut his throat Monday morning. He was buried Tuesday. Pleasant was a man of means.

But other affiliations with the Bissell's brings some of them into closer touch with part of the family, and among the hundreds of the clan gathered at Stoney Run were Messrs. H. C. Bissell and J. O. Bissell, of Clinton, Mr. W. A. Underwood of Clinton, and Mr. A. M. Holland of Taylors Bridge township, with the family of each—Sampson Democrat.

had an opportunity to see several kinds tested out together. For this reason arrangements have been made to acquire eight of the standard makes of tractors for demonstration on the college farm. This will give those attending the convention an opportunity to see in actual operation under field conditions the Avery, Cleveland, Fordson, International, John Deere, Mohle, Sandusky, and the Stude Mak-A-Tractor.

Good Speakers. Among the speakers for the convention are Governor Bickett, Dr. Wilburn of the U. S. Food Administration Office, Mrs. Matthis of Alabama, and several men from the U. S. Department of Agriculture State Agricultural College, and State Department of Agriculture. All of these persons are familiar with our local and national problems. The convention is fortunate in securing men who have unusual knowledge of the present war situation and its relation to agriculture.

Women's Section. The women's Program Committee have arranged practical demonstrations and discussions which will be of value to all housekeepers. Among the things of interest are demonstrations of simple home labor-saving devices, selection and preparation of economic foods, butter-making in the home, preparing the soy, bean and soybean products for food, preserving eggs, drying fruits and vegetables and canning meats. In addition to the demonstrations, several good speakers have been secured.

Among the subjects to be discussed are "Food Economy and the Diminishing Dollar," "Control of Rats and Mice," "Poultry Raising," and "How to be Healthy in the Country." Soybean Harvesters and Soybean Products. The increased acreage of soybeans will require improved methods for harvesting. In order that soy bean growers may become familiar with the different types of harvesters, several manufacturers have been invited to exhibit their machines at the convention. A complete exhibit of soybean varieties and soybean products have been prepared. In co-operation with Mrs. McKimmon's division an exhibit of foods made from the soy bean products will be made.

T. J. Gardner, who has been Clerk in France has just returned and spent Wednesday in town church, Gardner's home is in Fayetteville.

A birthday dinner was given in honor of Mrs. M. J. Jernigan near Pleasanton.

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LAST NOTICE.

YOU MUST PAY NOW.

All town tax, all street assessments and all sidewalk assessments must be paid at once, or collection will be made according to law.

This, positively is my last notice.

PARKER, Clerk.

NEW REGISTRATION THOSE REACHING 21.

All Boys Who Have Reached 21 Since June to Register Aug. 24.

Washington, August 14.—Registration on Saturday, August 14, of all youths who have reached the age of 21 since the second registration last June 5, was ordered today by Provost Marshal General Crowder, under a proclamation by the President. The purpose is to add quickly to the almost exhausted class one to meet army draft calls in September.

About 150,000 young men will register. Most of them will qualify in class one, and therefore will join the army probably within a month after their names are recorded.

Telegraphic orders to local authorities to arrange for the registration have already been distributed. President Wilson's proclamation exempting the territories of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico from the registration temporarily but a later day will be fixed for them.

It was pointed out at the Provost Marshal General's office that this registration would be entirely distinct from the registration that will be necessary shortly when the draft ages are extended, and it also was explained that the suggested date, September 5, would not be the day for registration of men from 18 to 45 even if Congress passes the bill in time because the largest States in the Union held primary elections on that date.

The Provost Marshal has no intention, it was said, of creating registration dates for men reaching twenty-one throughout the year but the present registration was made necessary by the approaching deficiency of man-power.

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F. S. Cullom to Nellie Purdie one lot in Dunn, consideration \$4,750. H. R. Cameron to Elizabeth McDonald 1 lot in Olivia consideration \$30.00.

T. E. Davis to W. J. Olive 1 lot in Olivia consideration \$10.00. J. A. Harps to Daisy Olive 2 lots in Olivia consideration \$1,500. Lovett Ennis to J. E. Fish one lot in Dale's Creek consideration \$30.00. R. C. Leggett to W. H. Marsh one tract in Johnsonville Township consideration \$137.00.

J. H. Grimes to H. M. Young 10 acres in Black River consideration \$175.00. P. S. Cooper to L. P. Surles 22 1/2 acres in Aversboro township consideration \$500 and other considerations.

J. L. O'Quinn to W. E. Nordan 36 acres in U. L. R. Township, consideration.

H. D. Wathers to Della Trulove 79 3/4 acres in H. C. Township consideration \$1.00 and other considerations.

W. P. Dickey to F. S. Cullom 1 lot in Dunn consideration \$4,500. T. V. Stewart to W. P. Byrd one lot in Lillington consideration \$350. P. J. Olive trustee to L. L. Curran 39 1/2 74 3/4 acres in Black River Township, consideration \$2,130.00.

H. A. Palmer Trustee to J. E. Strand and J. E. Harrison 1 tract of land in Black River township \$100 and other considerations.

L. L. Levinson com. to D. H. McLane 125 acres in Hectorn Creek township, consideration \$4,757.50. K. R. Hoyle, com to L. Seavell 46 acres in Johnsonville township \$400.

J. M. Byrd, Sheriff to W. F. Hochaday 65 acres in U. L. R. township. J. L. O'Quinn to W. E. Nordan 1 tract in U. L. R. Township consideration \$1.00.

Kenneth Cameron and Nip Cain 25 acres in Barbours township consideration \$25. Kenneth Cameron to Nip Cain 50 acres in Barbours township consideration \$30.

N. G. Matthews to F. Matthews 20 acres in Black River Township. By will.

F. H. Stedman Administrator, to Eulah Land Co. 501 acres in Barbours Township consideration 2,225.00.

Last Sunday Lillington had some notable visitors in the person of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., and Mrs. John D. Sr. These, with the party, were traveling through by automobile to the large estate and game reservation owned by the Rockefellers at Overhill in the southern part of the county. The party stopped for dinner at the Washburn Hotel.—Harnett Post.