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THE SHUFORD REUNION.

The Shuford Reunion which is an annual event in Catawba county will be held on August 4, 1917, at the home of Mr. R. L. Shuford, near Hickory. Five speakers will be present and all the family and relatives are most cordially invited to be present and bring well-filled baskets, meet everybody and have a good time.

MRS. E. L. SHUFORD,
Secretary Shuford Historical Society of North Carolina.
16-23-30c

GOVERNOR MAKES AN APPEAL.

Exemption Board Should Hold Office Sacerd—Above Personal Consideration—A Sense of Duty.

Governor Bickett would have the Exemption Board to hold office sacred and high above personal or partisan consideration. His letter goes to the different boards. The Governor wants the men who will do the work to be guided by a sense of patriotism. There has been fear on the part of some that the boards would be influenced and it has been suggested that the Local Boards of Exemption be the weakest part of the conscription law.

His letter reads as follows: "Several letters have come to this office from different parts of the State, indicating a fear on the part of a few people that local boards may not in all cases act with absolute impartiality in passing upon claims for exemption and in prescribing the order in which persons not exempt shall be called to service.

"It is not necessary for me to say that I do not personally share this fear. Your recommendation by me to the President of the United States for this patriotic service carried with it my abiding faith that you would do your duty without fear and without favor.

"I deem it proper, however, to call your attention to the apprehension reflected in these letters and to beg you to hold your sacred office so high above personal or partisan consideration that when the work is done your enemies will be forced to concede that in every case you acted with the fear of God and the love of your country before your eyes. Above all things, let me beseech you not to allow political influences to touch the hem of your garment. It would be a tragic and nauseating prostitution of a wise and just law if politics should be considered when the lives of men and the very destiny of the race are in the balances.

"It is proper to say that the letters mentioned have come from less than five per cent. of the counties in the State, but the fact that the fear has been expressed at all makes it my duty to advise all members of local boards to the end that their work may be done on a plane of patriotism so high that no breath of suspicion can reach it."

PLANS FOR SOLDIERS' AID.

To Form Organization in Every County in North Carolina to Protect Soldiers' Interests.

Raleigh, July 7.—Plans for the organization in each county of the state of a soldiers' aid served to manage the private details of the business of soldiers and sailors and to arrange for their employment on their return were announced here today by the state council of defense.

The council committees would include in their organization one banker, one lawyer and one business man. In their statement the council declares the objects of the organization are:

To render without charge any legal service desired from the time of call to the colors to the end of the war.

To see that during the absence of the soldier, there shall be no lapse in his insurance, no failure to pay taxes on his property and no mortgage or indebtedness on his property. To aid him in securing employment on his return.

To see that no advantage shall be taken of any soldier in legal proceedings in which he may be a party and in which he might have an interest.

To look after all persons who may be or who may hereafter become dependent on a soldier for support. To arrange for special training for soldiers disabled by wounds or disease.

To see that all soldiers called to the colors are properly registered. To perform any other service for soldiers in their absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Walters, of Durham, discovered a four-month-old baby on their front porch a few days ago with the following message pinned on its clothing: "The mother of this child is unable to support it. I want you to care for it the best you can. The Lord will reward you according to the way you treat the child." There is no clue as to the party who left the child.

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ALL ROUND FIGHTING MEN THE ARMY NEED

By CAPTAIN GEORGE L. KILMER.

A good voice puts the finishing touches on a soldier who is qualified in the usual standards of the service. From corporal up the leaders must give commands, and any private may have to act as a noncom in emergencies. Also privates must pass words of command and warning down the line.

Voice development and training can be done easily at home, and the exercise will help in breathing, chest expansion and stature building, all good preparedness work for the soldier.

The United States army allows no standing still. If a man cannot ma-



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neuver and handle arms he shall "hew wood and draw water." But any intelligent youth can learn all the higher arts if he tries hard. The first step is to make an all round man of himself, an athlete in embryo if nothing beyond. A half dozen exercises which can be done before reaching the drill ground will make a hopeful subject out of a greenhorn.

As soon as a boy decides to be a soldier he takes to a soldier pose as he has seen it in real life or in print—stands erect. In this position, with arms and hands extended upward, he can begin practice by bending forward on the hips till hands reach the knees, which are unbent, legs stiff. The next motion is to return to the upright pose and bend forward again, with hands at the hips and legs rigid. From the erect position next bend body backward, with arms on hips and knees rigid. Two more movements, from erect position with hands on the hips, are bending sidewise, right and left, then rotation of the body from hips upward on the waist pivots. Good training this for sword and bayonet proficiency.

POINTS ON SOLDIER LIFE ARE EASILY HAD

By CAPTAIN GEORGE L. KILMER.

Every boy scout or national guard gathering or military school or military class of any public school furnishes countless points to teach a beginner how to prepare to be a soldier. A novice can witness marches and drills somewhere within reach and go to the attic or barn or pasture to rehearse what he saw others do.

Progress in the home guard training is slow because the members drill only at odd hours. However, they begin at



Photo by American Press Association. LEFT SHOULDER ARMS.

the foundations, and their awkward squad furnishes good patterns for the novice who doesn't know even right from left in a line of men.

A beginner must take his new trade seriously. Glory may lie in paths ahead, but the first steps are tedious. Fortunately they are of the kind where one dovetails into the next higher, so to speak, and once learned they are not forgotten. All training is now done on United States army models.

The national guard drills and the work at the national training camps proceed from the start according to manuals used in the regular army. Manuals for the preliminary stages of soldier life are prepared in the simplest form, and these are textbooks in all drill halls and camps. Thus uniformity is secured for the whole country, and the recruit trained in one state will feel at ease in ranks trained in another state even a thousand miles away.

MILLIONS IN "SPUDS."

Irish Potato Crop in State Much Larger This Year Than Ever Before But Still More Should Be Raised.

Special to The Gazette.

RALEIGH, July 12.—Several million dollars have been brought into the State this year by the fine crop of Irish potatoes in Eastern North Carolina. Despite the adaptability of the State for the growing of potatoes, however, tens of thousands of bushels have been imported from the Eastern and Central Western States every fall and winter by North Carolina consumers. The Agricultural Extension Service, the State Food Conservation Commission and other forces working for food production and better agriculture in the State are endeavoring to secure an increase in acreage of late potatoes so as to keep at home this year and hereafter the several hundred thousand dollars that usually pay for imported "spuds" and at the same time relieve the transportation systems to as great an extent as possible, and relieve also the food situation in the North during the coming fall and winter.

Irish potatoes may be planted as late as August 15th. Some planters have succeeded when the seeding was later than that date. Where the seed are sprouted before putting into the ground, the small potatoes or culls from the first crop may be used successfully. The second crop is not as certain as the spring crop, but if the soil receives the proper preparation and the seasons are fair it is profitable. Fall Irish potatoes are more easily kept during the winter when they are harvested under favorable conditions than are sweet potatoes.

Because of the demand for information regarding the second crop potatoes and the desirability of increasing the acreage of this crop the Agricultural Extension has just issued a circular which is available to those who are interested in the crop. This circular is No. 49 and may be secured without cost from the Agricultural Extension Service, Raleigh, N. C.

The noted Efrid-Allen trial came to a close at Monroe yesterday. Much interest, not only in Monroe but manifested in the case throughout the State on account of the prominence of the two men. Mr. Efrid is a prominent business man of his town and at one time he was mayor. Prof. Allen is one of the state's most prominent school men. Mr. Efrid submitted to a charge of assault and battery with a deadly instrument and was fined \$250 and all the cost in the case. He agreed to pay Mr. Allen \$5,500 and in this way make reparation for his deed.

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Better Farming in the South ORDER FALL FERTILIZERS EARLY

Railroad Service is a Serious Problem—Fertilizer Dealers Will Be Required to Accumulate Orders So That Full Carloads Only Shall Be Shipped—Railway Authorities Say Fertilizers Can Be Handled in Half Number of Cars Ordinarily Used—A War Measure.

Farm Service Bureau, Atlanta, Ga.
C. A. Whitte.

The world is hungry. To get more food is an alarming problem.

How can the farms produce more food when labor is so scarce?

How can more acres be planted to food crops or how can more work be given the acres usually planted without more labor?

Increase of labor is hardly to be expected, but there is one important means of help which the Southern farmer has been utilizing in the past and that is Fertilizer. But this too is beset with difficulties.

Fertilizer can increase production without increasing labor except at harvest time. The warring nations appreciate this fact, and are giving all the encouragement they can to the use of fertilizers.

The railroads can't do the business expected of them unless every freight car is loaded to full capacity. To load them to full capacity the fertilizer dealer must have enough orders in to make up a full car load before he can reasonably hope to get a shipment. The earlier the carload orders are placed the better chance, of course, of getting a shipment. Because of the shortage of equipment, the railroads should have as much

Belmont Items.

Gazette Bureau, Belmont, July 11.

What could have easily resulted in a serious accident occurred here yesterday afternoon when a "flivver" automobile driven by Clarence Jackson, a colored youth, overturned on the public highway near St. Mary's College, pinning the driver and four passengers underneath it. Workmen on the new St. Mary's College barn nearby went to the rescue and set the car straight. The occupants, in some miraculous way, escaped with only a few scratches and bruises. The only damage done the car was a broken fender and windshield.

Miss Elsie Johnson entertained a number of her friends Tuesday night at the beautiful home of her uncle, Dr. W. W. Davis. Games were the feature of the evening.

Mr. Ed Garrison, of Easley, S. C., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Garrison. Mrs. Garrison and children are with him. Mr. Garrison is superintendent of several cotton mills in Easley.

Prof. F. P. Hall entertained the Hall generation of Belmont and vicinity Monday night in honor of a Tennessee kinsman, Mr. William I. Hall. About forty were invited in to meet him.

Mrs. F. P. Hall and F. P. Hall, Jr., left Tuesday for Montreal for a two-week stay.

Mrs. J. B. Hall, Miss Annie Fite and Mr. C. W. Fite spent Sunday visiting in Lenoir, making the trip in Mr. J. B. Hall's car.

To Wed Virginia Lady.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

BELMONT, July 10.—Invitations have been received here announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. Andrew A. Armstrong of Charlotte and Miss Lena Green, formerly of Monroe, in Richmond, Va., July 27.

Mr. Armstrong is a native of Belmont, having been born and reared in this vicinity and has a host of friends here who will be glad to know of his good fortune.

Miss Green is also well known, having been assistant principal of the Belmont high school two years ago. She made a number of close friends while here who will be keenly interested in her approaching marriage.

Quarterly Conference.

Rev. John F. Kirk, presiding elder of the Shelby district, preached last Sunday morning for the congregation of the Ozark Methodist church and returned Monday night and presided at the quarterly conference. At this meeting of the conference it was decided to change the name of the church from Ozark to East End. The new church building and parsonage will be located about midway between the Ozark and Flint mills. At the Sunday morning service subscriptions were taken in sufficient amount to assure the early building of the parsonage, and work on both church and parsonage will begin at an early date.

More Wheat and Oats From the South

Farm Service Bureau, Atlanta, Ga.

The South will be expected to take care of its share of wheat and oat production. Discouragement from the winter kill of the last season and labor conditions make the task of keeping up production no small one, but the country needs more of these crops if it is to take care of its allies. The prices which they are bringing, of course, do not discourage production.

Even if the acreage cannot be increased the prices which the small grains are bringing justify the very best seed bed preparation and the maximum use of fertilizer.

Growing cereals, of course, do not require as much labor as growing corn and cotton, it is true, but corn and

cotton will take their turn in every well planned farm.

The scant oat crop should be husbanded for seed this year. No oats are as good for planting in the South as those grown in the South, especially if they are grown in the region where they are to be planted. The same is true of wheat unless in a given section the best variety for that section has not yet been used.

Good seed should be ordered early. Unless fertilizers are ordered early, so that dealers can ship only in full carload lots it is quite probable that farmers will be disappointed when seeding time comes. The railroads will probably have more than they can do even with full carload shipments. It is a national necessity to see that no freight car space is wasted.

Who's Who Behind the Scenes in the War Army

By GEORGE GARVIN, Staff Correspondent International News Service

BRIG.-GEN. WILLIAM A. MANN,
Bureau of Militia Affairs.
Born in Pennsylvania, July 31, 1854, and appointed to the Military Academy from that State in 1871. He was graduated in 1875 and assigned as a second lieutenant to the Seventeenth Infantry and has served throughout in that branch of the service. He was a member of the General Staff from 1903 to 1907 and for a portion of that time was president of the Army War College.

Washington, July 10.—Gen. Mann succeeded Major-General Albert Mills as chief of the Bureau of Militia Affairs and has continued the work of reorganizing the militia under the Hay bill, which brings the State forces directly under the call of the President of the United States.

With the trouble that was encountered when the militia was called into the Federal service during the Mexican trouble foremost in his thoughts, General Mann set about to make similar occurrences impossible in the future and undertook the task of bringing the State forces up to the same high standards of efficiency as prevailed in the regular establishment.

Under his management the State organizations have weeded out all men with dependents as well as physically unfit men. He has sought to have the National Guard a finished fighting force and today the men in this branch of the service are well trained and sufficiently fit for service to be among the first forces scheduled to be sent to the war theatre, and if the recommendation of Gen. Mann is carried out, at least 125,000 members of the National Guard will be on the French front before the snow flies.

The National Guard, when all units are filled to war strength, will number about 400,000 men, and when all these forces are sent to Europe it will be the duty of the Bureau to keep the units to full strength, filling the ranks from the locality in which the original unit was recruited.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL HARRY C. HALE.

Born in Illinois July 10, 1861, and appointed to the Military Academy from that State in 1879. In 1883 he was promoted to second lieutenant and assigned to the Twelfth Infantry, in which arm of the service he has continued. During the Spanish-American War, while a captain in the regular establishment, he was made a major of volunteers.

Washington, July 11.—Gen. Hale is one of the "War Generals," and at the time of his appointment was in command of the Fifteenth Infantry stationed at Tientsin, China.

General Hale is considered an exceptionally fine infantry officer and trainer of men. He is a remarkable shot with both the pistol and rifle and wrote the Pistol Manual and Small Arms Firing Regulations for the army. He also perfected the target practice system for the enlisted men of the regular army.

It is not the policy of the War Department to announce the detail of officers in advance, but it is safe to predict that General Hale will be assigned an important post in Europe during the present conflict.

BRIGADIER-GENERAL EDWIN F. GLENN.

Born in North Carolina, Jan. 10, 1856, and appointed to the Military Academy from that State in 1873. In 1879 he was made a second lieutenant and assigned to the Twenty-fifth Infantry, in which arm of the service he has since served.

Washington, July 12.—General Glenn was recently promoted, and is known as one of the "War Generals." He is a noted field soldier, and in his campaigns in the islands of Samar and Mindanao, in the Philippines, while subduing the wild tribes on both these islands, he became known as a fighting man.

General Glenn is a student and author, having published "Glenn's International Law" in 1895. In time of peace he would retire next year, but owing to his great military ability it is thought that he will be continued on the active list during the period of the war against Germany.

MAJOR-GEN. JOHN F. MORRISON.
Born in New York Dec. 25, 1857, and appointed to the Military Academy from that State in 1877. In 1881 was made a second lieutenant and assigned to the Infantry. He is an honor graduate of the Infantry and Cavalry School. Was a member of the General Staff from 1907-1911.

Washington, July 13.—Gen. Morrison is considered the greatest expert in strategy and tactics in the army today. Until his recent promotion to a Brigadier-Generalship he was in command of the army School of the Line and was a lecturer on strategy and the art of war and has done wonderful work there. He is an officer of exceptional force, particularly in specialization.

During the Spanish-American War he saw active service in Cuba and in the Philippine Islands. During the Russo-Japanese war he was assigned as military attache with the Japanese army.

McAdenville vs. High Shoals.
A very interesting game of ball will be played at McAdenville Saturday at 4 p. m. when McAdenville will attempt to take the lead over the strong team of High Shoals. The teams will be evenly matched and all the baseball fans may expect to see a hotly contested game.

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