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NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE FAIR

There is no busier place in Gastonia than the grounds of the Gaston County Fair. The 1916 fair was housed in tents, with the exception of the cattle, pigs and horses which had splendid equipment. Three new buildings are being erected, one 60 feet wide by 250 feet long that will hold the field crops, fancy work, cooking and canning, mercantile exhibits, manufacturers' display, community fair exhibits and miscellaneous exhibits. Another building, 60 feet wide by 250 feet long, will house the school exhibits of Gaston, Lincoln and Cleveland counties as well as the corn club, canning club and home demonstration club exhibits of Gaston, Cleveland and Lincoln counties. Also, in this building will be the free public rest room for the convenience of the thousands of lady patrons. A modern poultry building, 45 feet wide by 80 feet long, will house the poultry exhibits of North and South Carolina. In addition to this the pig barn is being increased by half, with a number of changes and additions both to the horse and cattle barn. When this work is done the Gaston County Fair will have the largest and most complete exhibition halls and barns of any fair in the Carolinas, except the two State fairs.

TWENTY-ONE HAVE REPORTED

Twenty-one of the 66 reported by the local exemption board last week as having failed to report for examination under the selective draft system have since reported and been examined. They are:

- 4-3404, George Bird, colored, chaingang.
- 16-3679, Tom Morris, colored, chaingang.
- 27-3674, David Keernans, (Col.) 30-3505, Joe Hunter, colored.
- 40-275, Horace Cleveland Ross.
- 41-3821, Ed Rozzell, colored, Chaingang.
- 199-2749, John Harrison Whitworth.
- 217-3828, Sam McNeill, (Col.), Chaingang.
- 233-3259, Alvin Matthews, Col.
- 375-1509, Cleophas Terry.
- 464-3609, Earle Leeper, Col.
- 525-3654, John Henderson, Chaingang.
- 690-2652, Geo. Henry Heafner.
- 706-3262, John Pursley Partlow, colored.
- 714-2300, Fred Bridges.
- 729-1510, Ed Terry.
- 753-2671, Henry Franklin Henderson.
- 758-130, Chas. Robt. Hendrix.
- 764-1023, Isaac L. Privett.
- 800-532, Aaron Richard Holland.
- 803-3778, Jesse Cothran, (Col.).

FIVE MORE ENLIST HERE

Five men, all from Franklin, enlisted for army service at the local recruiting office here Monday and were sent immediately to join companies elsewhere. They were William H. Hurst, sent to the infantry at Fort Thomas, Ky.; Burtie B. Rogers, Lewis C. Rice, William H. Bowman, to the medical section at Greensboro, and Robert Welch to the field artillery, Greensboro. Capt. E. B. Dennis, of the C. A. C. recruiting office at Greensboro, spent Saturday here with the local recruiting station.

PRESIDENT REJECTS POPE'S PROPOSALS

Says Peace Must Be Based on Fairness, Right and Faith of the People—"Present Proposals Would not Lead to Goal We Seek."

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says:

In a note dispatched Monday night, and made public here Tuesday night, the President says that while every heart not blinded and hardened by the terrible war must be touched by the moving appeal of his holiness, it would be folly to take the path of peace he points out if it does not in fact lead to the goal he proposes.

To deal with such a power as the present rulers of Germany upon Pope Benedict's plan, declares the President, would involve a recuperation of the strength and renewal of the world domination policy of that power, now balked but not defeated after sweeping a continent with the blood of innocent women and children and the helpless poor as well as of soldiers.

Permanent peace must be based upon the faith of all the peoples and upon justice and fairness and the common rights of mankind, he adds, and "we cannot take the word of the present rulers of Germany as a guarantee of anything that is to endure, unless explicitly supported by such conclusive evidence of the will and purposes of the German people themselves as the other peoples of the world would be justified in accepting."

FAIR TO BOOST RED CROSS WORK

One of the many new features at the approaching Gaston County Fair, which will be held October 9-13, will be the Red Cross exhibits. A complete list of premiums covering every article that is being made by the ladies of Gaston county, as well as a special prize, "the best kit of surgical dressings," has been compiled. It is expected that many ladies of the county will enter into this not so much on account of the cash premiums offered as on account of the friendly rivalry that it will engender, not only among the ladies of Gaston, but exhibits will be placed here by both the chapters of Lincoln and Cleveland counties. Then, too, it will place before thousands and thousands of visitors at the big Gaston County Fair the Red Cross work, and too much cannot be done along this line. A copy of the premium list will be mailed to each lady member of the Red Cross within a few days.

VIENNA GRIPPED BY ALARM

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Aug. 28.—Alarm has gripped Vienna as a result of the unbroken series of Italian victories. Emperor Charles has gone to the front in person to stop, if possible, the retreat of his troops. German officers and reinforcements that were to have been used on the Russo-Romania front have been sent to the Italian theater.

SOLDIERS BANQUETED

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS WERE HOSTS

Delightful Event at Armory Last Night When 250 Men Gathered Around Festal Board in Honor of Machine Gun Company—Patriotism at High Pitch—Capt. Cherry and Major Bulwinkle Gave Citizens Some Straight and Serious Talk—Number of Brief Addresses—Columbia Grafonola Presented to Company.

Patriotism ran at high tide in the Armory on Airline avenue last night, the occasion being a banquet tendered the Machine Gun Troop, which expects to leave for camp in the very near future, by Gastonia Lodge No. 53 Knights of Pythias. Several members of this lodge, a number of whom were also members of the Gastonia Pythian Drum Corps, have enlisted in the Machine Gun Troop and Company B. A pleasing feature of the evening was the presentation to the company of a handsome Columbia grafonola and a set of records, a gift from the Pythians.

Prior to the banquet the company, headed by Major Morrow and the Drum Corps, drilled in the business section of town. They made a splendid appearance and called forth many expressions of commendation from citizens.

The sumptuous supper was prepared and served by the cooking departments of the Machine Gun Company and the Drum Corps. When the 250 men present had partaken to their hearts' content of the tempting things with which the long tables were covered, there was a great abundance left. In point of quality and quantity it was fully up to the best banquet ever served in town.

Mr. S. A. Robinson, the toastmaster, called on Rev. J. H. Henderlite to make a short address and in his characteristic manner he presented to the company the grafonola. Mr. Henderlite spoke very feelingly of the patriotism of the members of this company, of the justness of the cause for which they will fight and assured them that the folks back home stood ready to do everything they could for the company and for our country.

Following Mr. Henderlite's address a number of men were called on for short talks and all responded with happy and enthusiastic talks appropriate to the occasion. Among those who spoke were Rev. H. H. Jordan, Prof. D. F. Giles, Mayor Dixon, John G. Carpenter, Prof. J. S. Wray, Capt. R. G. Cherry of the company, Major A. L. Bulwinkle, Lieuts. Gray, Council and Douglas.

Capt. Cherry reviewed briefly the work of organizing the company. The task was accomplished in an unusually short time but he encountered difficulties. "Most of the people of Gastonia," said Capt. Cherry, "gave me their hearty support and encouragement. There were a few, however, who threw cold water on the proposition. They said there was no need for Gastonia to send any more men to the army. They opposed the taking away of more men on the ground that they were needed in local industries. They were absolutely selfish. The attitude these men assumed was enough to make the marrow run cold in the bones of any man who has a spark of patriotism left in his body. Some of my best friends turned their backs on me and ridiculed me. These men were thinking only of the almighty dollar and not of the safety of their country. I pity them. They will be forgotten entirely in the days when our victorious armies come marching home and when the loud acclamations of praise are going up from every quarter for the victories which will render democracy safe and which the patriotic young men of this country are going to help to win on the battlefields of Europe. I am glad to be able to say that the men in Gastonia who assumed this attitude were very decidedly in the minority. The people of the town as a whole have been kind and considerate and helpful in this difficult task of building up in a short time another military company to go out from Gastonia."

Captain Cherry paid a splendid tribute to his men. He said that not a single one had given any trouble. Not a one had been arrested for any cause whatever and not a single complaint had come to him of any misconduct on the part of any of his men. He thanked the Pythians, the Drum Corps and everybody else who had assisted or encouraged him and his men in any way. A deafening applause greeted Capt. Cherry's remarks as he sat down.

Major Bulwinkle made a short talk which claimed the undivided attention of the crowd. He said that he had no fears for the soldiers as to their loyalty or as to the quality of the service they would render the country on the battlefields. There is other work to do however, and he appealed to every civilian to do his duty especially in the way of counteracting the pernicious and traitorous activities of some men right here in Gaston county. "Do you know," said Major Bulwinkle, "that just the other day a prominent citizen of Cherryville in this good county of Gaston, wrote to the management of a chautauqua concern that was booked for a series of attractions in that town last week and requested that no address or entertainment of a patriotic character be included in the

GERARD'S BOOK CAUSES UPHEAVAL

(By International News Service.)

AMSTERDAM, Aug. 28.—The revelations in Ambassador Gerard's book have already caused an upheaval in German official circles, according to advices today. Under-secretary of Foreign Affairs Baron Strumm has resigned as a result of Gerard's disclosures of German intrigue.

ON TRAIL OF CONSPIRATORS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The recent Mare Island explosion was but a small part of a country-wide plot. Secretary Daniels, Attorney General Gregory and secret service chiefs were in conference this afternoon. A clew has been discovered to the perpetrators.

FRATERNAL ORDERS ARE BARRED

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The War Department refused to amend its order barring all secret orders from camps except the Knights of Columbus.

NO NEGROES IN FIRST DRAFT

(By International News Service.)

ATLANTA, Aug. 28.—A telegram from the War Department asks the Governor to bar negroes from the first call for drafted men as further time is wanted to work out the segregation problem.

W. I. Henderson, a prominent citizen and business man of Charlotte, died yesterday, aged 55 years.

In the United States District Court at Greensboro today Judge James E. Boyd will conduct a hearing on a restraining order bearing on the Federal child labor law, which is to go into effect Saturday of this week, September 1. The action was brought by one Roland H. Dagenhart, of Charlotte, against the Fidelity Mills, asking that they be restrained from discharging his two sons, aged 13 and 15 years. It is in reality, however, a test case in which a number of large manufacturing enterprises are interested.

program? Such is an actual fact. There are a few sections in this county, where, either for political or religious or personal reasons, men are using their influence against the army and against the government. These men are absolutely disloyal and it devolves upon the patriotic and good men of this county to see that such things as these stop. These same people are going around knocking and discrediting the soldiery. They are spreading all kinds of false rumors about how the men are treated. Why, just the other day they started the rumor that Capt. Reinhardt had killed a man. Then the rumor had it that I killed Jim. They said that a member of Company B who recently died was killed by over drilling when as a matter of fact he had not drilled any for nearly a month. They take every opportunity that comes and if none comes they make opportunity to knock the army. Such things ought not to be. You men can stop such things. Don't repeat such rumors. When you hear anybody making such remarks call them down and make them put up or shut up. This disloyalty in sections of Gaston county ought to be rooted out and you men who are going to stay at home while we are gone can root it out." Major Bulwinkle's address met with a ready response and the sentiments he expressed were loudly applauded.

The banquet was one of the most delightful events of its kind ever held in Gastonia.

Gastonia Lodge No. 53 has contributed 19 men to the military service recently. Following is the list: A. L. Bulwinkle, major. R. G. Cherry, captain. M. D. Abernethy, sergeant. B. E. Douglas, lieutenant. R. W. Gray, sergeant. W. B. Hair, sergeant. L. T. Lineberger, O. R. T. C. J. Carl Loughridge, sergeant. R. S. McLean, sergeant. William McArver, sergeant. W. S. Morris, sergeant. D. T. Outz, lieutenant. Dr. Ralph Ray, lieutenant, dental corps. W. K. Reid, radio sergeant. F. A. Whitesides, lieutenant. E. M. Craig, corporal. Walter Carter, captain. J. A. Dimmette, lieutenant medical corps. M. Harry Shuford, sergeant.

HOW THE NOTE WAS RECEIVED

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—President Wilson's rejection of the Pope's peace terms means the early downfall of Chancellor Michaelis, of Germany, an early show-down of strength between the Junkers and the reformers in the Reichstag, according to the general belief here. At the same time opinion is greatly divided as to whether the note will hasten or retard final peace negotiations. Michaelis has proven too small for the chancellorship and the Junkers will set up the slogan that "Wilson only desires to crush Germany", which is expected to temporarily strengthen their hold on the people. If far-seeing reformers wrest control from the Junkers it is expected that von Bernstorff will be made chancellor and a concrete peace offer from Germany will follow shortly, accompanied by a suspension of ruthless submarine warfare. The reception of the Wilson note in Austria is being watched with keenest interest.

WILSON'S REPLY WARMLY PRAISED

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Aug. 29.—President Wilson's reply to the Pope's peace proposals is accepted here as the concrete view of all the allied governments, and is being warmly praised in the press comments.

TO FLOOD U. S. WITH CHINESE

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The existence of a widespread plot to open the doors of the United States to cheap Chinese labor is suspected by the authorities here. An investigation is under way. The plot includes the spreading of a propaganda that the United States needs laborers to take the place of men drafted for the army.

WAR LETTER FOR SAMMIES

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 28.—The American "war letter" is here. The first one is to be engraved today. On one side are seven printed sentences, such as "I am quite well," "I have been admitted to the hospital," etc., with printed instructions to cross out the sentences not wanted. The card bears the United States military service postmark with date but no point of origin shown.

MUST RE-OPEN CLOSED MINES.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Chairman Garfield is at work vigorously assimilating the results of the cost investigations by the trade commission and hopes to fix a retail price on coal within two weeks. Mines which closed on the pretext that they could not afford to operate at government prices will be ordered to re-open on pain of confiscation. Agreements will be made with the miners to continue work until after the war.

BREAD RIOTS IN AUSTRIA.

(By International News Service.)

ZURICH, Aug. 29.—Numerous bread riots are reported as occurring throughout the kingdom of Austria.

ITALIANS GAIN BRILLIANT VICTORY

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Aug. 29.—Another brilliant victory is reported today for the Italians, who have taken all the Austrian positions on the Bainsizza plateau southeast of Monte Santo.

PETITIONS OUT FOR NEW ROAD

There is a movement on foot to petition the county commissioners to extend the road leading from the Mack Wilson place (which is one mile from the four-mile post on the Linwood road) to Sparrow Springs by way of the Ab McGill place or thereabouts. The advantages of this road are said to be considerable. Sparrow Springs water has a reputation such that people are now going from Gastonia to bring the water to their homes and using it. This route would save three or four miles in reaching the springs.

The new part of the road would run to the south side of Crowders and Kings Mountains, affording a beautiful view of the mountains along the entire distance. It is also agreed that this road will connect with several ridge roads, thereby opening new avenues to Gastonia.

The property owners who will be benefited by this road will probably donate from \$25 to \$100 each and petitions are being circulated among the people in Gastonia, Lowell, Dallas and other towns and sections of the county for donations for such road and it is confidently believed that if a reasonable amount is subscribed, the commissioners will construct the road.

GREAT FEATS OF AMERICAN GENIUS.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—"War is being prosecuted successfully so far as American participation is concerned," declared Secretary Redfield to a representative of the International News Service today. "You may state without hesitation that the American people need have no apprehension on that score." While Secretary Redfield cautioned the correspondent against revealing any military secrets, he frankly discussed the amazing strides made by American inventive genius since war was declared against Germany. The Germans have no weapon that has not been improved on. Our new aeroplane engine is superior to any hitherto known. A full catalog of what has already been accomplished would read like the Arabian Nights.

TRY TO KEEP SITUATION SECRET.

(By International News Service.)

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 29.—It is reported that Germany will seal the frontier to prevent military secrets and facts as to the internal situation leaking out.

TO DROP NOTE BEHIND THE LINES.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 29.—Elaborate plans have been made for getting accurate copies of the President's note into the hands of the German people. Adjacent countries will be flooded with them, and thousands of copies will be dropped behind the German lines by aeroplanes.

AUSTRIANS INVADE PROVINCE OF BESSARABIA.

(By International News Service.)

GENEVA, Aug. 29.—Austro-German troops have crossed the Raktina river near Bojan and are invading the Russian province of Bessarabia, according to dispatches from Vienna.

SALES DEPARTMENT

A NEW FEATURE, ENTIRELY ORIGINAL. THIS ALONE WILL JUSTIFY EXHIBITS AT

—THE BIG—

GASTON COUNTY FAIR

OCTOBER 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 1917

J. M. HOLLAND, Executive Secretary

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