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HOARDERS OF FOODSTUFFS DISCOVERED IN COUNTY NEWS OF THE COUNTY JACKSON CUILTY LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS ONE FARMER IS SAID TO HAVE 2,400 POUNDS OF FLOUR STORED IN HIS HOME

eliable Reports Are to Effect That Some Gaston County People Are Unlawfully Hoarding Foodstuffs, Especially Flour — County Food Administrator Armstrong Sur-prised That County Has Such Un-patriotic People in It—Investiga-tion Now Being Made and It's Pos-sible That State Food Administra-tor May Take a Hand and Stary tor May Take a Hand and Stars ons.

Certain people right here in patriotic Gaston county are guilty of violating the law by hoarding foodstuffs, especially flour. This fact was brought to the attention of the county food administrator, Col. C. B. Armstrong, yesterday. To a Gazette reporter Col. Armstrong stated that such violations would be investigated-in fact an investigation is now in progress. As a result it would not be surprising to learn of prosecutions being instituted in the county by State Food Administrator Page.

Just how many cases of violations of this character the investigation will turn up there is no way of knowing. It is not believed, however, that there will be found very many of them.

So far the most flagrant violations reported are in South Point township. It is learned that one farmer in that township has purchased and hauled home 12 barrels or about 2,400 pounds of flour. He has a small family-smaller than the average-and this amount of flour will last him 24 months-that is if he keeps it, which is althogether doubtful. Another farmer in the same township has bought and carried home five barrels or 1,000 pounds of flour, enough to supply his family for 11 or 12 months. It is understood that in both of these cases the farmers bought the entire lots from one firm. If this be true the firm as well as the purchasers is likely to get into trouble.

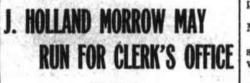
"There is plenty of foodstuff," said Col. Armstrong to The Gazette man yesterday, "and I cannot understand why anybody, and especially a farmer, would be so unpatriotic at this time as to be guilty of hoarding matter under consideration but had ent and everyone reported a pleasant

Reliable Reports Are to Effect That | linians who have been purchasing food commodities in larger quantities than their immediate requirements have a rude awakening coming to them.

Realizing that this practice would disarrange all calculations of availble food supplies and that it is selfish and unpatriotic in the extreme, the Food Administration is going after these fellows with gloves off. The co-operation of the United States Secret Service is being used in investigating this matter and Mr. Geo. H. Humber of the Food Administration's staff is also devoting a considerable part of his time to investigations.

State Food Administrator Henry A Page has ruled that flour shall be retailed to city or town consumers in quantities not exceeding half a barrel and to rural consumers in quantities not exceeding one barrel. These maximums are larger than are being allowed in most States. Sugar must be retailed in quantities not exceeding 10 pounds to the rural trade and 5 pounds to town or city trade.

The Food Administration frankly states that its desire is not to prosecute but to secure an enforcement of the law. Consumers who, because of ignorance or for other reasons have purchased food commodities in larger quantities than are allowed need fear no prosecution if they promptly distribute their surplus above the quantities allowed and report the matter, to their County Food Administrator or to the Food Administration at Raleigh. Those who attempt to hoard in spite of all warnings will be dealt with according to the law which provides a penalty of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment or both in addition to the confiscation of the goods hoarded.



Mr. J. Holland Morrow, a wellknown knight of the grip of Gastonia, is being talked of as a possible candidate for the position of clerk of the court. Numbers of Mr. Morrow's friends are urging him to make the race. Asked by The Gazette as to whether he was a candidate or not. Mr. Morrow stated that he had the not yet decided as to his course in time. the matter. Mr. Morrow is a native of Gastonia and has for a number of years past been a popular traveling salesman. He has a large number of friends over the county who will be interested in knowing that he is thinking of making this race.

Crouse Route One News.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CROUSE, Jan. 21. - The farmers of this section are behind with their farm work owing to the bad weather. Rev. M. L. Carpenter continues very ill. There is no hope for his re-

covery. Mr. Fred Carpenter, whose mules ran away with him some time ago, is improving. He is able to be up part of the time.

Miss Lula Bridges spent Saturday night with Misses Cletus and Odus aysour.

Master Raymond Carpenter, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Carpenter, has been right sick with pneumonia but is somewhat improved at present.

Mr. David Tate, of Gastonia, spent Saturday night with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Alexander.

Mr. George Brown, of Crouse, spent Saturday with his sister, Mrs. E. Carpenter, near Long Shoals. Mrs. Spargo Carpenter, Miss Cly-

dia Carpenter and Miss Lula Bridges were Gastonia shoppers Saturday. Miss Venia Carpenter spent the veek-end in Charlotte visiting relatives.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Carpenter was right sick the past week but is some better at this writing.

Miss Maud Huffstetler spent a few days last week with her aunt. Mrs. F. B. Carpenter.

Miss Audrey Kiser spent Saturday ith Mr. and Mrs. Julius Alexander. Mr. Clarence Carpenter, who is atending Dallas high school this year, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Mrs. Lucinda Hasting and little grandson spent Sunday with Rev. M.

Carpenter. Mr. Bud Farris is right sick with

pneumonia. Mr. Clay Kiser spent Sunday with Mr. L. H. Kiser.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Kiser spent Sunday with Mr. Jake Baker, who is very sick with heart trouble. Mr. Phillip Baker, who has a cancer on his face, is very low at present.

NEWS FROM ALEXIS.

fined \$5 and costs. Correspondence of The Gazette. ALEXIS, Jan. 21.-Saturday night fined \$5 and costs. Miss Lottie Abernethy gave a party at her home in honor of her guests, judgment suspended on payment of Misses Hettie Abernethy and Ora Lee costs. Mingus and Mr. Fred Mingus, of Charlotte. A large crowd was presfined \$5 and costs: tenced to 12 months in jail. Miss Virginia Moore spent Saturday and Sunday in Gastonia as the guest of Misses Mary and Cora Dixon. She returned home Sunday. Miss Carrie Emma Stroup, principal of the Rutledge school, passed through Alexis Friday on her way to Mount Holly where she spent the week-end with relatives and friends. Miss Sarah Moore, of Stanley, spent Friday here, the guest of Miss Virginia Moore.

OF MANSLAUGHTER

Trial of the criminal cases docket-

ed for the January term of Gaston

Superior Court consumed only two

days, Monday and yesterday. This

was due to the fact that the majority

of the cases were submissions, only

two or three being contested. The

most important case on the docket

was that of the State against Harley

Jackson for killing Ray Kirby. The

defendant pleaded guilty to a charge

of manslaughter and the evidence

was heard, only a short time being

required for this. Judge Webb an-

nounced that he would pass judg-

ment on Jackson later and the de-

fendant was remanded to jail pend-

ing the announcement of, his fate.

time.

pros with leave.

Pressley, f. and a., nol pros.

tense, nol pros with leave.

transporting liquor, nol pros.

nol pros with leave.

county.

No. 30-Ed Turner, false pretense

Nos. 37 and 38-Boyd Jenkins,

No. 44-Jim Kiser and Carl Short,

larceny; as to Kiser, costs paid and

judgment suspended, off: as to Short,

judgment suspended and defendant

discharged, costs to be taxed against

No. 56-Matthew Heavener, sell-

ing liquor, defendant pleads guilty,

prayer for judgment, judgment con-

tinued. Costs to be paid at this term.

No. 58-Charles Beach, gambling,

No. 59-Leonard Smith, gambling

No. 62. Walter Cathey, gambling,

No. 61-Bill George, gambling,

No. 67-Acey Jones, larceny, sen-



struck. A majority of these were

employed in the war industries, and

only small sections of them have re-

turned in answer to the bait of high-

er wages. The remainder, it is said,

are assuming a more than threaten-

ing attitude and daily are demanding

Rumanian stocks of grains are ex-

peace and cheaper food.

LATEST EVENTS IN WOMAN'S WORLD GENEVA, Jan. 22. - Some news U. D. C. MEETING of a reliable nature has begun to FRIDAY AFTERNOON. trickle across the Swiss frontier seem-The regular meeting of Gastonia ing to prove that Austria and Hungary are in the throes of the greatest economic crisis since the war be-

by

Chapter United Daughters of the Confederacy, will be held at 3:30 o'clock on Friday afternoon of this week in the chapter room at the Chamber of Commerce. Committees for the current year will be appointed gan. It is estimated that more than a million workmen and women have and other important items of business will come before the meeting. All members are urged to be present and to come prepared to pay their dues, which are payable at this meeting.

GAVE DINNER FOR CAPTAIN CHERRY.

It is stated that Hungary absolute-iy refuses to give cereals either to Austria or to Germany and that the At their home on South York street Sunday Mr. and Mrs. A: A. McLean gave a most delightful dinner in gave a most delightful dinner in honor of Capt. R. Gregg Cherry, commanding Company A, 115th Ma-chine Gun Battalion at Camp Sevier. The invited guests were Captain Cherry, Lieut. Dael, Lieut. Arright. Prof. W. P. Grier, Mr. E. D. McLean, Sgt. Robert S. McLean, and Mr. Avriett McLean. The occasion was greatly enjoyed by all present. Capt. Cherry returned to his command Monday. Monday.

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GAMBLE-NIVENS MARRIAGE.

Mr. Clyde Gamble, of the clerical force at Belks, and Miss Emma Lee Nivens were married last Tuesday at the home of the bride's father, Mr. J. M. Nivens, at Waxhaw, Union county. The ceremony was perform-ed by Rev. M. H. Vestal, pastor of the Methodist church there. The groom is a son of Mr. James Gamble, of Waxhaw, and has been with Belk's here for the past several months. Mr. and Mrs. Gamble re-turned to Gastonia Monday and are for the present at the Armington.

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TO ORGANIZE RED CROSS AUXILIARY.

The Gazette is requested to announce that on Friday afternoon of this week a meeting will be held at the Tanyard school house for the purpose of organizing a Red Cross Auxiliary. Mr. W. L. Balthis, of Gastonis, Chairman of the Gaston County Chapter, will be present and in charge of the meeting. This organization has been contemplated for some time, but has necessarily been postponed from time to time on account of the inclement weather. Twenty-six members, have already been enrolled and have paid their fees and only await formal organiza-tion. A meeting of the Tanyard Bet-

hausted. The military situation is Jackson killed his companion, Ray involved, and even endangered, Kirby, a few weeks ago in South Gasthe strikes, which continue. tonia. The evidence was to the effect that he was drinking at the HOW REGISTERED MEN Tomorrow morning the court will take up the civil docket, on which it will be engaged the remainder of this week and all of next week. Cases were disposed of as follows: No. 7-Henry Polk, f. and a., off. No. 8-Elisha Mull, Frank Thornburg and John Bridges, gambling, nol pros with leave. the military service by his local ex-

No. 12-Jess Triplett, burglary, No. 14-C. B. White, assault, nol No. 18-Tom Pressley and Anna No. 21-Will Truelove. false-pre-

SELECTIVE SERVICE REGULA-TIONS.

Section 150. Any registrant, not an alien enemy, whose order number is so low that he is not within the surrent quota of his local board, may be inducted immediately into military service on his own written request by complying with the following requirements: (a) If he is in Class II, III or IV, he shall file with his local board a waiver of all claims of deferred classications. (b) If he is in Class IV, on the ground of dependency, he must accompany his application and waiver with a waiver from those persons in behalf of whom he was so placed in Class IV. No waiver from children or persons non compos mentis shall be recognized by a local board. Upon receipt of such application

and waiver, the local board shall examine him physically and, if he is found qualified for military service, shall immediately induct him into such service by issuing, in respect of him, the usual order of "induction into military service, specifying the date desired by him (but not later than seven days after the date of his application) for induction into military service. The local board shall thereupon send him in the usuar manner to the nearest mobilization camp for assignment to duty, but not as or with any part of the current quota of such focalboard. Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing any local board to send less than the total quota called for from the local board composed entirely of registrants whose induction into military service was not advanced under the provisions of this section. Credits for such registrants so inducted into military service out of their order will be allowed to local boards on the quota called for next after their induction into military service.

MAY ENTER THE SERVICE Hereafter when a registered man applies for enlistment he will be mformed that he may be inducted into

emption board. His attention will be called to section 150, selective service regulations, and he will be directed to make written application to his local board for induction into military service.

flour or any other foodstuffs. Nobody is going to suffer. Of course, it's up to every person in the country to economize and save every ounce of foodstuff possible, but there's no use of anybody getting scared. If all the people who have the money to do it go out and buy up a lot of flour and other foodstuffs and hoard MAN ON THE STREET it, the man who is working for wages and who has to buy in small quantaties will have to suffer. It is to prevent that very thing that the food administration has laid down certain laws. Those who violate those laws are running a great risk. 1 hope that anybody who has been thinking of doing such things will decide right now not to do so. Such a decision will save them and the food administrator both trouble."

In this connection the two following communications from the office of State Food Administrator Henry A. Page at Raleigh are very timely:

BIG PENALTY PROVIDED.

Special to The Gazette.

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RALEIGH, Jan. 19. - As a result of a number of instances of large purchases of foodstuffs reported to it, the Food Adminstration has issued a letter to all retailers in North Carolina calling attention to the penalty fixed for hoarding. This penalty is a fine of \$5,000 or two years imprisonment, or both, togeth-er with the confiscation of the goods hoarded.

In the letter issued to dealers, Mr. Page calls the attention of the merchants to their own liability in the following paragraph.

"I have information that a number of our people, no doubt through ig-norance of the law and possibly following the custom of years, are purchasing larger quantities of foodstuffs then they require for a reasonable period, and I am writing this letter to you in their interest and also for your protection-because any merchant who sells excessive amounts of foodstuffs with knowledge that they are in excess of the requireats of the purchaser for a reasonable time is aiding and abetting the violator of the law and makes him-self liable."

Hoarding is foolish, sefish and all but traitorous because the Food Ad-ministration is keeping accurate re-cords of the available supply of all foodstuffs in this country and are releasing it for export only as fast as it may be sent after home requirements are provided for.

GOING AFTER HOARDERS WITH. GLOVES OFF.

Special to The Gazette. RALEIGH, Jan. 21. - North CaroHAD 9 1-2 DOZEN EGGS

A man with nine and a half dozen eggs all in one basket is counted a regular Croesus at the present time. John D. Rockefller, Andrew Carnegie and all the bloated bondholders haven't a thing on him right now. According to the egg-standard Gastonia has a millionaire in the person of Mr. Mose Mauney, the drayman. He sauntered down town this morning from his home in West Gastonia. carrying a water bucket full of fine fresh eggs, nine and a half dozen. Strange to say he did not have a body guard and was not set upon by an egg-hungry mob, but he neverthe-less attracted no small amount of attention. Mr. Mauney was enroute to the Armington hotel where he delivered the eggs, receiving therefor 70 cents per dozen or \$6.65 for the bucketfull. The retail price of eggs, however, is 75 cents.

"I remember the time", said Mr. Mauney to The Gazette man this morning, "when I bought three dozen eggs for ten cents, and I'm not a hundred years old yet by several months". Mr. Mauney has about 300 hens and gets about 50 eggs per day. Of course, during the prosent severe weather, his hens are not do-ing much laying. "We have six eggs for breakfast every morning," he said, whereupon the poultry editor, who handn't eaten an egg since Heck was a pup, fainted and had to be carried to the hospital.

Mr. Van Sleen Honored.

At the eleventh annual meeting of the North Carolina Optometric Sociavice-president. The 1919 meeting will be held in Winston-Salem.

Goes to Charlotte.

Yesterday's Charlotte Observer says: "Rev. C. G. Lynch has severed his relations with Paw Creek and Coeks Memorial churches and has ac-cepted the pastorate of St. Pauls church, this city. A committee was yesterday appointed by Mecklenburg presbytery to install the new pastor.

G. W. Hatch, superintendent of the Piedmont Electric Railway Com-pany at Burlington, was killed yes-terday when he came into contact with a live wire carrying 500 volts.

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Messrs. J. A. Moore and F. L. Howard spent a short while today in Stanley on business.

Miss Lula Belle Black, a teacher In the iron graded school, was a weekend visitor with her sister, Miss Edna Black, of the Alexis graded school faculty.

Mr. Web Clippard and sister, Miss Sallie Clippard, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Howard, Sunday. Mrs. Lewis Ballard was a visitor

here Sunday. Little Fred Clippard, who has been confined to his bed for some time, is omewhat better.

Mrs. J. M. Ballard fell Sunday and hurt her shoulder very badly. Although Mrs. Ballard received a very bad fall it has not proved very serious thus far.

Mr. and Mrs. Guss, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Press Stroup here, returned to their home in Charlotte Sunday.

Friday night, the 25th, the Antonian Literary Society will debate the following query: "Resolved, the following query: "Resolved, That Congress should not have passed the present conscription law". This query promises to be very interesting for there are some good speakers on each side. The public is invited.

There is almost a sugar famine here. Sometimes the supply at the local stores gives out and then the people have to do without. On such occasions, of course, the meals are sweetless.



Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Jan. 23 .- Work on the sewerage system is progressing slowly. Owing to the cold weather and frequent snows the work has been somewhat delayed, but the hope is held out that the system will be in operation in a few weeks now.

The school is going on here as usual, although there is a need of more teachers. There have been no bursted pipes and coal enough to keep going has been obtained from the mills. Mr. Andrew Gullick, of Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., was at home Sunday and Monday. He reported that all of the boys in camp rom Belmont were getting along all right.

The many friends of Mr. H. A. Query are glad to know that he has been placed in the officers training camp at Camp Jackson. If he com-pletes the training successfully, he will be given a commission.

No. 68-John Rivers, larceny, fined \$25 and costs, and to pay prosecutor \$25.

No. 71-E. E. Wright, transporting liquor, nal pros with leave.

No. 74-Ben Goodson, tresspassing, fined \$15 and costs. No. 75-Wesley Crawford, carry-

ing concealed weapons, fined \$50 and costs.

No. 77-F. M. Pennington, transporting liquor, fined \$25 and costs. No. 46-Will Weaver, false pre-

tense, nol pros with leave. Nos. 63 and 64-Shug Fog and Emma Hall, assault, judgment suspended on payment of costs.

No. 65-Harley Jackson, murder, pleaded guilty to manslaughter. Plea accepted by the State.

No 66-John Pressley and Oscar Davis, enticing labor, nol pros. No. 69-Frank Haywood, assault,

three months on roads. No. 72-Lillie Horne, carrying concealed weapons, 30 days in jail.

sentence to take effect five days after January 22nd

No. 73-Ross Griffith, larceny, not guilty.

Married in Court House.

Magistrate J. R. Henderson, of Union, performed a marriage ceremony last Friday afternoon in the office of Register of Deeds O. B. Carpenter, at the court house, uniting in marriage Mr. Dah Harbin and Miss Cora Hoffman, both of Spencer Mountain. The ceremony was witnessed by several of the court house officials.

NEWS NOTES.

Haiti has forbidden the exports of foodstuffs to countries at war with the United States and countries associated with them in the war.

The Italian wheat crop for 1917 was 30 per cent below the average. The year of 1917 established new high production records for corn, oats, rye. white and sweet potatoes, tobacco, beans, and onions.

Arrangements have been made for some relaxation of restrictions on the export of foodstuffs to Cuba, whose people are greatly dependent upon the United States for their food supply. Among the exports which may be licensed in limited quantities are condensed milk, butter and cheese. pork and pork products, beef and bee fproducts, and dried fruits.

The 16 cantonments built for the training of soldiers cost \$134,000.-000, with a net profit to contractors of 2.98 per cent.

Government estimates of the production of petroleum in the United States in 1917 place it at nearly 14 per cent greater than any previous year.

A second training camp will be held at Porto Rico, starting February 1. The attendance of 400 will be selected from citizens and residents of Porto Rico.

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Well Whitewashed.

Washington Star.

committees.

"I don't object to your marrying that young representative, Emily, but I'm afraid he doesn't stand very high in the political world." "Oh, yes, he does, mother. He's already been investigated by five

A Patriotic Vision.

You do not seem to know that he must fail who appeals to the cowardice of the American people. Step out of the way of the nation that marches with firm step and a proud heart after the martial drumbeat of her destiny. She feels that the struggle of ages compresses itself into the portentous crisis of this hour. It is for coming centuries she fights; and already she sees before her what was once a patriotic dream rise into magnificent, sunlit reality !- Carl Schurz, 1864.

Islands Made for Silence.

Iona is the most fertile and beautiful of the Hebrides of which there are some 500 scattered about the waters to the west of Scotland, an exchange states. Only about 100 of these islands are inhabited at all, and the greater part of these latter support less than a dozen people each. It is a region of rain and mist, with rare clear days that are like the infrequent laugh of a sad but kindly nature-god. The atmosphere of the archipelago is made for dreams and silence. It seems

out of the modern world.

An Old Idea.

The type of man who feels he has discharged his obligations as a husband when he provides his wife with a place to do housework for her board is not uncommon.—Topeka Capital.

terment Association will be held on the same afternoon.

. . . FOSTER-MARTIN ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Handsomely engraved announcement cards reading as follows have been received here: Mr. and Mrs. William Davidson Martin have the honour of announcing the marriage of their daughter Mary Marshall

to Major Leo Frank Foster United States Army on Tuesday the fifteenth of January

one thousand, nine hundred and eighteen

at one hundred and seventy-five Lafayette Avenue Brooklyn, New York

The bride is a niece of Mrs. J. Graham McLean, of Gastonia. Her father, a native of Gaston county, is a prosperous business man of Brooklyn.

SLANDERED RED CROSS.

Proprietor of Milnor, N. D., Bowling Alley Held for Trial Charged With Spreading Malicious Lies.

Red Cross Briefs, Atlanta, 10th. Claus Gunderson, proprietor of a bowling alley at Milnor, N. D., has been arrested by United States Marshal S. J. Doyle and will be arraigned before a Federal Commissioner at Wahpeton.

Gunderson is charged with slandering the Red Cross by spreading malicious reports concerning the activities of the organization and of persons connected with it.

His prosecution is the first undertaken by Government officials against those who, it is alleged, by circulating false reports concerning the Red Cross, are hampering the war work of that organization. Hundreds of rumors are being circulated every day, most of them assertions that Red Cross knitted garments are not being given to the soldiers, but are being sold to them and offered for sale on the open market.

Reports of every such rumor, together with the name of the man or woman retailing ft as true, will be placed in the hands of Federal investigators by Red Cross workers hearing the story. Other prosecutions throughout the division are expected. Already Federal officials are checking more than a score of such rumors .-From Northern Division Bulletin, December 3.

Boom in African Trade.

Atlanta Journal.

"The wristwatch has done much for our trade."

"Where is your trade?" "It is mainly in Africa. Former we couldn't sell a native a watch is cause he wore no pockets to carry in."