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GASTONIA, N. C. WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 27, 1918.

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

## 78 MORE MEN CALLED FOR EXAMINATION FRIDAY

Registrants called for physical examination for Friday, March 1st, 1918:

Benjamin Lieber, 667.  
Robert E. Lineberger, 1155.  
Thomas Glenn Summey, 1213.  
Bright Randle, 1299.  
John James, 1525.  
Sam M. Cox, 1535.  
Jasper Robt. Andrew, 1595.  
Clarence Taylor Smith, 1815.  
Frederick Scott Weitzell, 1896.  
Thomas Berry Glover, 1909.  
William Worth Carpenter, 1916.  
Judson Lingle Shannon, 1919.  
Charlie Allen, 1931.  
George C. Huffstetter, 1933.  
Penze Stack, 1973.  
Renny Alexander Farrar, 2040.  
Justus James Friday, 2098.  
Dorus Sidney Costner, 2122.  
Ralph Davis Arrowood, 2137.  
Wesley Hagood Nolen, 2169.  
Raymond Walter Horseley, 2175.  
Charlie Spurgeon Moss, 2237.  
Samuel Oscar Kiser, 2298.  
John Armstrong Gaston, 2386.  
Walter George Lineberger, 2427.  
Edwin Adkins Rogers, 2467.  
Dorus Meek Dellinger, 2475.  
Charlie Hall Fisher, 2486.  
Brady Henderson, 2491.  
David Alexander Morrow, 2501.  
Grier Webb Snead, 2541.  
Lawrence Loyd Stroup, 2546.  
Jesse Theron Allen, 2577.  
Ocran Homesly, 2645.  
Ollie Calvert, 2730.  
Robert Richard Van Dyke, 2737.  
Floyd Chester Todd, 2786.  
John Neely Wright, 2790.  
David Webb Beam, 2881.  
Joe Knight, 2919.  
Burton Jerome Hovis, 2939.  
Claude H. Keener, 2975.  
John Daniel Mitchem, 2985.  
Lee Andrew Jenkins, 2987.  
Will John Loughlin, 3004.  
Marvin Thomas Poovey, 3011.  
William Grover Huffstetter, 3016.  
Robert Patrick Huffstetter, 3051.  
Earley Heater, 3064.  
Hugh Claud Love, 3152.  
Earle Neely Lewis, 3200.  
Carl Stroup, 3242.  
Felix Edward Miller, 3283.  
James Gus Jackson, 3317.  
Jacob Lemuel Ferris, 3319.  
Banks White, 3332.  
Worth Claudius Carpenter, 3462.  
Charles F. Thomasson, 3498.  
David Sylvanus Van Dyke, 3522.  
Clyde Clarence Summey, 3527.  
George Wilson Riddle, 3540.  
Eli Abernathy, 3680.  
James Everett Hoffman, 3709.  
George Wright, 3714.  
Giles Anderson Hager, 3739.  
Evan Leroy Brown, 3748.  
Hope Falls, 3748.  
Isaac Harris Boyd, 3753.  
Raph Cornett Howe, 3768.  
Dorus Hillard Warlick, 3822.

**COLORED.**  
Geo. Washington Dixon, 601.  
Hovie Kirksey, 1810.  
Robert Jackson, 1977.  
Henry Floyd, 2506.  
Wayne Brooks, 3425.  
Grover Armstrong, 3467.  
Cleo Lee, 3639.  
Jess Moore, 3784.

The above registrants are hereby notified to report at the office of the Local Exemption Board rooms 201-202 Realty Building on the date and hour notified.  
Local Board for the County of Gaston.  
Per H. B. Lineberger, Clerk.

## New Hope News Notes.

Correspondence of The Gazette.  
NEW HOPE, Feb. 26.—If the weather remains favorable people of this section will soon be making garden.

Miss Ethel Stowe and Mr. Fred S. Rhine spent Friday at the home of Miss Stowe. Mr. Rhine left Saturday for Camp Jackson.

Alfred, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Suggs, is quite ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Ford spent Sunday with Mrs. Ford's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Jackson.

Mr. and Mrs. Curther Dunn and Mr. and Mrs. John Craig were the guests Sunday of Mrs. T. T. Craig.

There will be preaching at New Hope Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock followed by a congregational meeting.

## GAVE A WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON.

At her home on Main street in Belmont last Friday afternoon, February 22, Mrs. A. G. Lineberger entertained a few of her friends at a beautifully appointed six course luncheon. Covers were laid for nine. The table was lovely with its handsome silver, sparkling cut glass and its decorations of pure white spring flowers. The place cards were United States flags on a white ground, a reminder of our country and the birthday of its founder.

Those fortunate enough to enjoy Mrs. Lineberger's hospitality were Mesdames Marvin Crawford, Cora Hand, R. B. Suggs, R. L. Stowe, Mary Guelt, George W. Howe and W. B. Pulick.

## GERMANY HAS REFUSED TO GRANT AN ARMISTICE.

Petrograd, Feb. 26. (British Admiralty, per Wireless Press.)—"Germany has formally refused to grant an armistice and German detachments continue to advance." says an official statement issued today. "Resistance thus becomes the principal task of the revolution."

## TODAY IS WHEATLESS DAY TOMORROW One Wheatless and One Meatless Meal

## TWELVE KILLED IN SOUTHERN WRECK

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25.—Ten persons were killed outright, two died of injuries and between 25 and 35 others were more or less seriously injured when train No. 42 of the Southern Railway from Asheville to Spartanburg crashed into the rear of train No. 18 from Greenville near Frost's station, five miles north of here this afternoon.

The bodies of the 10 persons killed in the wreck were brought to Columbia at 6 o'clock tonight. None of the dead have yet been identified. The injured, 14 of whom are said to be hurt seriously, are in hospitals here.

The dead and injured were all passengers on train No. 18. There were no injuries or casualties among the passengers on train No. 42.

The rear coach on train No. 18 was a steel coach and the force of the collision telescoped this coach half way through the coach ahead which was wooden.

The dead are all men and are said to have been occupying a smoking compartment.

None of the train crews was hurt except J. O. Meredith, of train No. 18, who is reported seriously injured.

A special train has brought the injured to the hospitals here, all of which are taxed to their capacity.

All of the dead and seriously injured are white. State Factory Inspector Bonner is reported among the seriously injured.

## LIST OF DEAD.

Columbia, S. C., Feb. 25.—W. C. Tomlinson, of Durham, N. C., a brother of Mrs. Cameron Morrison, of Charlotte, N. C., was one of those killed in the collision of No. 42 and No. 18, near here late this afternoon.

The dead are:  
J. B. Marshall, Anderson, S. C.  
P. Frank Baxter, contractor, Newberry, S. C.

M. A. Leaman, traveling salesman, Atlanta, Ga.

Otis P. Brodie, Wagener, S. C.

J. F. Mathias, address unknown.

H. L. Ivester, Ware Shoals, S. C.

Joe F. Moats, Newberry, S. C.

W. C. Tomlinson, Durham, N. C.

Mrs. Sarah Ellen Johnson, Columbia, S. C.

Albert Altias, traveling salesman, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## THE INJURED.

Among the known injured are:  
Capt. J. O. Meredith, conductor on train No. 18.

J. G. Kelly, Holly Hill, S. C.

H. J. Morrison, news agent on Greenville train.

J. C. Franklin, Atlanta, Ga.

Mrs. Sarah L. Knight, Columbia.

Robt. E. Leavell, Newberry, S. C.

J. H. Brown, Westminster, S. C.

A. K. Kirby, Greenville county, South Carolina.

Ruskin Anderson, Seneca, S. C.

Mrs. W. M. Robertson, St. Matthews, S. C.

## Injured in Wreck.

Among the passengers injured in the wreck on the Southern Railway near Columbia, S. C., Monday afternoon, in which several were killed and many hurt, was Mr. A. M. Kirby, of Princeton, S. C., a nephew of Mr. A. J. Kirby, of Gastonia. A telegram from the young man's father, Mr. C. S. Kirby, of Pelzer, S. C., to Mr. A. J. Kirby this morning stated that the young man had his left leg broken and sustained minor flesh wounds. He is now in a hospital at Columbia and his father is with him. Mr. Kirby had just enlisted in the army and was en route to Savannah, Ga., to enter the service.

## R. S. PLONK.

A dispatch from Kings Mountain dated Sunday says: "Mr. R. S. Plonk, Sr., one of the most prominent citizens of this county, died at his home here this morning at six o'clock. For the last few years he had suffered much with asthma. The funeral will be conducted tomorrow, Monday, afternoon at the house at 2:30 by his pastor, Rev. C. K. Bell, and the body will be buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Mr. Plonk was campaign manager for Congressman E. Y. Webb for a number of years, was county commissioner of Cleveland county for eight years, and was for a number of years alderman of Kings Mountain, and also served as mayor of the town.

"He was 51 years of age last June. About 30 years ago he was married to Miss Mollie Mobley, of Reidsville, who survives with several children.

The following brothers and sisters survive: J. C. Plonk, Cherokee Falls, S. C.; M. L. and W. L. Plonk, of Kings Mountain; Miss Mattie Plonk, of Cherokee Falls, S. C., and Tom Plonk, whereabouts unknown."

Read "Over the Top."

## ARLINGTON MILL COMPLETELY REORGANIZED

The final step in the largest single financial deal that has ever been consummated in Gastonia was taken yesterday when a complete reorganization of the Arlington Cotton Mills was perfected. As recently noted in The Gazette the Separk-Gray interests purchased the entire holdings in this property of L. F. Groves, of Asheville. Something over 900 shares were involved and the total amount involved was approximately \$400,000.

New officers were chosen as follows: President, J. Lee Robinson; vice president, S. N. Boyce; secretary and treasurer, J. H. Separk; general superintendent, J. L. Gray; directors, J. Lee Robinson, S. N. Boyce, J. H. Separk, J. L. Gray, D. R. LaFar, H. M. Cleveland and Dr. C. E. Adams.

The Arlington has long been one of Gastonia's leading textile plants and its product is greatly in demand because of its quality. Under the new ownership and management it promises to experience even a larger business than heretofore.

## WAR AND INSANITY.

Much Being Done to Prevent and Cure Mental Diseases in the Army.

Insanity in all armies is much higher than among civilians according to Major Pearce Baily of the Medical Reserve Corps, U. S. A., in a paper read before the American Public Health Association. Among civilians insanity may ordinarily be taken as about 1 per 1000 annually but in armies, it is usually about 3 per 1000 during peace times while during war times, it frequently goes up to 6 or 8 or even more per 1000. Fortunately, however, the recovery rate in the army is about 70 per cent while the recovery rate among civilians is only about 20 to 25 per cent.

In making preparations for our present war conditions strenuous efforts have been made to secure the best specialists in these diseases and to get a corps of nurses who have had previous training in connection with such patients. Special hospitals, quiet rest homes for our boys suffering from shell shock and every other necessary precaution, is being taken to safeguard our soldiers and according to the Major the recovery rate may be confidently expected to be very large.

By reason of the fact that it costs so much these days to equip, train, transport and supply a soldier at the front, our army medical authorities are taking every possible practical precaution to weed out all the men who might possibly succumb to mental diseases at the front. By means of unique mental tests from 3 to 5 per cent of the volunteers coming to recruiting depots are found unfit, while even in officers' training camps from 1-2 to 2 per cent are eliminated in order to insure the minimum loss at the front from such disorders.

## Born

On Sunday, February 24, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Wilson, of the Union section, a daughter.

On Sunday, February 24, 1918, to Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Abernethy, a son.

## TO GIVE GAAND CONCERT FOR BENEFIT RED CROSS

The Gastonia Music Club, will present in concert Miss Jane Morris, artist pupil of Ralph Leech Sterner, and Mr. Marion Budd Walker, Tuesday evening, March the fifth, at the graded school auditorium.

Miss Morris has just completed the artist's course at the New York School of Music and Arts.

Prior to her work in New York she was an artist pupil of Mr. Overcash in Charlotte. Mr. Ralph Leech Sterner of the New York School of Music and Arts says of her: "It gives me great pleasure to say that Miss Morris was a pupil of mine and possesses a splendid dramatic soprano voice of great range and beauty of tone. Those hearing her in any musical event whatsoever will be charmed by her manner and profit by her splendid voice."

Madam de Lopaz, a teacher and coach of Grand Opera singers in original languages, says of Miss Morris: "I find she has, in addition to her beautiful voice of wonderful power, deep feeling and dramatic ability which will make her a great artist."

Mr. Marion Budd Walker, of Chester, S. C., who is to assist, has been a pupil of Mr. Sterner's for the past five years and during that time has done much public singing. Since last June Mr. Sterner has presented these singers in various concerts in New York and they all did themselves and the school great credit.

An interesting programme has been arranged for Tuesday's concert and will be given in Friday's Gazette.

## UNIVERSITY NEWS.

Special to the Gazette.

Chapel Hill, N. C., Feb. 26.—With only a month before the tripartite debates over the State, the North Carolina Debating Union is hard at work preparing for the final event. Secretary E. R. Rankin reports a great amount of interest in this year's contest, and also in the athletic events which will be held at the same time during High School Week, April 11-12.

So far 300 separate high schools have entered the debating contest. Many of the counties have many schools entered. Robeson has 11, Mecklenburg 10, Buncombe 9, Guilford 8, Alamance and Wake 7 each, Davidson 6, Durham 6, Gaston 6, Iredell 6, Johnston 6, Moore 6, Pitt 6, Rowan 6, Scotland 6, Union 6, Wayne 6, Bladen, Duplin and Northampton 5. The following seven counties are the only ones without any representation: Brunswick, Hertford, Jackson, Jones, Madison, Mitchell and Watauga.

Preparations are being made vigorously in the schools for the approaching contest and the indications are that this year's contest will be one of the most successful in the history of the Union.

## 28 NEGRO SOLDIERS FACE COURT MARTIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., Feb. 26.—Twenty-six negro soldiers of the 512th engineer service battalion are in the guardhouse at Camp Pike awaiting court-martial as a result of a riot in a mess hall at the camp today. A white non-commissioned officer suffered a painful, but not serious, scalp wound.

Read "Over the Top."

## FORMIDABLE GAS ATTACKS MADE BY GERMANS

Three American Soldiers Killed and Nine Badly "Gased"—U. S. Batteries Heavily Bombarded.

With the American Army in France, Feb. 26, (By the Associated Press.)—Three American soldiers were killed and nine badly "gased" in two formidable gas attacks made by the Germans on the American position in the Toul sector early this morning with projectors.

The enemy also heavily bombarded the American batteries with gas shells but without result.

Only the excellent preparatory training in quickness by the American troops prevented the projector attacks, the first experienced by them, from causing more casualties.

The attacks were made within 10 minutes of each other and were directed at a certain wood. Seventy-five eight-inch shells of 80 per cent gas and 20 high explosive shells were fired from German minenwerfer. The flight of the projectiles was traced through the air, the gas shells bursting in the air and the high explosives detonating when they came in contact with the earth. Large fragments of shells flew from both missiles.

The gas caught some of the men before they were able to adjust their masks and overcame others while they were asleep in dugouts.

## Wants Students' Names.

President Wallace Carl Riddick, of the North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering at West Raleigh, is preparing a list of all former students of his college with the address and occupation of each. Every man who has at any time attended the college is requested to mail to the president a card bearing his full name, his full postal address, and his occupation. We understand that the college has always located its graduates once a year, and this is only another step in which President Riddick manifests his interest in all of the men who have attended this great technical college.

## TO REGULATE PRICE OF COTTON AND CLOTHING.

Washington, Feb. 26.—A bill designed to regulate the price, manufacture and distribution of cotton, wearing apparel, hides, leather, wool, farm implements and fertilizer was introduced today by Representative Ayres, Democrat, of Kansas. It would give the President virtually the same power to control these commodities that he has for the control of fuel and food.

## JERICOHO CAPTURED.

(By International News Service.) LONDON, Feb. 22.—The capture of Jericho in southern Palestine by the British is announced by the war office today.

## Kills Charlotte Salesman and Then Commits Suicide.

Charlotte, Feb. 25.—W. L. Bush, a tea merchant, shot and killed Mack Wilkinson, a furniture salesman, here this morning, and then turned the revolver to his own head and blew out his brains. The men were alone in the rear of the tea store and the direct cause of the tragedy is unknown. Wilkinson was shot in the back of the head and was dead when men near the store, hearing the shooting, went in to investigate. Bush lived for an hour. Bush was married.

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## Safety First.

"Wilberforce," severely said Mrs. Lynne Wood, "if you throw stones again at that little Tutherford boy I shall punish you. If you must throw stones at anybody throw them at the garbage man. He has nothing that we want to borrow."—Kansas City Star.

An advertisement in The Gazette reaches more people for the cost than you can reach in any other possible way. Rates on application.

## Making Corks Like New.

After corks have been used a while they sometimes become so compressed that the contents of the bottle leak out. This may be remedied by putting the corks in boiling water and leaving them there until the water cools. They will then be as good as new and fit just as tightly.

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## NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

At the present time, owing to the great congestion of the railway and mail service due to the war, a delay in the delivery of The Gazette occurs now and then. It is impossible to prevent it. All newspapers and periodicals are suffering in the same manner. All of us must endure inconvenience. Wait a little before sending in a complaint.

## JAPAN NOW READY TO GET INTO THE WAR

(By International News Service.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—Japan is about ready to take her full part in the war. High diplomatic representatives of the Entente powers are convinced of this fact today. It is understood here that the conference now in progress at Tokio will decide what action the latest Russian developments have forced upon Nippon.

Pending this decision definite knowledge of what is to be expected are unobtainable, but officials of the diplomatic units believe a Japanese army will be sent through Siberia against Germany and will support the loyal Russians. It is expected they will refuse to subscribe to the shameful peace being imposed upon them by the Bolsheviks. It is considered that they must interfere in Russia at once.

Meantime officials are considering carefully the editorial in The London Times today which urges the Entente not to fall to support Japan in refusing the offers of the Germans.

## MONUMENT TO CAPT. BELL.

Mr. John F. Schenck is Undertaking a Most Commendable Work. Cleveland Star.

Mr. John F. Schenck, of Lawndale, a former student under the late Captain W. T. R. Bell is undertaking to raise a fund with which to build a monument to perpetuate the memory and mark the last resting place of this noble teacher who has students throughout the Piedmont Carolinas. Mr. Schenck is anxious to get the names and addresses of all of his old students, a contribution from each one and suggestions as to the amount they think should be raised and the method of raising it. When the fund is raised a committee of former students of Capt. Bell will be appointed to purchase the monument and have it erected. If, for any reason the proposition is not carried through, each contribution will be returned, less its proportionate part of the necessary expenses, such as postage, etc.

Mr. Schenck has had this matter in mind and on his heart for some time, but being overwhelmed with business cares, has had little time to devote to it until now, but he is determined to undertake it and see it through if possible.

Red Cross Benefit at Tanyard. Saturday evening, the 24th, a box party was given at Tanyard school house for the benefit of the Red Cross. A large crowd was present and every one seemed to enjoy himself. The boxes sold high and the amount received was \$40.55. Before the boxes were sold the people had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Steele and Miss Pickens speak on War Savings Stamps.

Read "Over the Top."

"MORE AND BETTER GARDENS." War Gardens in North Carolina This Year Would Save A Huge Sum — Food Administrator Page Pushing the Movement.

Special to The Gazette. RALEIGH, Feb. 25.—War Gardens in North Carolina last year saved North Carolina consumers \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000 which otherwise would have been spent for food products imported into the State from other sections and, in the opinion of health experts, saved tens of thousands of dollars in doctors' bills by improving the general health of the people through the increased variety in their diet.

"More Gardens and Better Gardens" is the motto for this year, and with the forces of the Food Administration and the Agricultural Extension service behind the movement there should be a further increase of several million dollars in the aggregate value of garden products.

State Food Administrator Henry A. Page calls upon the merchants of the cities and towns of North Carolina to adopt early in the season the policy of early afternoon closing and at least one half-holiday each week so as to enable all employees to cultivate gardens. A uniform policy of early closing and of a half-holiday one or two days during the week would not reduce the quantity of goods sold in any degree, and would result not only in an increased number of and production from gardens, but would result in better health and more efficient work by the employees in such stores.

This policy was adopted in the city of Raleigh and some other cities and towns of the State last year with wonderful results and it is expected that it will become a uniform and a universally adopted practice throughout the State this summer. Mr. Page is particularly anxious that it should be adopted in the various towns early enough to enable all clerks and other employees to prepare their gardens and have them seeded as early as the weather will permit.

Garden bulletins and plans may be secured from the Agricultural Extension Service at Raleigh without cost.

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## DAILY FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

### SUNDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

### MONDAY

Wheatless Day. One Meatless Meal

### TUESDAY

Meatless—Porkless. One wheatless meal.

### WEDNESDAY

All day wheatless. One meatless meal.

### THURSDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

### FRIDAY

One wheatless and one meatless meal.

### SATURDAY

Porkless day. One wheatless and one meatless meal.

HELP WIN THE WAR BY SAVING FOOD AND FUEL!