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EIGHTY-NINE REGISTRANTS FAIL TO REPORT

The following registrants who have been called for physical examination have failed to appear or to notify the board for reasons not appearing. The numbers following the names are the order numbers of the registrants and (c) means colored:

George Bird, (c) 4.
Carter Johnson (c) 65.
David Hobgood, 84.
Arthur Lee Holler, 156.
Alvin Matthews (c), 233.
Alphonzo L. Mauney, 523.
George Washington Dixon (c) 601.
Robert Murdock (c), 934.
Joseph Massey (c), 1024.
Charles Wesley Jenkins, 1031.
Garrison Simmons Gaither, 1177.
James William Coy (c), 1348.
Robert-Reid Dellinger, 1393.
James Wilson (c), 1414.
Richard Brannon (c), 1449.
William Suther Hager (c), 1451.
Earl Alfred Johnson (c), 1453.
Charles Erwin Featherston, 1460.
Edward Earl Jackson, 1505.
John James, 1525.
Sam Lawrence Walker, 1530.
Sam M. Cox, 1535.
Arthur Alexander Jones, 1545.
Lester Austin Springs, 1546.
Claude Edgar Long, 1555.
William McLean (c), 1588.
Furman Pace, 1639.
Hunter Columbus Morrow, 1646.
Ely Ray Clemmer, 1651.
Harley Jackson, 1671.
Robert Robert Byers, 1703.
Avery Sylvester Keener, 1704.
Nicholas Judson Hughes, 1757.
Randolph Robert Allison, 1839.
Rufus Vance Ormand, 1865.
Fred Mack Haas, 1868.
Frederick Scott Wetzell, 1896.
John Allison (c), 1898.
George Roper, 1911.
Floy Roberts, 1974.
Lawrence Plato Carroll, 2045.
Russell Moss (c), 2101.
Charles Greenberry Scates, 2132.
John DeBerry Kirk, 2229.
Thomas McCurry, 2241.
John G. Rhyme, 2255.
Stacy Lineberger, 2258.
William Davis, 2387.
Sampel Henry Johnson (c), 2457.
Edwin Atkins Rogers, 2467.
Ross Rhyme, 2473.
Amzi Foster (c), 2477.
Thomas Meek Wiley, 2487.
Burt Floyd (c), 2533.
Michael Mutz (c), 2563.
Amzi Williamson (c), 2633.
Harry Anderson (c), 2721.
John Clarence Miller, 2738.
Thomas Bolden Ford, 2743.
Al Holland (c), 2812.
Joe Knight, 2919.
William Hewett James (c), 2937.
Lee Andrews Jenkins, 2987.
William John Laughlin, 3004.
Aaron Jackson (c), 3061.
Edgar Bradshaw Bradley, 3098.
James Edward Campbell, 3103.
George Davidson (c), 3148.
Walter Cahill Burch, 3157.
Thomas Clinton Lingerfelt, 3272.
Edward Miller, 3283.
Alexander Brewer (c), 3310.
Edward Campbell, 3321.
Wayne Brooks (c), 3425.
Grover Armstrong (c), 3467.
John Filmore Frederick Johnson (c), 3472.
Ray Stuart, 3531.
Edward James Speagle, 3581.
Lester E. Graham, 3587.
John Pink Starnes, 3617.
Cleo Lee (c), 3639.
James Moffett (c), 3689.
Austin Howard Redden, 3710.
Montgomery Pasour (c), 3726.
John Samuel Miller (c), 3737.
John Henry Craig (c), 3750.
Thomas Gus Carr, 3771.
Doras Hillard Warlick, 3822.
Adullum Roberts (c), 3831.

The board will allow any registrants who have failed to appear to be examined Friday, March 8th, at 2 p. m. After Friday, registrants may be examined each Tuesday at 2 p. m. by arranging with the board.

The local board wishes to also notify the registrants who have failed to appear that a list will be turned over to the local police authorities and to the sheriff of the county as provided by law.

LOCAL BOARD OF GASTON COUNTY.

GENERAL BABBITT TO BE HERE TOMORROW

Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Chamber of Commerce and Mr. J. H. Kennedy, representing a special committee, went to Charlotte Friday and conferred with General Babbitt with reference to the proposed artillery range here. As a result of the conference General Babbitt and staff will be here tomorrow, if the weather is not too unfavorable, to finally close up the matter with the property owners. It is understood that the government has definitely decided to use this artillery range and it is further stated that the range will be in use within the next two weeks. Between 2,500 and 3,000 men will be at the range.

NEW HOPE CLUB TO MEET THURSDAY

We are requested by Mrs. John V. Hanna, the president, to announce that the New Hope Demonstration Club will meet on Thursday afternoon of this week, March 7, with Mrs. John Capps. It is important that all members should make a special effort to be present.

INVEST \$100 IN W. S. S. BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION IS PATRIOTIC

Association Secures Major Brown, of Camp Green, to Deliver Address Here on Health Night, Friday of This Week—Library Makes Splendid Report—Prizes Awarded to Auxiliary Associations—Full Report.

(Reported for The Gazette.)

The regular meeting of the Women's Betterment Association was held in the auditorium of the city graded school on Friday afternoon.

This was Reciprocity Day for the betterment and there was a large attendance and a lively and interesting meeting.

The president, Mrs. R. C. Warren, called the meeting to order and Mrs. B. T. Morris led in prayer. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the secretary, Mrs. W. C. Barrett.

Miss Ethel Harris, of the faculty of the city schools, delighted all by a vocal selection.

Various committees submitted their reports. The library committee announced donations from the mills of the city and certain individuals amounting to \$352. This will in part take the place of the annual dues that were formerly collected before the library was made free to the public.

Three new members were recommended by the membership committee and these were welcomed unanimously into the association.

The special committee appointed at the last meeting to investigate the matter of the betterment securing room in the hospitals of the city for charity purposes reported progress. Although a rather large undertaking for the association yet they hoped that a room, or at least a bed, might eventually be secured at each hospital for this purpose.

The treasurer, Mrs. G. W. Wilson, reported funds in hand amounting to \$146.56. It was moved that the association buy \$100 worth of War Savings Stamps.

Notice was given that Reciprocity Day for the fourth district of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs would be observed in Charlotte April 10th. Mrs. Clarence Johnston, State president, and a number of other distinguished visitors and speakers will be present. All the members of the Gastonia Betterment are expected to attend. A very strong program has been arranged for this important occasion and it is greatly hoped that there will be a full attendance on the part of the Gastonia women.

The Health Committee announced that Friday night of this week will be public health night, and that Major Brown, of Camp Greene, had been secured as the speaker of the evening. They urged that there be a large attendance not only of the betterment but all the people of the city. No pains have been spared to arrange a most interesting program for that evening. All the members were earnestly requested to exert every influence to secure a large audience on Friday night. It will be well worth while.

The next regular meeting in April will be a business meeting for the annual election of officers and hearing final reports for the year's work. A nominating committee was elected to report next meeting.

Reports were received from the auxiliary betterments of Modena, Lora and Trenton. Prizes were awarded to the auxiliaries making the greatest improvement along the lines of civic education and health. Prof. Sisk awarded the health prize, a five dollar gold piece, to the Modena betterment. Prof. Grier presented the prize of five dollars in gold for the prettiest flower garden to the Trenton association. The educational prize of the same amount was awarded by Mr. S. J. Durham to the Modena betterment.

At the conclusion of this full and interesting program the meeting adjourned.

BANK OF SEABOARD LEADS IN PURCHASE OF STAMPS.

Colonel Fries Advises State Banks to Buy from Federal Reserve Bank.

Special to The Gazette.

WINSTON-SALEM, March 4.—The Farmers' Bank of Seaboard and the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, lead all the banks in the State, in the number of War Savings Stamps they have purchased from the Federal Reserve Bank of this district. During the month of December, January and February, the Farmers' Bank of Seaboard purchased \$24,000 in Thrift and War Savings Stamps, and the Wachovia Bank & Trust Co. purchased \$35,535. This is according to a report of the sales to North Carolina banks made by the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. The First National Bank and the Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Elizabeth City together purchased \$18,050.

The amount purchased by the 55 or 60 North Carolina banks during these three months is \$216,199.75. However, this amount does not represent all the purchases of Stamps that have been made by the banks in the State, as many have bought Thrift and War Savings Stamps from the postoffices.

As to the plan of buying War Savings stamps from postoffices, Col. F. H. Fries, State director, advises the banks to buy from Federal Reserve Bank as Liberty Bonds or other collateral will be accepted, whereas to buy from postoffices requires a cash investment.

THIS IS A WHEATLESS DAY TOMORROW IS MEATLESS DAY

SERVICE FLAG UNVEILED AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

An interesting event at the First Presbyterian church yesterday was the presentation of a service flag which bears 36 stars to represent the names of 36 young men whom this congregation has thus far contributed to the cause of freedom. The presentation was made by Judge A. C. Jones on behalf of the Ladies Missionary Society of the church and was accepted for the congregation by the pastor, Rev. J. H. Henderlite. Both addresses were very appropriate and the event was one of great interest to the entire congregation.

The stars on the flag represent the names of the following young men:

Charles W. Adams.
Alex A. Armstrong.
Harry M. Bradley.
Clyde Brawley.
Arthur G. Caldwell.
James Caldwell.
E. R. Clemmer.
Harry Cobb.
Charles Costner.
Edwin Costner.
James L. Curry.
Elbridge M. Craig.
Giles Dameron.
Samuel R. Davidson.
Ben E. Douglas.
James W. Holland.
W. B. Hunter.
Leland Morris.
William S. Morris.
Hugh McCorkle.
Z. V. McQuade.
Alfred B. O'Neill.
Theorn B. Ormand.
Chester Rankin.
John O. Rankin, Jr.
J. P. Reinhardt.
Ralph Ray.
Otto Rhyme.
Clyde Riddle.
Meek Shannon.
Leslie M. Stanton.
Frank M. Stockton.
Earle Thomason.
Wille H. Thomason.
Ernest R. Warren.
Thomas Lee Warren.

There are two or three others who have gone from this congregation since the flag was made. Their names will be added later.

*Dead.

SEVEN HUNDRED KILLED. (By International News Service.)

LONDON, March 1.—Seven hundred, including one American, were killed in the collapse of a grand stand at Hong Kong Tuesday, said a dispatch received from that place today. One hundred were injured.

Doing Target Practice.

A note to The Gazette from Mr. H. A. Query, who is in the third officers' training school at Camp Jackson, says: "Doing target practice now and the phrase 'the scream of the shrapnel' has taken on a new meaning."

—Major A. L. Bulwinkle, of the 113th Field Artillery, Camp Sevier, spent Sunday with his family at Dallas.

DAILY FOOD CONSERVATION PROGRAM

SUNDAY

One wheatless meal.

MONDAY

Wheatless Day.

TUESDAY

Meatless—Porkless. One wheatless meal.

WEDNESDAY

All day wheatless.

THURSDAY

One wheatless meal.

FRIDAY

One wheatless meal.

SATURDAY

Porkless day. One wheatless meal.

HELP WIN THE WAR BY SAVING FOOD!

LOCAL POLICE GET TWO MORE DESERTERS

Two more deserters from the army have fallen into the dragnet of the local police department. Friday night about midnight Chief of Police Hord, Policeman Tom Rankin and Deputy Sheriff Madison Kendrick, captured Frank Coffey, who deserted several weeks ago from Battery E, 113th Artillery, at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. They got him at the home of a man named Fleming on the Union road some four or five miles south of Gastonia. Saturday night Deputy Sheriff Kendrick and Policeman Rankin caught James Allen, who deserted from Camp Greene several weeks ago. He was hiding at Spencer Mountain. Both men were brought to Gastonia, locked up in the city jail and the camp authorities notified.

HAS NOT MISSED A SUNDAY FOR TEN YEARS

Mr. J. A. Hunter has the proud distinction of having attained a record not held by any other Gastonian, so far as the records show. He has not missed a single Sunday at the First Presbyterian Sunday school for ten years yesterday. The event was commemorated yesterday morning when Mr. Hunter was presented by the school with a handsome pendant badge consisting of a pin, a wreath and eight bars; the pin representing the first year, the wreath the second and the others the eight additional years. The presentation speech was made by Rev. J. H. Henderlite, pastor of the church. Mr. Hunter has held the office of assistant secretary and librarian of the Sunday school for this entire period. His record is one of which he is justly proud.

THIS IS CLEAN-UP WEEK IN GASTONIA

This is Spring Clean-Up Week under the auspices of the civics committee of the Gastonia Woman's Betterment Association. Arrangements have been made by the committee with the city authorities to begin hauling the trash Wednesday. On account of the spring-like weather now prevailing, which is hastening garden work, it is desirable that all premises be cleaned up at once. The committee hopes that the citizens of the town will co-operate with them in this work and that they will at once collect all rubbish and place it in barrels or other containers at places where the wagons can get it easily.

CHINA TO CO-OPERATE ALSO.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, March 1.—Both China and Japan may send troops into Siberia to prevent any German coup in the far East, according to a Shanghai dispatch printed in The Post. According to this dispatch the Chinese newspapers predict that China will co-operate and will send about four divisions of troops.

Attend the Red Cross concert Tuesday night.

OUR FIRST SACRIFICE GASTON BOY IS KILLED IN FRANCE

Clarence Mauney, Aged 19, Son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mauney, of Gastonia, Accidentally Killed in France—Enlisted Last May—Member of Company M, 16th Regiment—No Particulars as to Accident—Buried in France.

Gaston has lost her first soldier in France in the person of Clarence Mauney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mauney, of Gastonia. Mr. Mauney received a telegram Friday night from the War Department notifying him that his son was killed accidentally in France on February 27th. No particulars were given.

The news of young Mauney's death at the front was received with sadness here as the public was thus brought face to face with the fact that the future holds more announcements of a similar nature.

Young Mauney was born March 28, 1899, and would have consequently have been 19 years old this month. He ran away from home the first of last May and enlisted in the regular army at the Charlotte recruiting office. For some time his father did not know where he was. The first news his homefolks received from him he was stationed in New York. An effort was made by his father to get him out of the army but he found that he could not do so unless the young man himself wanted out, which was evidently not the case. His parents live at the Armstrong Mill here. A brother, William B. Mauney, is in the army also, being a member of Co. A, 116th Machine Gun Battalion, Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. Deceased was a member of Company M, 16th Regiment, regular infantry.

The regiment of which Mauney was a member evidently reached France about the middle of December. In a letter received from him recently by his mother, dated January 9th, he stated that they had been in France about three weeks.

An effort was made by young Mauney's father to have the body brought back home for burial but the War Department stated that the bodies of all American soldiers who die or are killed in France will be buried there and the graves properly marked so the bodies can be brought home after the war.

Following is an extract from the letter referred to above:

Dear Mother:

I received your kind and welcome letter some time ago but this is the first time I have had a chance to answer it. I am a busy boy these days. Well, at last, I am in France. I have been here for some three weeks now and it doesn't seem much different from America. I am now transferred again to the regulars, 16th Regiment. This was the first regiment over here and the first to go into the trenches. Maybe the next time they go I'll go, too. This is not the Sunny France you read about. Today is the first day the sun has shone since I got here. The snow is about a foot deep and it is pretty cold.

I met Reed Merrill and Ira Kiser. They are in this outfit. They came over before we did. It's rather nice to wish you a merry Christmas or a happy New Year, so I will close for this time.

CLARENCE MAUNEY,
Co. M, 16th Infantry, A. E. F.

TWO BLOCKADE STILLS CAPTURED NEAR BELMONT

Magistrate S. S. Morris was called out of bed at 3 o'clock this morning to give a preliminary hearing to Barney Wilson and his nephew, Beech Wilson, who were charged with violating the laws of the State by manufacturing whiskey. They were held for trial at the next term of Gaston Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases in bond of \$500 each. Barney Wilson gave a cash bond of that amount. Beech Wilson, in default of bond, was committed to the county jail.

The men were captured by Deputy Sheriff J. W. Cole, of Mount Holly, and Policeman R. H. Mings, of Belmont, about 1 o'clock this morning. They were operating two stills about five miles from Belmont in South Point township. The officers brought with them the two stills, one of 50 gallons capacity and the other of 40 gallons. They also captured nine barrels and two crates of beer.

These men have been living in the South Point section for about 10 years, having moved to this section from Georgia. They have been engaged in farming.

—Don't forget that Friday night is health night. Address by Major Brown of Camp Greene at the Central school auditorium. Everybody should attend.

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.

CAPT. HOBSON MADE GREAT PROHIBITION SPEECH

Capt. Richmond Pearson Hobson, hero of the Merrimac, former Congressman and for eighteen years in the United States Navy, delivered at the Central school auditorium Friday night what is generally considered to have been the best prohibition address ever heard here. Capt. Hobson was heard by a large and very attentive audience. He was introduced by Mr. S. J. Durham, of the local bar, who reviewed briefly the wonderful transformation that has been wrought in Gaston county. He pictured its change from the banner whiskey making county of the State to the banner textile manufacturing center of the United States and the driest territory in the country.

There was not a trace of humor or levity in Capt. Hobson's entire address. The fact that he could hold an audience as he did without practicing any of the subtleties of the orator's art was a tribute to his ability as a genuine orator. The subject was a serious one and he treated it in a serious manner.

According to the speaker the present hour is the most crucial in the history of our country because the winning of this great war in which we are now engaged may depend upon America being a dry nation. The Central Powers, great drinkers before the war, are now dry. On the other hand our Allies, England and France, are anything but dry. They are using grain furnished by America from which to make intoxicating drinks which are being used by their soldiers. If America quits making and drinking liquors and wines we can stop the manufacture and sale of these articles in the countries of our Allies. It is going to take sober fighters to win this war, he declared.

Capt. Hobson discussed the drink evil almost altogether from a scientific standpoint. He gave startling facts and figures to show to his hearers just what whiskey does for a man's body and his mind. He told of the terrible consequences which people suffer to the third and fourth generation and on down the line because their fathers drank. These results follow not drunkenness only but moderate drinking as well. The great war now going on is being waged because men have been brutalized; and whiskey is the great brutalizing agent. If the peoples of the world had been sober this war would not have come upon us.

It is safe to say that Capt. Hobson's address made a more profound impression upon Gastonians than any address ever heard here on this subject. He drove home with sledgehammer blows the great necessity for America putting whiskey forever out of its bounds. He put many people to thinking who had doubtless never given the subject any very great amount of consideration.

MOMENTUM OF BATTLES IS INCREASING DAILY

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 4.—The momentum of battles is increasing in the West. This was made emphatically plain in Secretary of War Baker's weekly review of the war made public today.

Mr. Baker makes it very plain to the American people that the relative strength of the forces on the Western front has come close together during the past three months. Both belligerent groups have been massing troops for the great conflict. The Allied War Council will henceforth be in continuous session, thus assuring complete unity and flexibility of action. The American forces have taken over the sector northwest of Toul. Additional numbers of our detachment are acting in the Champagne district. The momentum of the fighting is increasing everywhere. Important troop movements of the enemy are taking place opposite our front.

There With the Goods.

An evangelist was exhorting his hearers to flee from the wrath to come.

"I warn you," he thundered, "there will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth."

At this point an old woman of the congregation stood up.

"Sir, I have no teeth."

"Madam," returned the preacher sternly, "teeth will be provided."—Life.

Shell and All.

"What in the name of goodness, Gloriosa, is the matter with this cake?" the young farmer asked.

"Why, there can be nothing the matter with it," explained the city bride. "I followed the recipe exactly. Maybe it was the fault of the eggs. I thought eggs were soft and yellow inside, but these were white and brittle all through, and I had to powder them with the flour, and—"

"Where did you get them?"

"In the henhouse, darling. There was only one egg in each nest, and—"

"Great Scott, Gloriosa, you have used my china nest eggs!"—Progressive Farmer.

—Attend the Red Cross concert at the Central school auditorium tomorrow night.