

EXEMPTIONS TO BE REDUCED

MAIL CARRIERS NOT EXEMPTED BECAUSE OF THEIR POSITION — CAN YOUR FAMILY LIVE ON YOUR ARMY PAY OF \$30 PER MONTH?

Washington, Aug. 3.—A ruling today by the postoffice department shows that department officials will make few requests for the exemption of postal employes from military service. Postmasters are instructed not to ask for exemption for carriers or laborers or for clerks in second class offices below the \$1,000 grade, clerks in first class offices below the \$1,100 grade, or any above these grades unless they are qualified distributors of mail.

The ruling is the first formal action by an executive department in compliance with President Wilson's order directing that department officials indicate exemptions and that the requirement of indispensability be rigidly enforced. As generally construed, the postal ruling shows the purpose of the administration to make the government departments leaders in freeing valuable employes for war service.

The entire mail carrier force, numbering thousands of men, of whom a considerable percentage are within the draft age limits, is excluded from exemption unless for physical reasons or because they have dependent families. Every portion of the country is reached by the ruling, as even the rural carriers are included.

The department's ruling in regard to clerks leaves railway mail clerks within the exemption class, as they are highly specialized distributors.

Reduces Exemptions

Provost Marshal General Crowder took steps today to reduce the number of exemptions because of dependent families. Instructions were sent to the governors of all states pointing out that the minimum pay of soldiers is now \$30 a month and that local boards must consider whether a man's dependents could not be supported on that amount. The telegram follows:

"Please call attention of local boards to the fact that a soldier's pay is not less than thirty dollars a month and that all clothing subsistence, medical treatment and housing are furnished him. Under the law he may allot any portion of his pay to a dependent. Many soldiers receiving thirty dollars a month are easily able to allot twenty-five dollars monthly to the support of dependents. In case of death in line of duty, the government will pay to the beneficiary designated by the soldier six months' pay.

"Section 4 of the selective service act provides that those in a status with respect to persons dependent upon them for support which renders their exclusion or discharge advisable may be discharged, but it does not require that they shall be discharged in all such cases. The discretion of local boards is invoked by this provision and such boards may well take the facts recited above into consideration in deciding claims for discharge due to dependency with a view to determining whether as a matter of fact, the person claiming such discharge will not be in as good or better position to support his dependents after selection for military service than he was before. If such is the case, of course, the discharge should not be granted."

Knotty Problems

Government officials generally are beginning to take up the individual questions that arise where government employes are called for service. Secretary Daniels said today that knotty problems were arising in the navy department as to what individuals in the clerical force, navy draughtsmen or skilled workers at the navy yards are absolutely indispensable.

The number of exemptions asked by the various departments will be reduced to the absolute minimum, it is indicated, even if some temporary enlargement of the clerical work results. General Crowder has suggested to the governors that each assemble the full membership of all district boards in his state for a general conference to insure uniform proceedings regarding appeals. The governors were asked also to appoint an official in each local district to file appeals. County attorneys were suggested.

Children of Confederacy

Miss Elizabeth Ebeltoft wishes to meet the children of the Confederacy at the Court House Thursday afternoon at 4:30. Each one is requested to bring needle and thimble. This is an important meeting in connection with the Red Cross work.

Miss Mabel Berry of Yorkville, is visiting relatives at Shelby, N. C.—Yorkville Enquirer.

NEWS IN CONDENSED FORM

Incidents Gathered From all Parts Of the Country.

Vegetables in the Colville district of the State of Washington, 50 miles from Spokane, suffered from frose early Sunday morning.

Perley Raymond Hamilton of Clinton, Mass., and James Wilson Gailey of New Park, Pa., members of the American Field Service in France, were killed Saturday. They had been in active service less than a month.

British casualties in all theaters of military operations, published in the newspapers during the month of July, total 71,832 officers and men. The officers killed, wounded or missing total 2,503, while the men number 69,329.

A delegation of negroes from New York carried to Washington a petition bearing 15,000 signatures to present to President Wilson protesting against discrimination against their race and lynchings, and asking that the latter be made a Federal offense.

To stimulate interest in the nationwide canning campaign the National Emergency Food Garden Commission announces that it will give \$5,000 in prizes for the best canned vegetables shown at town exhibits and at county and State fairs in September and October.

Negro men, women and children estimated to number 10,000, marched down Fifth avenue, New York city, in a "silent protest" parade against the race riots in East St. Louis and other sections. Except for a life and muffled drum corps the marchers had no music, but carried hundreds of banners inscribed with various legends of protest.

Beginning August 15 the government war risk insurance bureau will increase from 5 to 6 1-2 per cent. The insurance rates for vessels and cargoes sailing from American ports for Europe and for African ports on the Mediterranean, and from these ports to America. The increase is made necessary, it is stated, because of the war.

Lieutenant James R. Dickinson of the personal guard of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy, died Tuesday at Lee Camp Soldiers' Home, Richmond, Va., aged 80 years. He was a native of Virginia. Mr. Dickinson accompanied President Davis when he left Richmond at the time of the evacuation by the troops of the Confederacy.

Seven years at hard labor in the United States disciplinary barracks at Fort Leavenworth is the sentence of Private Otto Ludwig, Third Aero Squadron, must serve for making disrespectful remarks about President Wilson and the American flag, and for threatening to desert to the Germans if sent to France. Ludwig was convicted by a court-martial at Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

D. G. Scofield, former president of the Standard Oil Company of California, and more recently chairman of the board of directors, shot and killed himself at his home at Oakland, Cal., Wednesday due to grief for the death of his wife five years ago is believed to have been responsible. He was 74 years old. Scofield was one of the founders of the Standard Oil corporation.

The main questions in dispute between 40,000 employes of Southeastern railroads and the roads have been settled by Secretary of Labor Wilson, who gave a decision accepted by both sides. The settlement accords hours of labor and wages of inspectors, repairers, train airbrake repairers, safety appliance maintainers, oilers and packers and other employes in the car departments.

Guilty of Murder of Deputy Sheriff. Statesville, N. C., Aug. 1.—After fifteen minutes deliberation the jury returned a verdict of guilty in the first degree against Charlie Williams, colored, charged with the murder of Deputy Sheriff John Miller.

The murder is alleged to have been committed by Williams Saturday evening, June 30th, when the officer attempted to serve a petty warrant on the negro. Judge Cline will pass sentence on Williams tomorrow morning.

Feeling runs high in the county. A guard has been placed about the county jail.

Technical Education

The North Carolina State College of Agriculture and Engineering has just issued a very neat little folder calling attention to the importance of technical education at this crisis in our national life. To this is added information about the college; requirements for admission, courses of study, expenses, scholarships, and many other details. With this folder is included a six page folder containing pictures of all the college buildings. These publications have been issued for general distribution. If you want them write to the Registrar, West Raleigh, N. C.

TREASON NOT TOLERABLE

GOVERNOR BICKETT SOUNDS WARNING TO THOSE WHO WOULD LEND COMFORT TO THE ENEMY BY THEIR WORDS AND CONDUCT.

Raleigh, Aug. 4.—Raleigh people looking daily for official cognizance of the recent speech of Dr. H. Q. Alexander in Salisbury have not been rewarded, but Governor Bickett's letter today to Solicitor Walter D. Siler and Sheriff Leon Lane, of Chatham county relating to the resistance of the draft in that county is quite broad enough to embrace the doctor if he courts a gubernatorial hug.

Governor Bickett had received from Solicitor Siler and Sheriff Lane a joint letter indicating a rebellion in embryo. These officials had heard that somebody was raising a fund to defend the selected from enforced service in the army. The two officers confessed a fear that a serious situation would grow out of this and Governor Bickett issues a letter which would reflect more "serious trouble than any that may be started by anybody in Chatham or elsewhere.

Not the remotest reference to anything traceable to Dr. Alexander is contained in Governor Bickett's letter, but it is hot shot enough for anybody who might wish some utterance that would fit the doctor's alleged Salisbury speech. "We are in a death grapple with the enemy," the governor says, "and the man who in this perilous hour lifts voice or hand to weaken the nation's will or shorten its arm, is a traitor to his country and a friend to its foe. He is more than a traitor, he is a murderer."

The governor declares that the men who promise for love of money to show the registrants a way to escape have "sounded depths of infamy heretofore unknown. . . . I do not propose to tolerate treason in North Carolina by word or deed, if there be power in state or federal law to prevent it." The full letter of the governor reads:

Governor's Letter

"Your joint letter of August 2 received and carefully considered. In it you say:

"Certain parties in this county are quoted to be soliciting funds from men drafted, using the argument that the draft law is unconstitutional and proposing employ counsel to test it, etc., and are using language that is calculated to arouse the ignorant against the government. Each day we hear of this going on in different sections, and greatly fear that we are going to have a serious situation in certain sections unless something can be done to stop it. In one township we learn that an effort is being made to prevent any man whose name has been drawn among the first to be examined to appear and various other things are being done that may give us trouble.

"In reply I beg to advise that the first article and the eighth section of the constitution of the United States clothes the Congress with power to declare war, to raise and support armies and to make all laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into execution the foregoing powers."

"In strict conformity to the constitutional powers so conferred, Congress has, with practical unanimity, declared that a state of war exists between the United States and the Imperial German government, and has enacted the selective draft law for the purpose of raising an army to carry on the war so declared.

Will Not Tolerate Treason

"The nation is, therefore, lawfully at war. Through its accredited representatives it has declared its will and fixed its course. There was a time for difference and debate. That time has now expired. We are in a death-grapple with the enemy and the man who in this perilous hour lifts voice or hand to weaken the nation's will or shorten its arm is a traitor to his country and a friend to its foe. He is more than a traitor. He is a murderer. Any word spoken, any deed done to hinder the vigorous prosecution of the war means a prolongation of the war and this means added loss of life.

"The men who for love of money are promising to show registrants a way of escape from this duty have sounded depths of infamy heretofore unknown. Send me their names and I promise that they shall be forever phorized in a people's contempt.

"The constitution defines treason against the United States to be 'giving aid and comfort to their enemies.' Every discordant note is comfort to the kaiser. Every attempt to prevent the nation from presenting a solid front is strength to his arm.

"I do not propose to tolerate treason in North Carolina by word or deed, if there be power in state or federal law to prevent. You and all sheriffs and solicitors in the state are directed to report by wire to the Uni-

ted States district attorney and to this office any man who, by word or deed, gives aid and comfort to the enemy by seeking to pals the nation's arm as it is raised to strike. Immediate and drastic action will be taken upon every report and men who thus desert their country in its hour of peril will be made to feel the strong arm of the law."

FARMERS INSTITUTES

Three are Held in the County, but the Attendance Was Not What it Should Have Been — Helpful Instruction.

Three farm institutes were held in Cleveland county last week, at Boiling Springs, Aug 2nd; Grover, August 3rd and Shelby, August 4th. Then instruction by the experts sent out by the federal state departments of agriculture had valuable information to impart; but the attendance was not what was expected or up to the high standard set in years past by Cleveland county farmers and housewives.

The Boiling Springs institute was held in the High School building and attendance there was 162.

The Grover institute was held in the High School building and the attendance there was 39.

The Shelby institute was held in the court house and graded school building, attendance being 229. A joint meeting of farmers and their wives was held in the court house in the morning, while the men held forth in the court house in the afternoon and the ladies in the graded school auditorium in the afternoon. Dr. R. M. Gidney, farm demonstrator, and Miss Susan Elliott, home economics demonstrator, both of whom are employed by the county, assisted in the institute work.

M. J. Hendricks, conductor, is a practical farmer of Davie county and devoted his time to points on general farming.

J. E. Ivey, from the division of animal husbandry of the N. C. Experiment Station, West Raleigh, talked on poultry.

Mrs. Hollowell, working under the auspices of the insurance commission, talked on fire prevention, care of babies and home economics.

Mrs. Pickens, home demonstration agent of Johnson county, working under Mrs. Jane McKimmon, talked on domestic science and held the demonstration in canning, assisted by Miss Elliott of Cleveland county.

J. O. Ware, a native of Cleveland county, working in the division of agronomy of the State experiment Station, talked on grasses, seed selection and breeding.

The institute instructors are all practical in their line and gave very helpful instruction.

LINCOLN COUNTY ITEMS

Fine Crop Prospects—Mr. Parker of The Tin Mine Dies—Weather is Hot—Farm Institutes.

The News, Aug. 4th: The mercury climbed to 101 in Lincoln Tuesday, the hottest this year, according to government thermometer kept by J. Thos. McLean. The same day two years ago the mercury registered 103, 1 year ago 95.

The Farmers' Institute for Lincoln county were held at Bess Chapel on Monday and at Daniels on Tuesday. Mr. Franklin Sherman conducted these institutes. Major W. A. Graham, Commissioner of Agriculture, also attended the institute at Daniels. Attendance was good at both places.

There are some large crops of rye in Catawba county, especially in the Pineywood section east of Newton. The farmers are getting \$1.50 to \$2 per bushel for the grain and \$1 a hundred pounds for the straw.

Mr. Andrew McClean Parker, Vice-President and general manager of the United States Tin Co. died at the Lincoln hospital Monday afternoon in his fifty-seventh year. Services were held at St. Luke's Episcopal church Tuesday morning with Rev. C. E. Bentley officiating and the body, accompanied by Mr. Parker's son left for Washington Tuesday afternoon for cremation Wednesday.

Reports from over the county indicate that there will be harvested in Lincoln this year the largest crop of corn in the history of the county. Fine corn patches are general, and the farmers are expecting a large yield weather conditions continuing favorable. Corn is selling at present at \$2.50 per bushel, and oats at \$1.25, with wheat around \$2.65 per bushel.

Board of Trade Work

Secretary I. C. Griffin of the Shelby Board of Trade has just completed and mailed a review of the work of the Board since its organization, this review of the achievements of the organization to be published in the State Bulletin issued by the various secretaries over the State. The work has been very gratifying and the report will show up well in comparison with other similar organizations.

AFTER DR. ALEXANDER

President State Farmers' Union Alleged to Have Counseled Resistance To Draft.

The Department of Justice, says a Washington dispatch to the Greensboro News, "has taken official notice" of a speech delivered in Rowan county last week by Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Mecklenburg county, president of the State Farmers' Union. Agents of the department, the news dispatch continues, will be sent to the State to find out what Dr. Alexander actually said. The dispatch continues:

"According to reports reaching the department, Dr. Alexander's remarks border closely to the Emma Goldman class and the department wants to know just what he did say.

"Dr. Alexander's friends in Washington say there must be some mistake and do not believe he made the statements which are attributed to him. Some of those who come to Washington say the Mecklenburg county man urged the young men to resist the draft because it is unconstitutional and told them to refuse to leave this country for service on a foreign soil.

"The department expressed great surprise and concern over the reports because of the prominence of Dr. Alexander, and the reported influence which he has among the people of the State, especially those living in rural districts. Should the investigation started prove true, the government is certain to take most drastic action."

The only report The Star has seen of the speech made by Dr. Alexander in Rowan was the following, sent from Salisbury to the Charlotte Observer under date of July 28:

"Dr. H. Q. Alexander of Mecklenburg, president of the State Farmers' Union, in a speech which featured the second day's programme of the meeting of the Rowan county Union at Liberty today, made some startling statements.

"According to Dr. Alexander, the government and about all it does, is bad, very bad. Its financial system is all wrong. The farmer up to the time of the present war got no help from the government, which was and is busy helping big corporations. The Federal reserve banking system is iniquitous. The speaker took a fall out of the State Board of Agriculture, adversely criticised Congress and severely arraigned the selective draft, which he declared to be unwise, unjust and unconstitutional when it drafts men to take them out of the country. The war had been brought on by a bought press, working in the interest of big moneyed interests, and the gist of Dr. Alexander's advice, although not quoting his exact words, was that the common people should have nothing to do with it."

MR. STOCKTON DEAD

Mr. Bob Stockton, Age 74 Buried Yesterday at Double Shoals.

Mr. Bob Stockton, 74 years old, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ves Cline at Fallston, Sunday afternoon and was buried at Double Shoals yesterday, the funeral being conducted at 11 o'clock by Rev. John W. Suttle. Mr. Stockton spent a good portion of his time with his daughter, Mrs. Cline and had been at her home about a week. He was twice married, the first time to a Miss Hendrick and the second time to a Miss Williams. He was reared an adopted child, made the best of his opportunities and proved a useful and highly esteemed citizen with a host of friends who learn of his death with the deepest sorrow. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Cline and Mrs. Green, widow of W. D. F. Green who died a few weeks ago at Lattimore.

A large crowd attended the funeral.

Teachers Institute August 27th

The State Board of Examiners and Institute conductors has arranged to hold Cleveland county's institute at Shelby beginning August 27th and continuing two weeks.

All teachers that expect to teach this winter must attend every day for the two weeks. This is not my order but is a state law and I have no power to excuse you. So if you expect to draw the county's money you must be at the Institute for ten days. Institute will be conducted by Prof. Highsmith and Miss Fulghum.

Since we get the Institute Mr. Griffin will not have his Teacher's Training Class begin August 27 but it will begin at some later date.

J. Y. IRVIN.

At Old Capernaum

The people around Waco are asked to meet at the old Capernaum church Saturday morning Aug. 11th to help clean off the grave yard. Dinner on the ground and preaching in the afternoon by Rev. John W. Suttle.

COUNCIL OF DEFENSE FORMED

IN CLEVELAND COUNTY — VARIOUS COMMITTEES APPOINTED OF SOLDIER'S AID, MANUFACTURING, HEALTH, FOOD, EDUCATION, ETC.

The Cleveland County Council of Defense has appointed a man and a woman in each township to organize a Township Council. As soon as these township councils have been organized a full list of the councils will be published in The Star.

The following special committees have been announced by the county chairman, R. L. Ryburn: Soldier's business aid, Paul Webb, chairman; O. Max Gardner, C. S. Young, J. D. Lineberger, Rev. C. A. Wood, J. T. Bowman; agriculture and food products, Dr. R. M. Gidney, chairman; manufacturing, C. E. Neisler, Kings Mountain, chairman; home guard, Capt. J. F. Roberts, chairman; public health, Dr. E. B. Lattimore, chairman; Dr. J. S. Hord, Kings Mt., Dr. G. M. Gold, Lawndale, Dr. J. W. Wood, Boiling Springs, Dr. E. A. Houser, Fallston, Miss Bonnie Mauney, Kings Mt., Miss Daisy Price, Lattimore, Mrs. Dr. R. C. Ellis, Shelby; education, I. C. Griffin, chairman.

Mrs. L. M. Hull of the Woman's Council has announced the following as chairmen of special committees: Miss Agnes McBrayer, registration; Miss Susan Elliott, food conservation and home economics; women industry, Mrs. C. R. Hoey.

The following letter has been sent to a man and a woman in each of the townships.

"The National Council of Defense, created and directed by Congress has organized in each State a State Council of Defense. The North Carolina State Council of Defense has organized in each of the hundred counties a County Council of Defense. The Cleveland County Council of Defense is composed as follows: For the men: R. L. Ryburn, chairman; J. F. Roberts, vice-chairman; R. M. Gidney, O. M. Mull, C. C. Blanton, Rev. L. McB. White, Rev. J. F. Kirk. For the ladies: Mrs. L. M. Hull, chairman; Mrs. George Blanton, vice-chairman; Mrs. I. C. Griffin, secretary; Mrs. J. M. Black, Mrs. O. M. Mull, Mrs. W. B. Nix, Mrs. W. J. Roberts. The Cleveland County Council, acting under authority of the State Council, hereby appoints you and Mr. J. A. McCraw as chairman to organize a Council in No. 1 township. Please see Mr. McCraw at once and jointly appoint seven men and seven women in your township who are prominent, aggressive, and country-loving to serve with you. Please send in names of committee as soon as appointed to the undersigned.

The duties of this Council are thus defined by President Wilson:

"The Council of National Defense has been created because Congress has realized that the country is best prepared for war when thoroughly difference between the machinery required for and that required for military purposes. The Council is organized for the creation of relations which will render possible in time of need the immediate concentration and utilization of the resources of the nation."

The Cleveland County Council has delegated this work to you because it has confidence in your ability and patriotism. Our country is calling us all to service and "expects every man to do his duty." Every American citizen should give freely of his time, of his money, of his energy to whatever movement that has for its aim the safeguarding of the welfare of his country.

In case you accept, and we believe you will, the County Council will send you from time to time notices of what your Township Council is expected to do in the present crisis. The committee will appreciate any suggestions from you at any time.

Please let us hear from you at any time.

Please let us hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Yours very truly,
I. C. GRIFFIN.

Charlotte Camp to Be Ready Aug. 15

It was announced by the War Department that the Charlotte camp should be completed by the 15th.

The statement says "steam shovel and other machinery are on the ground and working at constructing railroad siding. Three mess halls have been finished and eight more are under way. About 50 per cent of needed material has been shipped or received. The contractor for the wiring has the work under way."

Gen. Michael Yassukovich, chief of a Russian military commission, said in San Francisco a few days ago that if America would send 100,000 soldiers to Russia it would be the nucleus for a Russian army of a million men that would prove fatal to Germany.