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MANY ASK TO BE EXEMPT; MORE MEN SUMMONED

More than 700 Abbeville county men have been summoned to appear before the local board of examiners to date. The board has been in session daily since last Wednesday, with the exception of Saturday when medical examinations were left off and a number of exemption claims were passed upon. The examiners plan to complete their work by Friday night.

Compared with other counties of the State Abbeville's percentage of exemption claims is very low although about eighty per cent have claimed exemption. It is known that the local board will reject a number of these claims, however. For instance, a man who claims exemption on account of dependents and is found to be making a salary of less than \$30 a month, the prospects of this man going to the European front will be bright. Thirty dollars per month, with all expenses, is now the price of a privates services in Uncle Sam's army and it is known that quite a number of those who have filed claims of exemption are now making much less than this amount.

The physical examinations prove Abbeville to be county of unusually strong and healthy people, less than five per cent being disqualified on these examinations.

THE HONOR ROLL.

Following is a complete list of those accepted by the local board up to last night, none of whom asked exemption:

- Harvey B. Bowen, Antreville.
- Oliver Ragsdale, Abbeville.
- Gus Hill McGee, Abbeville.
- Frank Gibbs, Lowndesville.
- Lawyer DuBose, Abbeville.
- John Bass, Calhoun Falls.
- William A. Scuddy, Antreville.
- Tillman Tarrant, Greenwood, R. 1.
- Foster L. Cunningham, Level Land.
- Allen Freeman, Antreville.
- John Young, Mt. Carmel.
- Gill Cade, Hester.
- Henry W. Hinton, Greenwood.
- Henry Latimer, Abbeville.
- Ben Tillman Bonds, Lowndesville.
- Lonzo Evans, Abbeville.
- Gerald E. Martin, Abbeville.
- Harrison Brown, Abbeville.
- Eugene DuBose, Abbeville.
- Berry J. Jordan, Calhoun Falls.
- James V. Lomax, Abbeville.
- Shelton Beauford, Abbeville.
- Allen G. King, Abbeville.
- Claude T. Tucker, Calhoun Falls.
- William L. McMillan, Abbeville.
- Allen Robinson, Abbeville.
- Earl Cade, Abbeville.
- Arthur Rucker, Calhoun Falls.
- Henry Lindsay, Honea Path.
- Charlie Williams, Abbeville.
- Henry Sibert, Abbeville.
- Benj. F. Pennell, Abbeville.
- Iredell Matthews, Antreville.
- Jesse P. Rutledge, Honea Path.
- Wade Atkins, Jr., Ronea Path.
- Erskine Vauss, Due West, S. C.
- Benson Williams, Abbeville.
- Lucius Hamilton, Abbeville.
- Luke Lambert, Antreville.
- James Robinson, Level Land.
- John Perrin, Abbeville.
- Vester Nixon, Honea Path.
- John Bryant, Abbeville.
- James Elmore, Calhoun Falls.
- Palmer Clayton Anderson, Hodges.
- Henry Jones, Abbeville.
- Jas. Thomas Dickson, Hester.
- J. B. Cochran, Abbeville.

The foregoing list has been officially accepted by the local board and forwarded to the District Board of Western South Carolina at Greenwood. These men are therefore, subject to call without further notice.

Claim Exemption.

The following men who have passed the medical examination, have filed exemption claims:

- Timothy Ware, Honea Path R. 3.
- Sammie Curtis Roberson, Donalds.
- Oliver Ragsdale, Abbeville.
- Abram Nixon, Lowndesville.
- John Elmore, Abbeville.
- Stanley Harris, Abbeville.
- Bennie Sherard, Abbeville.
- Wm. Amos Scuddy, Antreville.
- Scott Scotland, Lowndesville.
- James Hawthorn, Honea Path. R. 3.
- Alvin Haynie, Due West.
- Jim Washington, Calhoun Falls.
- C. L. Evans, Abbeville.

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CRIMSON CLOVER, GROWING ON THE FARM OF B. H. HODGES, HODGES, S. C.

MAY DECLARE NATIONAL HOLIDAY SEPT 3RD WHEN FIRST LEAVE FOR CAMPS

A national holiday may be proclaimed for September 3, celebrating the entraining of the first draft of levies for the cantonments. No step is taken as yet but officials of the provost marshal general's office in Washington, believes it is probable. A conference is in progress with railroad officials on details of mobilization. Transportation lines face the problem of collecting 230,000 men from 4,575 districts, provide sleeping cars, where necessary, and arrange for stops where the men can be fed well and quickly.

HEAVY CORN CROP IN THE COUNTY

People Are in Good Spirits Over Promised Agricultural Prosperity for the Year.

As Abbeville is an agricultural county, the very encouraging outlook for a large harvest from all crops is causing the people to be more buoyant in spirits than is usual at this mid-summer season.

As a result of the food preparedness agitation in the early spring there has been a noticeable increase in the acreage of food crops in every section of the county. More attention has been given to the corn crop in Abbeville county this year than ever before, and it is predicted that Abbeville will produce enough corn this year to supply the county until another crop is harvested without bringing in a bushel from other sections.

The cotton acreage has been slightly reduced and the stand is not up to the average. However, cotton has improved wonderfully during the last three weeks, and many predict the cotton production for the county will exceed the average in spite of most unfavorable weather about planting time this year.

The staple is now selling at around 26 cents per pound.

SECOND REGIMENT DELAYED TWO WEEKS

According to a wire sent the Southeastern department by Col. H. J. Gallagher, of the Quartermaster department, who has been detailed to Greenville on inspection of the progress of camp construction, the camp will not be ready for the Second Regiment of South Carolina until about two weeks yet, or about August 21. Companies of that regiment will therefore remain in their own homes where they are now camped until orders are given to proceed to Sevier.

Work has been delayed on almost every cantonment in the South. Various causes, including the scarcity of both labor and material, are assigned for the delay.

PAY YOUR RED CROSS PLEDGE AT FARMERS BANK

Subscribers to the Red Cross fund are requested to come forward at once and pay whatever installment is due on their pledge. The Farmers Bank will receipt you for this money. This work is gratis on the part of this progressive bank and those who are in arrears with their installments are requested to cooperate with them to the extent of paying this pledge without further notice.

MEN MUST REPORT TO LOCAL BOARDS

Proper procedure by local boards relative to failures to respond to the selective draft calls for physical examination is causing the boards considerable agitation. Governor Manning has emphasized that failures to respond will be certified to the district board. This certification subjects to military orders in the United States army. Failure or refusal to respond to further orders during the lapse of days causes the person to be classed as a deserter and subject to the most severe penalties which is death in time of war. Concerning the failures to respond Governor Manning said:

"The people do not seem to understand fully the provisions of the selective draft act. If any person, called to appear before a local board for examination, fails or refuses to do so, his name is certified to the district board. If within the time allowed he fails or refuses to appear before the district board, then he is automatically certified to the State authorities as one who has been called for military service, and has not been exempted or discharged."

"When so certified, a man is in the military service of the United States, and is subject to orders from army officials. For instance, if he is ordered to report to a mobilization camp, he must do so; should he fail, he will first be marked as absent without leave, and should this absence continue for 10 days, he will be posted as a deserter and so treated. The penalty for desertion from the army in time of war is death."

ABOUT \$16,000 COMES INTO CIRCULATION FROM SALE OF FLEECY STAPLE

About 1,300 bales of last year's cotton were converted into cash through the local market last week, bringing something like \$16,000 into circulation in the county. Most of the sales were handled by C. E. Williamson and J. Allen Long at an average price of 26 cents.

Among the larger sellers were: Dr. S. G. Thomson and W. D. Barksdale, who sold 475 bales; S. J. Wakefield, 143 bales; J. A. Gilliam, 100 bales; C. H. Taylor, 50 bales; W. E. Leslie, 50 bales; I. A. Keller, 67 bales; W. H. Long, 43 bales; W. R. Ellis, 50 bales; Dr. F. E. Harrison, 65 bales; Robt. McCantey, 20 bales; Mrs. W. G. Chapman, 15 bales.

Several smaller lots were also sold during the week.

OFF TO HENDERSONVILLE.

Rev. J. L. Daniel and his family left last week for Hendersonville, where they will spend sometime.

HOME FROM TENNESSEE.

Charlie Haigler is at home again from Memphis, Tenn., where he has been for the past two months taking a course in a practical Electrical summer school there.

RELIEVE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS CANTONMENTS AND CAMPS FOR GUARDS

Army department commanders are relieved of cantonments and guard camps within their departments, and will devote themselves entirely to regular troops in their jurisdiction, according to Washington advices.

Unless there are changes in high commands the effect will be to keep several well known commanders, including Gen. Wood, from going to Europe. More than 200 generals will be appointed in the next few days. It is possible some of these may be assigned to departments and permit the sending of high line officers with the fighting army.

AT TATE SPRINGS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Smith Jr., Mr. S. J. Link and Mr. L. C. Haskell left Friday to spend sometime at Tate Springs enjoying the pleasures that place affords.

NEWS FROM MART CHEATHAM.

Mart Cheatham, who recently went up to Greenville to take a position, has joined Dr. Daniel's Ambulance Corps and left Sunday for Allentown, Pa., having received his call that day.

ARREST BELGIANS ON CHARGE SMUGGLING RUBBER AND PLATINUM TO GERMANY

Six members of a Belgian ship crew and three other men have been arrested in New York and charged with smuggling rubber and platinum to Germany by way of Holland and Belgium. All are said to be Belgian citizens.

Officers said the arrest ended a year's search for the underground route by which Germany has been getting from \$25,000 to \$30,000 worth of these commodities weekly from Atlantic ports. They are worth five times as much in Germany.

WILL CALL TROOPS EARLY NEXT MONTH

One-third of Those Selected to Be Mobilized Between September 1 and 5.

One-third of the men chosen under the selective service law will be called into mobilization camps between September 1 and 5. This information was received Thursday by the Chairman of the Abbeville county board from Governor Manning in urging that the work of selection be pressed with dispatch. The telegram read:

"You should certify to the district boards daily on Form 146 those who have been called and who have not been exempted or discharged by you either because they failed to file any claim or because their claim has been decided adversely."

"Strict compliance with this rule is necessary since on September 1 the war department will call for not to exceed one-third of the quota from each State to be entrained for mobilization camps between September 1 and 5. Unless we wish to be put in a position of not furnishing men to fast as the war department is ready to receive them, you should have accumulated by September 1 a minimum of one-third of your quota. To do this you must certify your lists with great expedition."

TO ALLOW REDUCTIONS.

Deviation From Standard in Weight Permitted.

The war department has asked the Abbeville county board, and in fact, all local boards to make no deviation from the standard in the matter of height. As to weight the following additional reductions may be allowed: Sixty-one to 63 inches, inclusive, no reductions from present standard; 64 to 67 inches, inclusive, five to six pounds; 67 to 69 inches, inclusive, seven to eight pounds; 70 to 74 inches, nine to ten pounds, above 75 inches, 12 pounds.

JOINED THE NAVY.

M. M. Clinkscales, the son of Mr. J. F. Clinkscales, of Monterey, went up to Greenville and also to Columbia last week for examination and has been accepted in the navy. He will leave when he receives his call.

ORR'S RIFLES.

The annual reunion of Orr's Regiment of Rifles will be held this week at Easley, on the 15th and 16th. An interesting program has been arranged and a good time is promised the veterans.

SEVERAL ABBEVILLE MEN ARE OFFICERS IN NATIONAL ARMY

The names of all the Abbeville men remaining at the training camp at Ft. Oglethorpe and several former Abbeville boys were among those announced in the Sunday papers as successful candidates for commissions in America's new national army. Prof. R. B. Cheatham, former superintendent of Abbeville city schools, heads the list with his commission as captain. Joe V. Elgin comes next with a commission as first lieutenant.

Albert Morse, Carrol Swetenberg, Owen Speed, Wallace Harris, Ralph Syfan, received commissions as second lieutenants, and W. M. Graydon, of Columbia, was commissioned as first lieutenant.

The list also carried the names of Alex and Blanding Dick, former Abbeville boys, who received commissions as second lieutenants in the regular army. Also Ernest Visanaka and E. R. Rosenberg of Charleston, who were made second lieutenants.

The young officers well deserved their reward, according to reports from Ft. Oglethorpe, being put to most trying tests during their three months stay at the camp. They will have twelve days leave before being called into service and most of them are expected home today.

George Lomax McCord, of Abbeville, was awarded commission as second lieutenant O. R. C. at the Students' Training Camp at Ft. McPherson, on Monday.

MEDICOS PUT IN HARD WORK WITHOUT PAY

Drs. G. A. Neuffer, C. C. Gambrell, J. E. Power, J. E. Pressly, and J. C. Hill have put in a trying week's work examining the young men summoned here for medical scrutiny before sending them to the army. They are doing their work thoroughly and conscientiously and no one of the hundreds of young men passed on has made any criticism concerning the conclusions reached relative to his physical condition. The doctors begin work at 8 o'clock in the morning and usually complete their day's work of passing on 50 men about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and are usually a weary looking bunch when the day's work is over.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS OF SERVICE LEAGUE CARNIVAL

Following is an itemized statement of receipts, of the various booths of the Service League Carnival held in Abbeville two weeks ago:

Gate receipts	\$254.50
Greece	9.94
Army, Navy	18.93
Philippines	23.67
Scotland	4.45
Italy	25.86
Japan	12.70
Roumania	8.25
Ireland	24.50
Indians	15.80
Lebanon (Navy)	18.70
N. O.	40.78
Supper	127.60
France	27.26
Cuba	6.55
Russia	23.55
Expenses	110.36
	\$642.84
	\$532.48

RED CROSS COLLECTIONS

Subscribers to the five thousand dollar fund to be contributed by the people of Abbeville county in the recent Red Cross Canvass, are notified that the cards are at the Farmers Bank of Abbeville, where subscriptions may be paid. All subscribers are notified to call at the bank and settle for subscriptions due July 1st and August 1st, without any further delay as the money is now needed.

William P. Greene,
Chairman.