

# CLARENDON COUNTY FAIR

MANNING, S. C.

## NOV. 14, 15 & 16!

Owing to the fact that the President and the Secretary of the Fair are drawn on the United States jury for next week, and they were unable to be relieved, and for other reasons, the Fair has been postponed one week.

The GREAT SOUTHERN SHOWS have been engaged for the entire week, and a number of free acts will be shown each day. A uniformed Band of at least ten pieces will furnish the music.

This will be the Largest, Best and Grandest Fair in the history of Clarendon County.

For Booth Reservations, apply to the Secretary. Remember the date,

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Everybody Come--Your Friends Will Be There!

### EXEMPTED MEN MUST FACE NEW DRAFT LAW

Within a Week Nine Million Men Will Receive Question Blanks.

Washington, Oct. 28.—A complete outline of the new draft classification, which affects approximately 9,000,000 men, was given out today by Provost Marshal General Crowder.

The plan is complete in all but details and has been approved by the president. The details are now being worked out by a special corps of experts and probably will be announced in entirety before the end of the week.

One of the most important points of General Crowder's explanation today is that the approximately 1,800,000 men now holding exemption certificates will be among those to be classified into five divisions according to their liability to serve. Under the reclassification each will again have to answer question to determine the class in which he belongs. These

men, it is stated, are still subject to military service, unless physically disqualified or noncitizens, the exemption certificates they hold merely exempting them from the present draft. As General Crowder has carefully explained, the new system is not retroactive, that is, it will not in any way affect the men selected for military service, the men now in mobilization camps or being made ready for mobilization. But it does affect those examined for, but not selected in the present draft.

#### Due in a Week.

Within approximately a week a "questionnaire" will be mailed to every one of the 9,000,000 registered men not in khaki.

This questionnaire—known officially as "form 1,000," is a small booklet. On the cover is a dotted line for the name of the registrant answering the questions. Opposite this line is a small series of blocks, numbered "1, 2, 3, 4, 5," representing the five new classes into which registered men are to be divided.

There is another dotted line, with blocks, for the number and location of the local board in whose jurisdic-

tion the registrant resides, and a third line and series of blocks for the district board.

The registrant receives his booklet through the mails and is required to answer questions it contains, questions carefully devised to determine whether his occupation and commitments at home make it wiser not to withdraw him from civilian life for work in the field. There is a page or more of questions listed under each of the five classes.

#### Registrant Classifies Himself.

Receiving his booklet the registrant writes his name on the dotted line and marks an "X" in the block representing the class in which he believes he should be listed. For instance single men not engaged in vital war work will form class number one—the first to be called; married men with non-dependent wives and not engaged in vital war work, will be in class number two, agriculturists in number three, married men with dependents in number four, cripples and others exempted by the provisions of the law in number five.

The registered man marks opposite his name the class to which he thinks

he should be assigned. He then writes in the book the answers to the questions and takes his booklet to the local board, where he swears to the truth of his answers. The questionnaire is described by Provost Marshal General Crowder as a "big affidavit" which eliminates the other forms of affidavits used in the first draft.

#### Right to Appeal.

The local board examines the answers and approves or changes the classification claimed by the registrant indicating its action on the book's cover.

The registrant then has the right to appeal. The case goes to the district board. It is the final arbiter. In its series of blocks it marks the class to which it believes the man to belong.

In returning his booklet, the man may if desires, secure the sworn statement of a neighbor or close friend, testifying to the truth of his answers although this is not compulsory. The third person merely writes at the bottom of the man's answers "from personal knowledge and information I believe the above answers to be truthful in all respects," and

signs his name.

#### Those Practically Exempted.

General Crowder in his explanation, stated that the men in class four are practically exempt and those in class five entirely so.

"By the time we reach four," he said, "if we have to go that far, congress undoubtedly will have amended the law to make available the large number of men who have reached 21 since the registration and possibly those of 20 years also."

This means that married men with dependents listed in four are practically assured of exemption and that men holding exemption certificates for such cause are not made more liable to call under the new classification than they are now.

#### FREE SEED WILL GO TO FARMERS

Washington, Oct. 29.—In the annual distribution of seed by congressmen this year, flower seed will be taboo, except when especially requested by constituents. Especial effort is to be made by the agricultural department to have the home gardeners

next year plant most heavily of non-perishable foods, such as beans and cereals and such other commodities as can be preserved. Seed of every specie of food plant will be abundantly available this year.

Besides the annual appropriation of approximately \$400,000 for the gratis distribution by members of congress, there has been especially appropriated by congress \$2,500,000 for the purchase of storage and distribution of seed to farmers, which is to be sold to them at actual cost for the purpose of encouraging intensive farming during the period of the war.

#### More A. C. L. Clerks Out.

Valdosta, Ga., Oct. 29.—The entire clerical force of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad here went on a strike today, with the exception of several under heavy bond. The men gave the company twelve hours' notice. Plans are being made by officials of the road to secure other men in their places.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

# COME TO SUMTER!

NOVEMBER 13, 14, 15, 16.

## COUNTY FAIR!

Meet your friends here!

Bring the whole family!

Spend Four Days Profitably and Pleasantly. Plenty of Fun and Free Attractions. A wonderful collection of Educational Exhibits. Fine Cattle, Swine, Horses, Mules, Poultry and Farm Products

Beautiful Displays of Household Products, Fancy Work, Fine Arts, Moulding, Carving, Etc. Big Parade on Opening Day. Free Vaudeville Acts in front of Grand Stand Daily.

KRAUSE GREATER SHOWS and MIWDAY DURING THE FAIR.

We shall expect YOU!

Sumter Welcomes YOU!