



INLAND WATER PATROL TO HUNT UNLICENSED BOATS

Over thirty-five hundred "licenses to navigate" have been issued by the Second Section of the Eighth Naval District, but many hundreds of boats in the district have not yet been licensed.

The patrol boats in the outer waters are serving notice on unlicensed boats that they must provide themselves with the necessary license, and an inland water patrol will soon be established to look after boats navigating inland waters.

Boat owners are advised to make immediate application to the Licensing Office, 215 Godchaux Building, New Orleans, La.

Application cards may be had upon request and, when properly filled out, give all the information necessary for the issuance of licenses.

No fee of any kind is charged.

This license from the Navy Department is in addition to licenses required by any other Department of the Government, and all boats propelled by sail or machinery must be provided with one. The size of boats is no factor, and the necessity for licenses is directed by the fact that the boat is propelled by sail or machinery.

HUGE POTATO CROP ASSURES CHEAPER SPUDS

Washington, D. C., Aug. 21.—The huge potato crop which the Federal forecast indicates will be produced in the United States this year means that this important food staple will be cheaper, and makes it possible, says the United States Department of Agriculture, for American families that had to cut down on potato consumption because of high prices to restore the tuber to a prominent place on their bill of fare.

The Department forecast, based on reliable estimates from all parts of the country, places the total potato yield at more than 477 million bushels as compared with 285 million in 1916 and 360 million in 1915. Potatoes of the current season are already in the market in large quantities, and since the early harvested tubers can not be kept easily, should be eaten more abundantly now if spoilage is to be avoided.

Next to the breadstuffs, potatoes are the most important food crop of the western nations, the Department points out. They are all the more important now that the world's wheat supply is short, since they furnish starch, the principal food element contributed by bread, and so may be substituted in part for bread. It is no hardship to Americans, says the Department, to eat freely of potatoes; rather it has been a hardship to them during the past half year to forego somewhat the use of this common food.

ASSOCIATION WILL CARE FOR NEGRO SOLDIER WIVES

Through the personal efforts of Mrs. Emilie Bigelow Hapgood, an organization has been perfected to care for the wives and children of the negro soldiers now preparing, along with other American forces, to enter the war. This organization is known as the Emergency Circle for Negro War Relief. Mrs. Hapgood is chairman, and among the members of the committee are Gov. Charles S. Whitman of New York, Gov. Frank T. Lowden of Illinois, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Mrs. Amos Pinchot, the Rev. Percy Stickney Grant, John Barrymore and others equally prominent.

The undertaking has received a strong endorsement from Col. Theodore Roosevelt. In a recent letter to Mrs. Hapgood, he said:

"I most cordially sympathize with the purpose of the Emergency Circle for Negro War Relief; and wish you and your associates every success in your efforts to meet the needs of the Negro soldiers and to give aid to their families. This is an important patriotic duty, and as an American I thank you for performing it."

In an interview, explaining the contemplated work, Mrs. Hapgood said:

"It is perhaps not generally realized that one-tenth of the people of our country are negroes and fully one million of this race are of military age. In every previous war, the negro has enlisted willingly and has shown great skill and bravery under fire. In the Revolutionary War, five thousand of them fought under General Washington and negro units were raised in Connecticut, Rhode Island and elsewhere. During the War of 1812, there were three thousand negroes who helped General Jackson win the Battle of New Orleans. Many colored men fought in New York state and in the navy, under Perry and Channing. In the Civil War, two hundred thousand negroes enlisted. They fought in two hundred and thirteen battles and Abraham Lincoln said that the war could not have been won without them. In the Spanish-American war, the four colored regiments of United States Regulars went immediately to the front and their record in this conflict was a brilliant one. Volunteer units also were raised in five states, many of them with negro officers."

"Today, colored men are volunteering in considerable numbers and there is no organization to take care of their families or personal needs. This work we hope to assume and we are asking the support of other interested persons throughout the country. I have had many encouraging letters that show the eagerness of our people to meet this situation. It is a need that might possibly have been overlooked and we are appealing to generous and patriotic Americans to aid us by contributions in making the work really helpful and effective."

Contributions and membership fees may be sent to the treasurer, Mr. Harrison Rhodes, 222 West 59th St., New York City, or to Mrs. Emilie Bigelow Hapgood, 12 West 12th St., New York City. The depository of the organization is the Farmers Loan & Trust Co., New York City.

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In spite of the droughts of the last three weeks members of the association from Arkansas say that the crop in that state will come within 5 per cent of the normal yield. The comparatively good condition of the Arkansas crop is due to the fact that the early growing conditions were ideal and that in cases where irrigation was necessary the canals were not filled with salt water.

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SOUTHERN RICE GROWERS' STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Beaumont, Texas, Aug. 17.—The directors of the Southern Rice Growers' association at their annual meeting Thursday afternoon fixed the minimum price of No. 1 and No. 2 rice at \$6.50 a bag—the highest price ever asked by the growers of the product and one that is expected by rice men to set a precedent for price setting in the years to come.

The price is to apply particularly to Honduras and Japan but it is expected that it will apply to Blue Rose and others as they gain in prominence. Never before have the growers demanded a price as high as that set by the association Thursday.

Therefore the price has ranged about 4.50 and \$5.00. The big increase in the price to be asked by the growers, however, was not a great surprise to those who have been carefully watching the market, due to the shortage of this year's crop and the loss the growers would have to stand were not the prices raised enough to partly offset the loss. While a majority of the rice raised this year is of the three well known varieties, Honduras, average has been planted in the Japan and Blue Rose, a considerable Louisiana Pearl, early prolific, new variety Carolina and Edith varieties. It is understood that the price set is the minimum for the varieties specified and that the price obtained by the growers for the other varieties the product will be left to their discretion.

Reports received by the directors Thursday indicate that the Texas crop will be about 60 per cent short of normal. In addition to the large area affected by salt water, protracted droughts have seriously affected the chances for making a crop in the Bay City section, which is the second largest rice producing area in the state.

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Ritchie, Jennings; O. R. Hopson, Midland; F. M. Milliken, Crowley; Dr. J. Arthur Goodwin, New Iberia; Worby Queureau, Gueydan and H. Haines, Bayne. The following directors for Arkansas were elected: J. L. Ducharme, Carlisle; J. W. Fulton, De Witt; G. E. Hammonds, Stuttgart; and J. W. Burns, Hunter. E. A. Eignus of Beaumont was elected a director at large.

LOCAL BREVITIES

—Emmett Hinchee, who left about a month ago for a visit with his family and other relatives at Russellville, Ky., returned to Welsh Saturday night for his old home at Russellville, Ky., to pay a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hinchee, before leaving for the army training camp. Duke expects to return to Welsh in about ten days.

—H. M. Wright, who is at present in the employ of a dredging company, spent the week end with his family in North Welsh.

—Mr. C. M. Shoemaker was a Crowley business visitor Saturday.

—Miss Joy Oaksmith came over from Roanoke Monday to spend the day with her sister Miss Echo Oaksmith. The Misses Oaksmith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph Oaksmith, who have resided at Elton for several years, moved to Roanoke last Thursday. Thus Elton's loss is Roanoke's gain.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gershelski, who have been here the past three weeks on a visit to Mrs. Girshefski's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Girshefski's have returned to their home at Harlingen, Tex.

—Miss On'da Barnes arrived Sunday from New Orleans and will spend the week with her friend, Miss Irma Robinson.

—Deputy Clerk of Court Clarph Pitre and three children came over from Jennings to spend the week end with relatives.

—Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Carroll accompanied Willie O. Compton to Lake Charles, where Mr. Compton underwent an operation, having a growth removed from his neck. Dr. Watkins performed the surgery and the patient is recovering reasonably well at the present.

—Mr. Victor Reaud and little brother of Jennings were visiting friends in Welsh Saturday and Sunday.

—Mr. C. M. Scheemaker, who accompanied Mr. Cliff Winchell to Marlin, Tex., returned home last week, and reports Mr. Winchell as recovering very nicely, but says that he will remain at the health resort for some time.

—Sunday Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Hart and son John and Mr. Art Cline went to Lake Charles, where Dr. Holcomb performed an operation on Mr. Hart's left hand.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Eaton of Jennings were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Miller Saturday and Sunday, having come over to be present at the wedding of Miss Ethel Miller to Mr. Clarence Cook.

—Mrs. Major White and daughters, Winnie and Augusta, and little son of Crowley were guests at the home of R. A. Estes Sunday night.

—Simeon Beno't, an old-time Welsh resident, who has been absent during the last two and one-half years, was in town shaking hands Monday and Tuesday.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McBurney left Monday night for a short visit at San Antonio, Tex.

—Mrs. A. Reeve and daughter Elsie, who have been visiting in the North the past two months, returned to Welsh Saturday morning.

—Ralph Reeve is recovering from an operation performed on his right eye by Dr. D. C. Iles at Lake Charles Saturday.

—Mrs. W. M. Wright and daughters, Esther and Rachel, left Wednesday morning for Kansas. Mrs. Wright and Rachel go to Wabounee, where they will attend a family reunion. They expect to be away for about three weeks. Miss Escher is going to Manhattan, Kas., where she will enter the Kansas State Academic College for a four years' course in general science.

—Miss Alice Miller and niece, Miss Edith Miller, went to Lake Arthur Wednesday, where they are guests of the week at the Eaton summer camp.

—C. P. Sims of the firm of Sims & Gies, Adeline, La., wholesale grain dealers, was in Welsh Wednesday calling on Mr. R. A. Estes with regard to the handling of the coming ear corn crop.

DOWN IN DIXIE.

(By Kenneth K. Martin.)
Where is the land of mannaed fair?
Who can do his work without a dare.
Who can stand on the brink of sorrow great
And look toward his enemy without
hate?
Where are the men that to far heights climb?
That will dazzle your eyes with lights?
Where are the men that will help you right,
That will stand by you through the darkest night?
Where are the men, through the thickest gloom,
That are with you through a waning moon.
Who can stand on the edge of death and say,
I am ready for God to call today?
Well, he's down in Dixie.

Where is the land of a lady fair,
With dark blue eyes and golden hair,
Who will stick to you through the worst of luck
Who will help you out with her grit and pluck
Who will stand by you when your money's gone
And poverty's face is your future dawn
Where is that girl with a love sincere?
Where is that girl with a smile so sweet,
That the stranger's heart she can greet?
Where is the girl that's in a pinch
Can show she is a lady every inch?
Well, she's down in Dixie.

Where is the land of peace and rest,
The land that God Almighty blest,
The land of love and wealth untold,
The land that used to be of old,
The land that is above sublime,
The land that is above the time,
The land that does not lie at stake,
The land where money you can make,
The land of fish and winding brooks,
The land of pleasure seeking nooks?
Where is the land with these in store,
The land that's always at your door?
Well, it's down in Dixie.
Roanoke, Louisiana.

JUDGE SPEER DECIDES DRAFT LAW CONSTITUTIONAL

Washington, Aug. 20.—Judge Speer's decision in the first case brought to test the selective draft law was made public tonight by the department of justice. Any question as to the act's constitutionality, officials believe, is definitely and completely disposed of by a supreme court decision cited by the Georgia judge. It was in the case of the United States versus Table and the court said:

"Among the powers assigned to the national government is the power to raise and support armies. Its control over the subject is plenary and exclusive. It can determine without question from any state authority how the army shall be raised, whether by voluntary enlistment or forced draft; the age at which the soldiers shall be received and the period for which they shall be taken; the compensation he shall be allowed and the service to which he shall be assigned."

Judge Speer held that soldiers were not slaves and that therefore the contention that the law was in contravention of the thirteenth amendment against involuntary servitude was empty. A plea that the act violated rights guaranteed by the common law be held worthless because that state troops into the federal service the state limitation upon the use of the militia had been violated. The court held that enlisting of citizens in state troops could not deprive the federal government of its right to summon every citizen to the colors.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—The validity of the selective draft law was attacked in an affidavit for exemption filed with the St. Louis district appeal board today.

Mount Airy, Ga., Aug. 20.—Federal Judge Speer held the selective draft law constitutional in a decision made public here today.

"The decision was rendered on application for writs of habeas corpus or Albert Jones and John Story held in the Richmond county (Ga.) jail, charged with violating the law," the decision said.

Judge Speer, in denying the writs, declared that to agree to the contention that the selective draft law contravenes the thirteenth amendment would be to conclude that the soldier is a slave.

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WHY NOT YOUR SUMMER VACATION ON ELK RIVER

As to the superlative scenic glory of the Ozarks, there can be no two opinions. Bayard Taylor declared that he had encircled the globe only to find the most beautiful scenery in the world in Southern Missouri and Northern Arkansas. It is the kind of scenery that welcomes you right into its family circle and envelops you in a cordial embrace. It is Nature wearing a serene and genial smile, rather than a gloomy and forbidding scowl. Every year there is marked increase in the number of family camps established in the Ozarks along the Kansas City Southern Railway, and it is noticeable that when a family once has taken such a vacation, that family is certain to return next year—usually with a family or two of friends or neighbors. And finally, a feature of the Ozark region that should clinch the argument in making a choice of outing spots, is its accessibility. Instead of enduring a hot, tiresome ride of 13 to 35 hours, the recreation seeker can leave Lake Charles after lunch today and be in the Ozarks in time for an early breakfast tomorrow. By way of the Kansas City Southern, in a perfectly equipped luxuriously comfortable train, he is whisked, without change, to the land of his desires. From wake-up time in the morning until the return of nightfall, if he should remain on the train, he will pass through a constant succession of enticing spots, each with some special charm of its own that beckons him to a closer acquaintance. For round trip fares to "The Ozarks" apply to our nearest representative or address: S. G. Warner, G. P. & T. A., Kansas City, Missouri. Ask for booklet "Ozark Outings."



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