

## NEGROES TO CAMP

**72 Negroes From Richmond County To Be Sent To Camp Grant, Illinois, March 30th.**

The local exemption board received a telegram from the adjutant general Wednesday to issue orders for 72 negroes to be sent to Camp Grant, Illinois, April 1st. It is likely these will entrain on March 30th.

The white quota from Richmond county for the first draft has been filled, but no negroes had been sent. This batch of 72 will be the first of the colored drafted men to go. This county is to furnish about 125 colored men for the first draft.

The State will send 4,000 negroes during the five days following March 29th, and three weeks after these have gone, the remainder, about 2,000, will be sent.

To entrain on March 30th, on same day Richmond's 72 will entrain, will be 7 from Montgomery, 38 from Moore and 85 from Anson. To entrain on March 31st will be 55 from Scotland.

The board is calling out 90 colored men to appear here for entrainment March 30th for Camp Grant, Illinois. Out of the 90 called, 72 will then be selected (in their order number) to go. The 90 are:

- Order Number
- 7 Andrew A. Bloomfield, R'ham Rt 1
  - 10 Frank Collins, Osborne
  - 18 Luther Dove, Ellerbe
  - 21 William Stanback, Cordova
  - 45 John Edgar Robinson, R'ham
  - 84 Henry Green, Hamlet
  - 85 William Bethea, Hamlet
  - 87 Johnny Smith, R'ham
  - 92 Hayes McRae, Mangum
  - 104 Curtis Baldwin, R'ham Rt 4
  - 106 James Manning, Hamlet
  - 111 Willie Simons, R'ham
  - 121 Jones McRae, Ellerbe
  - 136 Purvis Williams, Hamlet
  - 144 Aaron Dumas, R'ham
  - 149 Alonzo Ellerbe, R'ham
  - 151 Arley Mather, Allen, R'ham Rt 1
  - 179 William Waddell, R'ham
  - 189 Roy Edwards, R'ham
  - 207 Johnnie Burr-Blue, Hoffman
  - 217 Isaac Williams, Bedlo
  - 225 James White, R'ham
  - 327 John States, Hamlet
  - 230 Mitchel Dove, R'ham
  - 242 Lola Dumas, R'ham
  - 249 Thomas Arthur Mumford, 2015 Atlantic Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.
  - 274 Wade Yates, Hamlet
  - 281 John Wright, Greensboro
  - 289 Waddell Kirkland, Hamlet
  - 291 Charles Smith, Hamlet
  - 340 John Jones, Entwistle
  - 341 David Garris, Hamlet
  - 345 James Blue, 2159 Warwick Ave., Newport News, Va.
  - 347 George B. Spencer, Hamlet
  - 348 Thomas Leake, R'ham
  - 352 Peter Wall, Laurel Hill, care Lizzie Pegues
  - 365 Gene Litt'e, Mangum
  - 370 Sunny Ford, Hamlet
  - 391 Thomas Jones, Hamlet
  - 396 Chester Leake, R'ham
  - 397 Colfax Caldwell, Hamlet
  - 407 Harrison Smitherman, Ellerbe
  - 408 Early Jackson, 724 Bold Brook St., Petersburg, Va.
  - 424 Kirk Capel, Jackson Springs
  - 426 Jesse Covington, R'ham
  - 443 Joe Wall, R'ham
  - 479 Will Townsend, Hamlet
  - 482 Lacy Baldwin, Mangum
  - 484 Julius King, Bnettsville, S. C.
  - 489 William Pearce (Spears), Hoffman
  - 494 Robert Braton, R'ham
  - 496 Edward Patrick, Hamlet
  - 499 William Rose, R'ham
  - 527 Mose Monroe, R'ham
  - 528 Ned Briatow, Ghio
  - 545 Fred Simons, R'ham
  - 550 Olin McIntosh, Hamlet
  - 564 Joe Forks, McBoe, S. C., care J. D. Septon
  - 574 George Ingram, Mangum
  - 587 John Bennett, R'ham
  - 590 Alexander Laney, Hamlet
  - 591 Arnett Richey, Hamlet
  - 613 Webb Jackson, Hamlet
  - 633 Hassie Wall, R'ham
  - 657 George Frieson, R'ham
  - 660 George Marsh, R'ham, Rt 1
  - 682 James DeBerry, R'ham, Rt 1
  - 683 Arthur Marton, Covington
  - 685 Robt L. Green, Norman
  - 698 William Simons, Hamlet, S.A.L. Ry.
  - 700 Andrew Sison, Hoffman
  - 705 Jeremiah Ingram, Roberdel
  - 711 William Ingram, Rham
  - 721 Rowland McRae, Ellerbe
  - 729 Claud H. Robinson, Hamlet
  - 740 Luke Tucker, Hamlet
  - 741 Edgar Bowden, Rham
  - 747 Collin McCracken, Hamlet; Seaboard Transfer
  - 782 Governor Gustus Nicholson, Ellerbe
  - 783 Alonzo Wall, Rham
  - 788 Adam McRae, McCol, S. C., Rt 2
  - 783 George Bloomfield, Rham, Rt 1
  - 800 Orange H. Quick, Rham
  - 804 Hayes Mainor, 856 23rd St. Newport News, Va.
  - 808 Lee Gould, Rham, Rt 1
  - 819 Dockery Hines, Rham
  - 833 Sim Barnes, Rham, Rt 4 Bx 220
  - 841 Estel Jacobson, Hamlet
  - 843 Edd Pate, Rham, Rt 1
  - 848 West Jacobs, care T. C. Johnson, Morven

## Memorial Service, W. C. Leak.

The memorial service for the late W. C. Leak was held in the school auditorium Wednesday morning, and an impressive and inspiring occasion it was. Occupying the rostrum were the school trustees and mayor and town commissioners, and speakers. The front was banked with flowers, the gifts mostly of the school children. After the exercises these flowers were carried to Eastside cemetery by a committee from the school and placed on Mr. Leak's grave. The auditorium was filled with pupils and visitors.

The order of exercises consisted of first, a song, "Holy, holy, holy," followed by invocation by Rev. Bruce Benton. A sketch of the life of his friend was then given by W. N. Everett, who feelingly depicted his career from a lad to his death. "W. C. Leak, the Friend," was the subject assigned H. S. Ledbetter, but illness prevented his attending and his paper was read for him by Mrs. Boyd Gasque. Claude Gore dwelt upon "W. C. Leak, the Business Man," and L. J. Bell handled the subject, "W. C. Leak and the School." A tribute was then paid his memory by Miss Dunlap on behalf of the faculty, which was responded to by Miss Elsie Fairley for the student-body. Resolutions from the school board were read, and the audience dismissed with the benediction after the song "Now the Day is Over."

W. C. Leak, or "Doc" as he was better known, died Jan. 23rd. He had been chairman of the board of school trustees for 18 years, and always took a deep interest in the school. His interest and help were real and not merely cursory. The Post-Dispatch can give no better reason for holding this memorial service to one of our own men, than was embraced in Mr. Bell's eulogy: "You may ask, dear boys and girls, why these exercises? Certainly nothing that can be said or done will add one iota to the glorious record of the life he lived among us. That is not its purpose. It is rather that we should pledge ourselves that such a life shall not have been lived in vain. Let its example speak to us in eloquent language and let us dedicate ourselves to the task that the ideals for which he lived and worked shall not perish from this community. The world is better for us that he lived in it and we are better and broader for having known him. Let the memory of his virtues remain fresh in our lives calling us constantly to better and higher things."

## Savings Bank Meeting.

The Richmond County Savings Bank closed a very satisfactory year, and their annual stockholders' meeting was held Wednesday, March 13th.

At this meeting, the following gentlemen were elected directors. William Entwistle, Dr. J. M. Ledbetter, Henry C. Wall (in place of W. C. Leak, deceased) J. Stansill Covington, W. N. Everett, W. L. Parsons and N. L. Scales.

At a directors' meeting held immediately after the adjournment of the stockholders a satisfactory dividend was ordered paid, and a neat sum was added to undivided profits.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. L. Parsons. Vice President, William Entwistle. Cashier, W. L. Scales. Assistant Cashier, Miss Octavia Stanback Scales.

## SECOND DRAFT BEGINS MARCH 29TH

**800,000 Men To Be Called To Colors Gradually During Year Under The Second Army Draft. 14 White Men of Second Draft To Be Sent From Richmond County March 31.**

Eight hundred thousand men are to be called to the colors gradually during the present year under the second army draft, which begins March 29.

An announcement Wednesday by Provost Marshal General Crowder of the number was followed closely by an order for the mobilization of 95,000 men during the five day period beginning March 29, some 15,000 of them to be assembled under the second draft. Eighty thousand will be men of the first draft of 687,000 not yet summoned into service.

Of the 80,000 men for the first draft, North Carolina must furnish 4,000 negroes, of which Richmond county's portion is 72. The names of these 72 can be seen in another column. They will be sent to Camp Grant, Illinois. The 15,000 above mentioned belong to the second draft; North Carolina's part of this is 1,174 white men. Therefore on March 31st, Easter Sunday, 14 men of the second draft will entrain from this county for Camp Jackson. On same day, 12 will go from Anson, 9 from Moore, 7 from Montgomery. The names of the 14 from Richmond will be published next issue.

Details of how the second draft is to be applied will be made public later, after Congress has acted upon proposed legislation providing for the registration of youths attaining the age of 21 years and for basing state district quotas on the number of registrants in Class 1. In his first official statement on the subject, however, General Crowder assures the country that no sweeping withdrawal of large numbers of men at one time is contemplated, and that care will be taken to avoid interference with harvesting.

## 95,000 NEEDED AT ONCE.

The 95,000 men now called, it is understood, are needed at once to fill up divisions and other units scheduled for early departure, or to take the place of men transferred from other divisions to make up such deficiencies.

The 800,000 men to be summoned this year represent the number necessary to fill up all existing divisions, to create all the army corps and field army troops to fill out the war machine for which the framework already exists, and to provide a quarter of a million replacement troops. When they have been mobilized, which will not be completed before the first of next year, there will be more than 40 full infantry divisions of 27,700 men each and all the additional units necessary. No additional divisions of the national army or national guard will be credited this year, although the program for the regular army, now composed of eight infantry and one cavalry division, may be enlarged.

## SIZE OF FIELD ARMY.

The purpose of the war department is to complete the first field army in France. Probably this will be composed of five army corps of six infantry divisions each. It has been estimated that with that force and its necessary auxiliaries at his disposal, General Pershing would be able to hold a 100-mile sector of the battle front, relieving the strain

upon French man power during 1918 to that extent. What that would mean to France may be judged from published statements of French officials that on January 1, 1918, the Belgian army held about 15 miles of the western front, the British forces about 105 miles and the French about 350 miles.

## Brief History of Red Cross Sewing Room.

Several have asked that a report of our sewing room since organization be given the "Post-Dispatch" for publication. The following is from memory and what information could be found on registry book, therefore subject to correction:

Our sewing room was opened on May 24, 1917, at home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Stephenson. Then 'twas only open two days in a week, Monday and Thursday. The ladies who visited the sewing room and registered those first 2 days only:

Mesdames Fannie Thomas, J. T. West, G. F. Smith, Fred Dickinson, John S. Ledbetter, E. G. Scott, Boyd Gasque, Laura Alden, Beverly Payne, W. P. Webb, Eugene Payne, W. Steele Lowdermilk, J. L. Everett, S. S. Steele, Jim Stephenson, Frank Leak, Fairley Long, Frank Blacker, Ed Thomas, A. Arenson, L. D. McPhail, Saleeby, LeGrand Everett, Misses Maude Moore, Lula Wicker, Mildred Stephenson, Bess Everett, Jessie Steele. With many "ups and downs" interest has steadily grown. Instead of being open only 2 days it is open 6, with superintendent for each half-day.

Like the Arabs of the desert, our sewing room has no permanent home, instead of folding our tents, we fold our few yards of material and every few months move from one side of the street to the other. We have been very comfortably quartered since Jan. 15th at Hotel Rockingham, but will move again Saturday 16th to Manufacturers' Bldg. (up stairs.)

We are now getting off a shipment of garments, pajama suits and hospital bed shirts, about 200 in all. This will make the 5th shipment, between 12 and fifteen hundred garments. The Mangum and Ellerbe Auxiliaries have helped us in making these, perhaps 75 or 100 garments.

We are much in need of material and thread, etc. In fact, cannot go on much longer without help. A letter from Atlanta, Southern Div. headquarters, this week asks us to continue making the hospital bedshirts of winter material, all summer, the pajama suits of dark colored outing, under drawers and undershirts of white outing or Canton flannel.—Mrs. R. B. Waddell, Sewing Room Director.

## Free Dental Work.

In order to help those of the draft who might otherwise be refused on account of defective teeth, the dentists of Richmond county will give their services without charge. The undersigned committee was appointed by Lieut. W. A. Heckard, of the dental reserve corps, Washington, and in cooperation with the other dentists of the county will gladly do their bit by giving the drafted men free dental service.

Dr. E. H. Chamberlain  
Dr. R. T. Nichols  
Dr. W. B. Williamson.

Among the wounded in action during the past few days on the American front was Capt. Archibald Roosevelt, son Col. T. R. Roosevelt; he was wounded in the leg and an arm broken.

## "How Will You Explain?"

"What will you tell your children and your grandchildren you did to help win this great war?" Col. F. H. Fries of Winston, State Director of War Savings, is asking men and women of North Carolina. "When our veterans return after the war," he says, "and pass for the grand review by the President, and later by the Governor of the State, who is going to feel a thrill not of joy, to be sure, but of shame at the part he played in bringing the soldiers home again? Who is going to feel satisfied with his 'bit' in the presence of those who gave their all?"

Colonel Fries again asks: "What are you going to say when you are asked in later years what part you played in winning the great war? If you are within draft age, and did not fight, how can you explain it? If you are beyond draft age, and did little or nothing—made no sacrifices—how will you explain it? A young man who was recently call to the colors, but who apparently had grounds to claim exemption, said to me recently, 'If I don't go, never in a lifetime could I explain, when it is all over why I didn't go.' "It is true," says Colonel Fries,

"that not everyone can go and fight, and not everyone can spend large sums of money to send soldiers to fight, but a way has been provided for the people of America by which everyone of her citizens can have a part in winning this great war—a part that will not give him a thrill of shame when our soldiers return triumphant. This way is through the War Savings plan adopted by the Government.

"Through it, a person can save regularly and invest safely, and thereby lend his savings to his Government with interest to pay the expenses of the war. It seems such a little thing," says he, "to lend our surplus money to the Government as our part, when there are thousands of our young men giving their lives as their part to protect our homes and save our country!"

## Reception at County Home

The Board of County Commissioners will keep 'open house' on Sunday, March 24th, at the Home, from 10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

The people of the county are invited to inspect the buildings. Jas. R. Bennett, Chairman.

## RICHMOND COUNTY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENTS

**Group Centres March 28th, 29th, April 2nd, 3rd and 5th. County Commencement at Rockingham April 6th.**

A series of school commencements will be held this year for the public schools of Richmond county of the group centre schools. The usual literary and athletic contests will be conducted, the winners of which will contest later against each other in Rockingham as conducted in the past.

The dates for the Group Centre Commencements will be as follows:

Little's Mills.....	March 28.
Ellerbe High School.....	March 29.
Cordova.....	April 2.
Roberdel High School.....	April 3.
Pee Dee.....	April 5.

The usual County Commencement contests will be held in the courthouse at Rockingham, Saturday, April 6th, beginning at 10:30 o'clock. The prizes offered this year will be paid in Thrift Stamps. The prizes offered at the Group Centre Commencements will be valued at \$1 each, those at the County Commencement \$2 each.

The contestants will be divided into three classes: Primary, including grades 1 to 3; Intermediate, including grades 4 to 7; High School, including grades 8 to 11. For the contests each teacher will be allowed to enter one contestant for each prize for which he or she has eligible pupils, but they must have been bona fide pupils of the school for at least one half of the term. In schools with more than one teacher, each teacher's department will be counted as a school.

## Go to the Theatre !!

**"Over Here" and HELP the BOYS "Over There"**

There is one thing America has overlooked. It is not a big thing, measured in terms of war measure, but it is a vital thing. It is like a meatless, wheatless, wasteless day—tremendous and dynamic in the aggregate. It is the need of recognizing the stage and the screen as a factor in the fight against the Hun. Like the weak unit in a giant bridge, it must not be underestimated.

Never in all history has the world needed so much help to keep normal and right with itself as now. Never has the theatre been so truly bread and meat to an overwrought public mind as at the present time. Portraying and reflecting life as it does, it becomes a vital element in life.

To count the stage and the screen a luxury is wrong. To stay away from it on the theory that money is being saved, is misunderstanding a national obligation, for Uncle Sam has imposed a tax on every nickel that goes into the box office. It is not a tax for policy, for extravagant expenditure or for stored revenues. It is a tax that will help win the war, that will insure victory, that will bring "our boys" back from the horrors of the trench sooner than without it.

The government has by no means declared the theatre to be a luxury. They have approved it, recognized it, taxed it. They take the viewpoint that theatregoers are persons who appreciate the opportunity to forget themselves and their troubles for a space. They are willing to pay for recreation for its value to them. They are intelligent enough, as the government argues, to realize likewise just what a few more cents in tax will mean "over there."

This is the greatest year of the theatre. It is the greatest year of need for the theatre. Historically and politically, it is the greatest year of America, for this nation is federating a world of nations under the flag of Democracy. It is a big task which has been undertaken, big in spirit, wide in scope, colossal in vision.

The boys who are lying out in trenches need every ounce of aid America can give. They need every cent we can raise for their comfort, their equipment, their assistance. Every time you go to the theatre, you are piling up the pennies for an American lad in khaki.

Every cent of war tax brings victory just so much nearer.

Uncle Sam needs the dollars for the war.

But he needs the pennies more. Don't stay home. Go!

Remember that every time you go to the theatre you are taking care of our boys "over there" and maintaining a greater courage in living "over here."

**THE STAR THEATRE.**