NEWS ITEMS

The entire wheat crop in France has been requisitioned by the French Government.

Following suggestions made by farmers willing to employ high school boys, the educational authorities of Illinois have arranged an extensive farm course, from February 1, to May 1.

According to information received in Washington, butter is selling in Berlin at $2.25 a pound, sugar at 56 cents a pound, ham and bacon at $2.11 a pound, and Ivory soap at five bars for $1.12.

The Department of Agriculture estimates that only one-third of the marketable surplus of the potato crop had been moved by January 1, 1918. Last year's potato crop was the largest ever produced in the United States.

According to a report by the American consul at Geneva, Swiss live-stock quotations near the end of 1917 were: Oxen, each $230; bulls, $170; cows, $260; calves $180; young pigs, $14; sheep, $14; fat hogs, per pound, 32 cents.

For the unit of women telephone operators to be sent to France a distinctive uniform is being provided. Salaries range from $60 to $125 a month, with allowance for rations and quarters. Successful applicants must speak both French and English with ease.

There is nothing in the fuel order of January 17 to prevent the operation of automobiles, motor vehicles of all classes being considered as coming under the head of public utilities. In keeping with this ruling garages have been exempted.

The overseas service of the American Library Association is in operation. Although space is extremely valuable aboard transports, they have been provided with bookcases holding collections of books which are used as circulating libraries on the way over. The cases are emptied at port of debarkation and the books sent to the men in the field. As a means of further increasing the supply of books among the overseas forces, the association plans to have each soldier carry a book in his kit, to be put in circulation when he reaches the other side.

Manufacturers of and dealers in commercial feeds for livestock, cattle, and hogs must secure licenses under the Food Administration by February 15. This covers baled hay, shelled and ear corn and many other commodities intended for use as feeds or as ingredients in mixed feeds. The only exceptions are for millers manufactureing bran and dealers in coarse grains, who have already been placed under Food Administration licenses. Application for license should be addressed to the license division, Food Administration, Washington, D. C., specifying the nature of the business to be licensed.

To conserve tin, linseed oil, and other ingredients of paint and paint containers necessary for war purposes, manufacture will be limited to 32 shades of house paint after July 1. Some firms are now making 100 shades of this class of paint. Enamels will be restricted by the manufacturers to 8 shades, floor paint to 8, roof and barn paint to 2, shingle stains to 12, carriage paint to 8, architectural varnishes to 10. Half-gallon cans will not be used, and some other sizes will be discontinued.

Reports from State and local directors of the Smilage campaign received in Washington indicate that more of these coupon books will be sold than have been printed. The fuel order delayed all printing six days, but the books are being rushed through and all purchasers who have not received books will be supplied shortly. Smilage books contain coupons good for admission to the entertainments held in Liberty theaters and tents at the camps and cantonments.

The Department of Labor is arranging to bring into the United States 110,000 laborers for railroad and farm work, from Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, according to Louis F. Post assistant secretary of the Department of Labor. Mr. Post declares there is no necessity for importing common labor from Mexico or China Porto Rico is an agricultural territory and yet has a density of population exceeded by only three States. A considerable surplus of workers exists on the island. It can furnish 100,000 laborers, and the Virgin Islands can send 10,000 more. Arrangements are being made to bring over 50,000 men as soon as tonnage is available.

Every laying hen sold from the farms before the first of May means a loss of about 30 eggs to the food supply of the Nation. These eggs are valuable food, manufactured largely from insects, weeds, and grass, garbags and waste. The eggs, therefore, are almost wholly a net gain in human food. Moreover, the hen is just as good meat after she has laid these eggs as before. Save the Hens is the message that the United States Department of Agriculture is sending broadcast through press notices and posters, and through its county agents, especially in the southern poultry-raising sections.

The Food Administration estimates the total number of ocean-going vessels now afloat at 30,000, having a gross tonnage of 45,000,000 tons. Losses of shipping during the war have totolled about 8,783,080 tons, and the supply of ships is about 20 per cent short of normal. Shipbuilding in France has been at a standstill since the beginning of the war; Englands's output is less than normal; Japan is hampered by lack of material; the American ship supply is only beginning.

One of the functions of the newly established war service exchange will be to answer inquiries of persons desiring to serve in the Army. It will also keep informed of needs of the various branches of the service as to personnel, and direct suitable persons as to where and how to apply, and will cooperate with the Department of Labor and other agencies in locating and supplying men needed for special purposes by various branches of the service. Inquiries regarding enlistment opportunities, etc., should be addressed to the war service exchange, room 529, State, War, and Navy Building, Washington, D. C.

For work in the enlisted Veterinary Corps, 2,000 men not subject to call under the selective-service law are wanted. They will be assigned to duty in veterinary hospitals and for other purposes in the corps. Service overseas can be expected shortly. There is particular demand for veterinary and agricultural students, farmers, stablemen, and others accustomed to handling horses. A few men of the following occupations will also be accepted: Horseshoers, saddlers, pharmacists, cooks, typist, and stenographers. Pay for enlisted men and noncommissioned officers range from $30 to $56 a month, food, clothing, and quarters. Applications for enlistment can be made at any Army recruiting office.

Ten new sections are included in the courses for officers in medical training capms at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., and Fort Riley, Kans. Fort Riley has a capacity of 7,000 men, and enlargement of the school at Fort Oglethorpe to the same size has been authorized, its present capacity being 5,500. The ultimate needs of the Medical Department of the Army Look to training camps with capacities totaling 35,000 to 40,000 officers and men. There have been graduated from medical training camps since June 1, or are now under instruction, about 9,000 officers and 20,000 enlisted men. Various groups now in active service have been trained, including officers and men, to operate ambulance companies, field hospitals, and hospital trains.

Secretary Houston, of the Department of Agriculture, has set forth the policy which he thinks should be followed in highway construction during the war: "So far as it is practicable to do so, this department will urge the maintenance of the highways already constructed; the construction and completion of those highways which are vitally important because of their bearing upon the war situation or for the movement of commodities; the postponement of all highway construction relatively less essential or not based upon important military or economic needs. The department is preparing to suggest to the State highway departments the preparation of a schedule of work for the Federal and projects for 1918 in line with this policy." Road construction and maintenance in the United States involve an annual expenditure of about $300,000,000.

A recent report made by the United States consul in Tasmania, an island State of Australia, includes the following: "The general scheme for the repatriation of returned soldiers contemplates placing them upon the land. At a recent conference between the Commonwealth and the State authorities, it was decided that each State would have to find the land, while the Commonwealth Government would advance up to $2,433 to improve the holding of each returned soldier and to procure the necessary stock and implements. In this State it was deemed that the Crown lands would prove too difficult to improve to attract returned soldiers, and it was decided to purchase large estates and divide them up into small farms and to use the money advanced by the Commonwealth Government for buildings, fences, and tools. The money expended by the state in purchasing the land, as well as the money advanced by the Commonwealth for improvements, is a lien upon the property and must be repaid in small annual payments. It was also decided by the Commonwealth to advance money to returned soldiers who may desire to rent land. Bills will be introduced into the various Parliments at once so that this scheme can be put into operation throughout Australia."

No list of nonessential farm products to be denied transportation facilities, has been prepared by the Director General of Railroads, and the issuance of such an order is not contemplated. It is believed that under the plan now being formulated it will be possible to provide adequate transportation for farm products this year. Farmers are instructed to place orders for cars when needed with local freight agents, as heretofore.

Instead of shutting down factories and munition plants for lack of coal, why not try taking off a few passenger trains carrying pleasure travellers, amusement seekers, and shopping excursionists?

MILLION CHECKS A MONTH TO FAMILIES OF INSURED SOLDIERS SOON TO BE ISSUED.

The Bureau of War-Risk Insurance authorizes the following:

In a short time a million checks a month will be issued from the Bureau of War-Risk Insurance to the families of the men constituting America's fighting force.

There had been up to January 18, 1918, 473,116 applications for total insurance of $4,011,391,000. The average amount applied for still keeps near the maximum of $10,000. A steady effort is being made to make our fighting forces "100 per cent insured," and there are many military units in which every member is insured and in some of them every man insured for the maximum of $10,000.

AUTOMATIC PLIAN EXPIRES FEBRUARY 12.

The automatic insurance granted by the law ceases on February 12, but by that time it is hoped that our whole military and naval forces will be "100 per cent insured," with the result that the family or dependents of everyone having a family or anyone dependent on him will be provided with a monthly allowance, and insurance in case of his death, and the member himself, if disabled, will receive a monthly allowance, and if totally disabled will receive in addition rehabilitation and special education and training to fit him for some work.

HELP FROM PEOPLE AT HOME

The efforts of the Treasury Department to have every member of the military and naval forces insured under this law can be greatly assisted by the people at home of the soldiers and sailors if they will join in urging them to take out the insurance offered.

National Army men will soon hear the music of the old Fourth Maryland Infantry Band, which left Camp McClellan bound for Camp Meade, where it will become a part of the 154th Depot Brigade. The band, since the consolidation of the 4th with other divisional units, has been attached to the 112th Machine Gun Battalion, of which Major D. John Markey, of Frederick, is head. It was one of the bands of the division not given a permanent berth when the Blue and Gray was formed.

Taking advantage of the fine weather, members of the Lafayette Escadrille continued their brillant exploits over the French front during the last few days, bringing down three German machines and losing none themselves. Thomas Hitchcock, Jr., the son of a well known American turfman, downed two enemy airmen within a short time of each other his first victories in the air. David E. Putnam, of Brookline, Mass. brought down his third machine. Both Hitchcock and Putnam have been on the battlefront less than three months and have not yet been transferred to the American army. Corporal Hitchcock, who is just seventeen years old, tried to enlist in the American army, and although he successfully underwent the 100 hours endurance test in the air, he was rejected because of his youth. He went to France last June, and at the conclusion of his training was regularly assigned to the French aviation corps. On January 6 last he wrote to his father a modest account of how he had downed his first German machine For this he was awarded the Croix de Guerre with one palm.

For purposes of operation railroads of the United States have been placed in three divisions, as follows: Eastern railroads.—The railroads in that portion of the United States north of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers and east of Lake Michigan and the Indiana-Illinois State line; also those railroads in Illinois extending into that State from points east of the Indiana-Illinois State line; also the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Norfolk & Western, and the Virginian Railways. Southern railroads.—All railroads in that portion of the United States south of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers and east of the Mississippi River, except the Chesapeake & Ohio, Norfolk & Western, and the Virginian Railways, and also those railroads in Illinois and Indiana extending into those States from points south of the Ohio River. Western railroads.—All railroads not included in the above definitions and, broadly speaking, all railroads in the territory west of the Mississippi River from the Ohio River to the Gulf of Mexico, excepting those railroads in Illinois included in eastern territory and those railroads in Illinois and Indiana included in southern territory, as above stated.

LIST OF UNCLAIMED MATTER

Anthony, Miss Anna
Buckingham, Mr. Henry
Hanebarge, Mrs. Annie
Keese, Mrs. Jane
Noonan, Miss Julia
Rollman, Miss Elizabeth S.
Roial, Mrs. Janie
Stonesifer, Cora
Winters, Mrs. Saddie
T. J. COONAN, P. M.

Someone asks what has become of the man who used to oppose a five per cent increase of railroad rates under private control of the roads? Well, last heard from, since the government got the roads, he was kicking because they didn't increase passenger fares 50 per cent.

Fuel Administrator Garfield decides candy isn't food. Did the Doc ever have a best girl?

BERRETT

Sunday school at Brandenburg M. P. Church at 9.45 Preaching service at 10.45. W. A. Sites, pastor.

Messiah Lutheran Church Sunday school at 1.30.

Preaching at 2.30. G. W. Bachman, pastor.

Miss Anna Keefer has been spending a few days at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Streaker are visiting in Baltimore.

Mr. William Garheart and son Ridgley were in Westminster Wednesday.

Our school will be opened on Mondays.

Plenty of snow and ice. Six more weeks of it according to old Groundy.

SWEET AIR

Miss Margaret Miller and brother William spent a week recently with Mrs. Harvey Pickett.

Mr. Elmer Hood spent Saturday with Mr. Levi Haines.

Master Arthur Conaway spent a few days last week with Russell Pickett.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Donald Miller and daughter Thelma have returned to their home after spending a week in Baltimore.

Mr. Elmer Hood and daughters Bessie and Sophronia were recent guests in Westminster.

Quite a large crowd attended the party held at Mr. Burgess Gosnell's last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. James Miller spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller.

MILLERS

Last Friday Mrs. George Bollinger on Main street formerly of near Hoffmanville, went to Hampstead to have her eyes examined and while she was in the drug store she was paralyzed. Dr. Resh was called, and she was brought home on the evening train. She is critically ill with no hopes for her recovery.

George Hoover is ill with kidney trouble.

Mrs. Porter, of Hanover, Pa., is visiting Miss Minnie Hoover.

Mrs. Charles Lippy who was ill, is improving.

Mrs. John K. Miller has a beautiful primrose with fifty six flowers. Who can beat that?

The following sleighing party was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Graf last Friday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Graf and daughter Dorothy, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Leese and son Clarence, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller and son Melvin, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Graf, Mrs. George Lauer, Misses Fern Miller, Helen Miller, Rena Garrett; Messrs. Forest Benwarger, Milton Miller, Charles Leese and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller.

Mrs. Martha Hoffnagle was called to Baltimore this week to be with her daughter, Miss Laura Hoffnagle, who fell and broke her limb below the knee.

EMORY

Mr and Mrs. Frank Raver and family spent Saturday in Baltimore with Mrs. James Taylor, who is a patient at the Maryland University Hospital, and is greatly improved.

Mr. Randolph Burk who has been in the West for a few months has enlisted with the Aviation Corps at San Francisco, Cal., and is now stationed at Angel Island, Cal.

Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Taylor and family spent Wednesday last with friends in Hampstead.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Myers spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Light.

Mr. George Mummaugh has returned home after spending from Saturday until Wednesday in Baltimore.

Snow is plentiful in this vicinity and sleighing is in progress.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacokson Stull and family and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Stull and daughter spent one evening last week with Mr. and Mrs. William Hull and family, of Woodensburg.

Mrs. George Hale and two children, of White House, Baltimore county, have returned home after spending the past week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Burk.

Mrs. Edward Burk spent one day last week in Baltimore.

Messrs. Walter and George Mummaugh have had sale bills posted on their property in Patapsco on February 22nd.

SWEET AIR

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robertson and family, of Westminster, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Miller, of near this place.

Mr. Elmer E. Hood and daughters Bessie and Sophronia were visitors in Westminster last Saturday.

Quite a large crowd of young folks attended the pound party held at Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Gosnell's last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gosnell were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. Burgess Gosnell.

Master Arthur Haines was on the sick list a few days last week.

Mr. Pierce Glennan spent a few days recently with Mrs. Agustus Gosnell.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Miller and Mr. Levi Haines spent last week in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bair, of Salem, spent Saturday near this place.

Mr. Earle Pickett spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Pickett.

There is a very general belief that everyone can get more pay without increasing the prices of commodities.

The Lincoln day orators are listened to with rapt attention, provided the dinner committee was competent.

Meatless days are not supposed to interfere with boarding house hash.

Medford PRICES

Granulated Sugar 8 1-2c lb.
Hominy 6c lb.
Corn Meal 5c lb.
Mothers Oats 6c pack
Graham Flour 4¼c lb.
Rice 8c lb.
Corn Starch 6c pack
Buckwheat Flour 7 1-2c lb.
100 lb. bag Oyster Shell 69c
Babbitt's Lye 3 boxes for 25c
2 lbs. Coffee for 25c
Loose Cocoa 15c lb.
Salmon 19c can
Eagle Milk 20c can
4 lbs. Frozen Fish for 25c
COME TO THE 10c SALE, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
Good Butter 45c lb.
Men's Snag Proof Felt Boots $2.48
Beef Scrap for Poultry $4.98 per bag
Prunes 11c lb.
Seeded Raisins 13c lb.
Seedless Raisins 15c lb.
Loose Raisins 11c lb.
Loose Oatmeal 7c lb.
Ribbon 1c yard
Lace 1c yard
Bat Cotton 7 1-2c bat.
Graphophone Records 10c each
Double 7-inch Records 25c each
5-gal. can Rexoline Auto Oil $2.25
5-gal. can Polarine Auto Oil $2.25
5-gal. can Havoline Auto Oil $2.25
5-gal. can Speedway Auto Oil $2.25
Soda or Star Crackers 15c lb.
Elgin Watches $6.98 each
Candles 1c each
Ginger Snaps 13c lb.
Baby Cradles $1.39
Men's Suspenders 19c pair
Red Seal Dry Cells 39c each
Baking Soda 5c lb.
100 Quinine Pills for 85c
Deam Meat Somer 75c quart.
10 lb. pail Saltel Fish 75c
25c bottles any cough syrups 19c
Havoline Auto Oil 33c gallon.
Horse Clippers 98c each
Bring your hen manure here and let us grind and mix a good Fertilizer for you
Men's Red Gum Boots $3.98 pair
Men's White Gum Boots $3.98 pair
Japanese Matting 29c yard
Horse Blankets $1.25 each
Hay and Straw Knives 98c each
Good Shovels 98c each
Straw Forks $1.25 each
2-prong Hoes 39c each
Broad Hes 48c each
Garden Rakes 48c each
Garden Spades 48c each
Horse Collars $1.25 each
Leave your order for Frost Proof Cabbage Plants.
Havoline Auto Oil in bbl. lots 33c2gal.
Best Syrup 79c gallon
Babbitt Soap, 4 bars for 25c
Clarks Cotton 4c spool
Matches 1c box
Cow Chains 29c each
Sole Leather 5c oz.
Men's Black Hose 10c pair
Havoline Auto Oil in bbl. lots 33c gal.
Fels Naptha Soap, 4 bars for 25c
Peas 10c can
Bit. Coal $7.00 per ton
Large Box Gold Dust 25c
Galvanized tubs 69c each
Congoleum 39c yard
5-lb. bag Graham Flour for 22c
—with this you must buy 3 lbs. other cereals.
Carmels 19c lb.
Scratch Feed $4.50 per 100 lb. bag
Men's Sweaters 98c each
Gold Dust 5c box
Women's Fleeced Union Suits 85c
Cross Cut Saws $2.48 each
Men's Fleeced lined Union Suits $1.48
Hemp Carpet 29c yard
Rag Carpet 59c yard
25 Envelopes 5c
Galvanized Chicken Coops $1.69
Galvanized Waterers 10c each
25-lb. bag Eshelman Calf Meal $1.38
50-lb. bag Eshelman Calf Meal $2.75
50-lb. bag Blackfords Calf Meal $2.75
Children's Fleeced Undershirts 25c
Bulk Flour 6c lb.
100-lb. bag Blackford's Calf Meal $5.50
Canvas Leggins 48c pair
Cameo Carbide $4.95 per can
Union Carbide $5.25 per can
Straw Mattresses $3.98
Pillows $1.48 pair
Havoline Auto Oil in half-barrels 33c gallon
Lead Harness $6.98 set.
Chocolate Drops 19c lb.
Spark Plugs 39c each
Black Harness Oil 90c gallon
Wheel Barrows $4.48
25c-box Louse Killer 19c box
7 boxes Smith Bros. Cough Drops for 25c
7 boxes Ludens Cough Drops for 25c
Large box Quaker Oats 29c
Corn Meal 5c lb.
Boys fleeced Union Suits 98c
5-gallon Milk Cans $3.98
Cedar tubs $1.39
Ginger Snaps 13c lb.
Shoe Laces 10c dozen
Talcum Powder 10c can
Wash Boilers $1.18
Druid Muslin 19c yard
Fruit of Loom Muslin 23c yard
Hill Muslin 23c yd.
60 egg incubator $4.98
140 egg Incubator $7.50
240 egg Incubator $10.00
Men's Buckle Artics $1.25
Women's Rubber Shoes 69c pr.
Box of 100 cigars for $2.00
Boys School Suits $2.25
6 five cent plugs tobacco for 25c
Fresh Cream Cheese 30c lb.
Ash Sieves 39c each
Fountain Pens 39c each
Writing Paper 10c box
Ford Auto Chains $2.98 set
Walter Baker Chocolate 9c cake
Best Syrup 79c gallon
4 inch Breeching $19.50
$1.25 Hoods Sarsaparilla 89c.
75c Scotts Emulsion 69c
$1.50 Scotts Emulsion $1.19
35c Fletcher Castoria 29c.
Sewing Machines $17.98
Come to the 10c Sale on February 19th.
3 Packs 10c tobacco for 25c
6 Packs 5c tobacco for 25c
Sulphur 7c lb.
25c Packs Pratts Food 19c
50c Packs Pratts Food 39c
25c Packs Panacea 19c
60c packs Panacea 49c
$1.25 Packs Panacea 98c
10c Packs Headache Tablets 7c
Fine Salt 5c bag
Laxative Quinine Tablets 7c pack
50c Kow Kure 45c
$1.00 Kow Kure 90c
50c bag Balm 45c
$1.25 Lydia Pinkham Vegetable Compound 98c
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