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LAURINBURG AND STEWARTSVILLE OVER THE TOP

War Savings Campaign Lagging in Some Townships, About \$300,000 of \$338,000 Pledged.

Laurinburg and Stewartsville township Wednesday morning are well over the top in their allotment in the War Savings campaign, as shown by reports of the local canvassing committees. Other townships in the county either have made no reports or have not made as good showing in the campaign. As estimated by County Chairman W. H. Weatherpoon Wednesday morning there has been subscribed and pledged in the county a total of about \$300,000, which is \$138,000 short of the county's quota. The final reports will not be in probably before Friday night or Saturday and it is hoped that the county's quota will be raised in full by that time.

As reported Laurinburg and Stewartsville township have subscribed \$158,000 for War Savings Stamps. The quota for this township was \$151,000, which gives an over-subscription of \$7,000. Laurinburg's quota was \$71,000 and its pledges amount to \$110,000, or \$39,000 over-subscribed.

Indications are that in some sections the campaign is lagging and the people are not showing as much interest as was expected. It is urgently requested that every one of the canvassing committees work faithfully and earnestly until every one in his township has been solicited and until every dollar of the full quota has been pledged. Scotland county must go over the top in this campaign and with a little serious thinking and hard work there will be no difficulty in pushing up a grand total of comfortable margins. Keep working and don't give up until the last dollar is raised.

WOODVILLE NEWS NOTES.

Special to The Exchange.

Woodville, June 25.—Miss Margaret Gillis is visiting Miss Louise Fuller of Whitville this week.

Mr. Enley Moore and Mr. Rufus Moore went to Camp Jackson Tuesday on business.

Miss Taty Gibson of Lumber Bridge was a recent attractive visitor in Woodville.

We were delighted to welcome home this week-end Cpl. J. D. McLean of Camp Jackson, S. C., and Bill McMillan of Camp Sevier, S. C.

Miss Fannie Wright left Sunday for Washington, D. C., to accept a Government position.

Mrs. A. McNeill and daughter, Miss Belle, spent last Wednesday at Elber Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan McArthur and Miss Margaret Martin were pleasant visitors Sunday here.

Mrs. J. G. Pate and little daughter, Martha Jean, Mr. and Mrs. James Gibson and family of Gibson spent the week-end with Mrs. H. C. McMillan.

Miss Catherine Fairley of Rockingham is the attractive guest of Miss Lee McNair this week.

Miss Emma Lee McMillan entertained delightfully last Saturday evening with a lawn party in honor of her brother, Bill, and Cpl. J. D. McLean. The combination of the moon and two soldier boys added unusual "pop" to the occasion.

The many friends of Mr. Charles McMillan will note that he has been transferred from Camp Jackson to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C.

Mr. Edward Striffling of Greenville, S. C., came Monday night to spend several days with his sister, Mrs. Raymond Monroe.

LAUREL HILL NEWS.

Special to The Exchange.

Laurel Hill, June 25.—Miss Barbara Patterson of Columbus, Ga., is spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. J. L. Hargrave and family, Mrs. J. B. Maxwell and daughters, Misses Pauline, Nellie and Lena, spent Sunday at Montross.

Mr. C. W. Newton and daughters, Misses Nell and Flora Hale, and Miss Pauline Newton, of South Carolina, visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hogan Sunday.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Usher will be glad to know that Little Majory Lois is rapidly improving after an illness of several weeks.

Quite a number of Laurel Hill people motored to Camp Jackson Saturday and report that most of the Depot baggage have been transferred to Camp Sevier, S. C.

The many friends of Mrs. B. F. Gibson will be glad to know she is improving after an illness of several days.

LOCAL BOARD WANTS NAMES MEN NOT AT WORK.

Information of Men Not Supporting Families Not Working Will be Confidential.

Chairman Edward H. Gibson of the local exemption board states that his board is anxious to secure information of any married men subject to military service under the selective service or draft plan who are not supporting their wives and families. It is further stated that any and all citizens of the county who may be in position to supply such information are asked to do so and with the assurance that any information of this character will be held as a strictly confidential matter between the board and the informant. It is also promised by the board that in all cases where married men of draft age are not supporting their families they will be placed in Class I and forthwith sent to the army.

The board is also desirous of securing information as to any men, married or not married, of draft age who are idle or, if working, are engaged in what may be termed as non-essential occupations. All such cases will be promptly investigated and where men are found to be idle or engaged in work that is not essential to the common good and not a contributing factor in winning the war, these men will be put to work in worthwhile occupations or sent to the army. Any one in the county who may know of any man of draft age who is liable under either of the above classes is urgently asked to supply the local exemption board with this information with the distinct understanding that the names of those giving such information will not be divulged by the board and the man who is reported to the board may never know who exposed him.

The War Department has ruled that all men of draft age must fight or work at some useful or essential occupation for the duration of the war. The local exemption board is charged with the duty of seeing that this ruling is carried out in this county and the responsibility of making the ruling effective is upon every citizen of the county, whose duty it is to see that every man of draft age is known to be idle or engaged in work that is not essential to the good of his community and country.

It has been found in some instances in some counties that married men in the draft who have been given deferred classification on account of a dependent wife, or wife and children, are not supporting their families and the Government will not tolerate such triflingness at this time. Able-bodied men must work or fight; that is all there is to it, and the sooner these men make up their minds that the Government means business the better for all concerned.

A man whose means of livelihood are not well known and who moves in a mysterious manner in securing funds to meet expenses should be reported to the exemption board so that his case can be investigated. Gambling, selling liquor are obviously forms of business that the community can well get along without and any man engaged in this sort of thing should be put to work or sent to the army immediately, and that is what is wanted. And those who are not working, regardless of what their financial circumstances may be, are traitors to their country and should be reported to the local board.

WALTER MEDLIN AGAIN ON TRIAL.

Macon, June 24.—The second trial of Walter Medlin, proprietor of the Saratoga Hotel, for the murder of W. E. Baker, a barber, formerly of Atlanta, commenced in the Superior Court today. The jury was unable to agree on a verdict at the first hearing and Judge Mathews declared a mistrial.

Medlin is charged with shooting and killing Baker in an upstairs room of the Saratoga Hotel last February. At his trial, Medlin declared Baker had tried to alienate the affections of Mrs. Medlin, and had made false statements to her about Medlin with the view of turning her against him.

FIVE NEGROES GO TO TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA.

The local exemption board has orders to send 4 colored selection to the Florida Agricultural and Mechanical school at Tallahassee, Fla., Sunday, June 30. One other, Charlie Fletcher, has volunteered to go making five in all. The four men will be selected from the following names:

Angus Covington, James McLean, Mack Daniel Harrington, Wm. Charles Bourmont, Edward London, Charles Morrison, and Robert Leak.

RED CROSS MASS MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 2ND.

Mrs. Webb of Rockingham Will Speak in Opera House at 10:30 Tuesday Morning.

A mass meeting of the Red Cross membership of the Laurinburg chapter and the Gibson, Wagram, Johns and Laurel Hill auxiliaries has been arranged for Tuesday morning, July 2nd, at the opera house in Laurinburg. Mrs. Webb of Rockingham, who is prominent in the Red Cross work of the State will be present and make an address. A special attempt will be made to secure new members of the Red Cross and to secure the renewal of all members who have previously joined the Red Cross in the county.

The following ladies have been selected as a committee on decoration and will have charge of decorating the hall for Tuesday's meeting: Miss Eva Covington, chairman; Miss Jessie McLaurin, Miss Mary Fairley, Miss Aline Covington, Miss Irene Prince, Miss Eugenia Fairley.

It is urged that all Red Cross members and all who are interested in this work attend the meeting Tuesday.

THE RED CROSS.

Two New Auxiliaries Organized in Week, Workers Showing Splendid Spirit.

Two new auxiliaries have been organized within the past week. On June 20 a committee of ladies from the Laurinburg chapter went to Sneed's Grove where a good number of enthusiastic women and boys met them and were organized into an auxiliary Red Cross. The officers elected were: Mrs. Jasper Livingston, chairman; Miss Annie Gibson, secretary; Miss Ethel Covington, treasurer.

On June 21 an auxiliary of colored people was organized at Spring Branch church near Wagram. Several ladies from the Wagram auxiliary were present. 25 members were enrolled and decorated with Red Cross pins. They promise to be large in membership than the previous chapter. The chairman and members will celebrate on July 4 and expect to enroll as many as 300.

There is no complaint to be made as to the response of workers at Red Cross headquarters on Tuesday and Thursday. But on Wednesday and Friday there is a pathetic silence of sewing machines. Sometimes only one is in use. The work in there and of all grades, some easy to do and some requiring more skill. So there is a place for everybody who will come and everybody is reading and knows that the needs are more and more urgent for these supplies.

CAN NOT CHARGE OVER 5 CENTS FOR MEAL.

Food Administrator Lamar P. Smith calls attention to a ruling of the Food Administration which fixes the price at which corn meal may be sold at retail at not more than 5 cents the pound. Any one who knows of any merchant or others selling meal for more than 5 cents a pound is asked to report same to the county Food Administrator and the matter will be promptly taken up with the State Food Administrator.

The ruling for 5 cents a pound maximum price for corn meal grew out of complaint from some parts of the state that merchants were selling meal at exorbitant prices since consumers are required to buy it and other cereals with purchases of flour. Investigation showed that any price higher than 5 cents a pound for corn meal was exorbitant and unnecessary. All merchants are asked to observe this ruling religiously and all others are asked to make prompt report of any infractions of the rule.

MR. J. G. WILKINSON DIES IN ALABAMA.

Mr. J. G. Wilkinson, a former resident of this county, died May 27 at his home at Louisville, Ala. Mr. Wilkinson, it is said, had been in poor health for several months and was seriously ill for a few days before death came. About 15 years ago he left this State and settled in Alabama where he has since lived. He was a son of the late Duncan Wilkinson of this county. Surviving are the widow, and one brother and one sister, Mr. E. A. Wilkinson and Miss Maggie Wilkinson.

Buy War Savings Stamps today and every day. If you can't buy now, pledge all you can and buy them in the fall when money is more plentiful.

RECLAIMING MANY PHYSICALLY UNFIT.

Large Number of Rejected Registrants Will Receive Free Medical Treatment.

In every county of the State physicians have been answering the call made for the treatment of registrants under the selective service law who are physically disqualified for military duty. Assisting the members of the medical profession in this work are the dentists who have also volunteered to do their part towards making the men physically fit. This work of healing will be done without charge.

Out of a total of more than 169,000 men in the State who registered in June, 1917, slightly more than 11,000 were rejected as unfit for military service. Some of the rejections were because of the loss of sight, hearing, one or more limbs and injuries due to accidents. Far the greater number, however, were found physically unfit because of defects which had gone unattended while the registrant was young and which had resulted in chronic affections. A very great many of these it is estimated can be made physically fit by careful treatment, and the military authorities are asking the physicians of the State to undertake this work as a part of their contribution to the winning of the war.

The fact that more than 11,000 men between the ages of 1 and 31 in North Carolina were found in the condition known as "unfit" has emphasized the importance of the medical examination of children in schools for the discovery and correction of the minor defects which may be easily treated, and for proper care and treatment of such defects. Many of these children may be suffering from more serious ailments. This work is to be done vigorously in the State during the approaching school season. The State Board of Health is urging all parents to assist the teachers by having their children engaged in the work in the most successful manner.

MRS. NASH DEAD.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. F. W. Nash, of Lacey St., after an illness of two months. A short funeral service was held about nine o'clock by Rev. J. H. Buffalo. Immediately afterwards the body was taken to the depot, the following acting as pall bearers: Messrs. O. T. Goodwin, W. N. McNeill, W. J. Galoway, E. D. Hatch, W. R. Land and E. W. Pegram. The body was taken to Raleigh on No. 4. On arrival there it was taken to Central Methodist Church, that was built by her distinguished husband during his pastorate there, and where death claimed eleven months ago. Funeral services were held from the Central Church by the pastor, Rev. D. N. Caviness, and Rev. J. V. Guthrie at four o'clock and the interment was in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Nash was born the 16th of June, 1844, and lived only six days reaching her sixty-sixth birthday. She was a Miss Louise Taylor, of Edgecombe county, and became the wife of Dr. Nash in the second year of his ministry. They lived happily together forty-five years. Three children survive her: Mrs. Rosa Penny, of Raleigh, Attorney M. W. Nash, of Hamlet and Mr. E. W. Nash of Fayetteville, N. C., also several grand children. The last several years of her life was spent in Hamlet. Up to a short while ago she lived an active life. Besides her household work, she lived close to nature, giving considerable time to outdoor life, especially to gardening. In this work she got the best results always, succeeding in raising the best in vegetables and fruits. With all this she took time to be real helpful to her neighbors and many are the kind words spoken of her. Her good common sense, long and varied experience among all classes and with the disposition to serve guided her in the action and love of all those with whom she came in contact. In her younger days she took an active part in whatever made for the betterment of religion as well as domestic life and was a helpmate indeed to her able and distinguished husband.

Mr. Geo. T. Goodwin left Thursday of last week for New York, where he was called to report June 24. Mr. Goodwin will sail soon for France and will be in the Y. M. C. A. overseas service. He writes his father, Mr. Geo. W. Goodwin, of this city, that he is well and has not learned just when he will go to France.

Don't forget the Red Cross mass meeting at the opera house in Laurinburg Tuesday, July 2, at 10:30 a. m.

SOME COMMUNITIES WITHOUT PHYSICIANS.

State Board of Health Endeavoring to See That No Section is Left Without Medical Attention.

The unequal distribution of physicians in North Carolina is resulting in rural suffering in a number of communities in the State. There are enough physicians in the State as a whole to care for the health of the civil population, but on account of the fact that so many have entered the Army Medical Corps there are many rural districts especially, and a few towns and cities, which are in need of additional physicians to care for the needs of the people. On the other hand, there are still communities in the State in which there are more physicians than are really needed.

The State Board of Health is anxious to serve both the people of the State and the physicians themselves in remedying such conditions. There is no reason now why any community in North Carolina should be forced to go without proper medical attention, and there is no excuse for the presence in the State of any physician without a practice. To bring the community in need and the physician in touch with each other the State Board of Health is requesting that any community in need of a physician, or any physician now residing in a district with more than adequate medical care, to let the fact be known to the board, and the effort will be made to supply the want.

More stress is being laid now than ever before upon public health. Surgeon General Gorgas, of the United States Army, is particularly stressing the need of health among the civilian population because of its bearing upon the health of the men in the army and the training camps. Nearly all the diseases with which the men in training are affected are brought into the camps from outside, and the prompt reporting and care of all communicable diseases among the civilian population has become of the greatest importance.

The commission recently appointed by Governor Bickett for the purpose of administering the optional selections of the home-warrior act is ready to begin functioning, and this commission is expected to solve the problem presented by the needs of the Army, the civil population and the individual physician. In the meantime the State Board of Health is endeavoring to act as a clearing house to relieve pressing conditions.

MASTER STEPHEN W. BARBER.

(Written for The Exchange.)
Monday morning, June 3, just before 5 o'clock the death angel visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barber and claimed for his own their darling little baby, just 9 months and 4 days old. S. W. as he was called in his home was a sweet baby and always bore a smile on his little face for every one. We can not understand why this little sunbeam was taken out of that home. He was the idol of his mother's heart, but is gone where there will be no sorrow, no pain nor death. He was laid to rest Tuesday morning, June 4, in the family burying ground beneath a bank of beautiful flowers. God in His wisdom has recalled the beam his love had given and though the body moulders here the soul is safe in Heaven.

DEATH OF NATHANIEL GIBSON.

Mr. Nathaniel Gibson, a prominent farmer of near Johns, died Saturday, June 22, after an illness of several weeks. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Calcedonia church, Rev. J. B. Thompson officiating. A large crowd attended the funeral, gathering to pay a last tribute of respect to the memory of a good man. Final offerings were exquisite and the remains were laid to rest beneath a bank of beautiful flowers.

Mr. Gibson was in his 67th year and leaves a wife and several children. He was a substantial citizen and farmer and will be missed in the community where he was known and highly esteemed for many years.

MAILING OUT QUESTIONAIRES.

The local exemption board began Tuesday mailing out questionnaires to the men who registered June 5. This will be completed Friday, and all questionnaires must be returned by July 6th. Failure to do this will cause the registrant to be classed as a deserter.

The Misses Fairley of Rockingham are pleasant visitors in Laurinburg, guests of Mrs. J. D. Shaw.

LT. DONALD PHILLIPS WINS FRENCH WAR CROSS

Laurinburg Boy Decorated by French High Command for Bravery in Action, Croix de Guerre.

Information has just reached here that a Laurinburg boy, Lt. Donald Phillips, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Phillips of this city, has been decorated with the French war cross, Croix de Guerre, for bravery in action. In the recent heavy fighting on the French sector Lt. Phillips led his men "over the top" in a night attack against the German lines, going as far as the third line, and capturing a number of German prisoners. It is said Lt. Phillips brought back a German prisoner himself while his men succeeded in getting a number of prisoners.

For this feat he was decorated for bravery by a French Major General and his staff, receiving the coveted French Cross of War, Croix de Guerre. Lt. Phillips is the first officer in his regiment to receive this honor, and one of the first two in his division, as well as the first North Carolinian.

Lt. Phillips was formerly a lawyer at Rockingham. In the spring of 1917 he went to the Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., officers' training school, and in September of last year went to France.

FARMERS MAY HAVE WHEAT GROUND FOR YEAR'S SUPPLY.

May Grind Supply Sufficient to Last to October 1st and Then for the Whole Year.

Raleigh, June 24.—With the coming in of the new wheat crop, North Carolina farmers who were patriotic and wise enough to raise their own wheat will be allowed to have an entire season's supply of flour ground. The only condition to this privilege, according to State Food Administrator Henry A. Page, is that while wheat is still in poor milling condition, a supply sufficient to last until October 1 shall be ground.

All wheat producers as well as other consumers are requested to continue to observe the present conservation program of the Food Administration which calls for the use of as much corn meal and other cereal substitutes as of wheat flour. The maximum measure of consumption of flour from new crop wheat for wheat producers will be 12 pounds per person per month instead of the present requested voluntary rationing of 6 pounds.

On account of the short wheat crop last year and of the absolute necessity from a military standpoint of supplying our armies and the armies and civilian population of our Allies with at least a partial ration of wheat flour, the Food Administration was compelled to make drastic rules and regulations governing the distribution and grinding of wheat of the 1917 crop even to the extent of limiting the supplies which farmers might have ground from their own wheat. About three months ago the Food Administration at Washington issued milling rules which prohibited all wheat mills from delivering more than a 30 days supply of flour to any one including wheat growers. Food Administrator Page granted an exception to this rule inasmuch as North Carolina was concerned so that farmers living more than three miles from a mill could secure their supplies up to 30 days. Thus, after all, North Carolina farmers have suffered little or no inconvenience.

Ten Things for Your Life.

There are ten things for which no one has ever yet been sorry. These are: For doing good to all, for speaking evil of none, for hearing before speaking, for holding an angry tongue, for being kind to the distressed, for asking pardon for all wrongs, for being patient towards everybody, for stopping the ears of a talker, for disbelieving most of the ill reports.—Exchange.

NOTICE.

The annual Stockholders meeting of the Waverly, Dixon and Scotland Cotton Mills, will be held at the Court House, Laurinburg, N. C., the 3rd Monday in July, the 15th day, at 10:30 o'clock.

GEO. P. AVINGER, General Manager.
June 11, 1918.