

RED CROSS BULLETIN.

We are sorry to report a falling off in attendance this week and want to urge our members to greater efforts for the coming week. Do not let the warm weather keep you away; our rooms are cool and pleasant, and we need every minute of your time that you can spare.

We want you to ask our friends not to forget that the work rooms need and will gladly accept donations of any kind. Mrs. W. L. Parsley has just given us one case of gauze and eight extra bolts and in fact, gives gauze every week. Is there not another Red Cross member who would like to help in this way?

We would also be very grateful for our chairs or tables that can be lent or given. We have had the use of Dr. Moore's office furniture, but that has been sent to furnish the memorial room at the James Walker Memorial hospital, and we would be glad to have some given or lent in its place.

If all had the spirit of the little girl who gave a little play and made a dollar just among the little friends in her neighborhood, what a wonderful help it would be.

Report of Work Room.
 Antiseptics, 383; tampons, 2,485; compresses, 2,147; pads, 809; swivel, 88; applicators, 1,368. Total surgical dressings, 7,791.
 St. John's unit: 218 plaited bandages, 1 quilt.
 Winter Park unit: 525 bags.

The following donations are very gratefully received: Dr. J. H. Honnert, 176 applicators; Hemenway school, 309 applicators; members headquarters fire department, 3,000 applicators; Ella Ray Smith donated applicators; Mr. Percy Cowan, 300 applicators; Woman's School Improvements club, Myrtle Grove Sound, \$5; Wrightsville school children, Miss Northam, teacher, proceeds of play, \$12; Mrs. W. L. Parsley, from sale of vegetables, \$3.60; Miss Ella Lamb, \$1; Mrs. W. N. Harris, 20 pairs socks, for Fort Caswell, from National Special Aid; Mr. G. W. Trask, \$35; Ada Flynn, from little play, \$1.

Anyone having scraps of wool, no matter how small, please turn them into the knitting room, as they are sent to headquarters, rewoven, redyed and then can be used for knitting.
 Report from knitting room, May 3 to 10:

Miriam Finney, square; Mrs. H. L. Lane, 2 pairs wristlets; Miss Mary Brown, 3 pairs socks; Mrs. Gleaves, sweater; Mrs. Dwight G. Haver, 2 pairs wristlets; Miss Margaret Garret, helmet; Miss Jennie Gilchrist, pair socks; Mrs. S. Solomon, sweater; Miss Rowe Wiggins, pair socks; Mrs. S. P. Collier, sweater; Mrs. Andrew Harris, sweater; Ruth and Mary Willoughby, 2 pairs wristlets; Miss Janie Dunn, pair wristlets; Mrs. A. J. Black, pair wristlets; Mrs. Baxter, 6 squares; Miss Louise Rutland, sweater; Miss Northam, pair socks; Miss Annie Baltzer, pair socks; Mrs. John Hardin, pair socks; Mrs. Jno. Wessell, pair wristlets; Mrs. Gregg, sweater; Miss Alice Walker, helmet; Mrs. Jno. Murchison, pair socks; Miss Jane Russell, pair socks and sweater; Mrs. Margaret Bordeaux, pair socks; Mrs. Bannabaum, sweater; Miss Christine Stevenson, socks; St. Andrew's unit, 4 pairs socks and sweater; Mrs. C. W. Worth, pair socks; Miss Asmie Price, 2 pair socks; Miss Hewlett, sweater.

Donated: Mrs. Pembroke Jones, \$5; a friend, pair socks; Bettie Worth Sprunt, square; Miss Marie Walker, pair wristlets; Mrs. Walter Hanner, 10 eye wipes; Davis Plummer, 3 squares; Mrs. W. E. Sprunt, sweater; Mary Huggins, 2 squares; Miss Jennie Murchison, pair socks; Mrs. H. L. Fennel, sweater; Mrs. H. Bluthenthal, 10 ounces wool, 1 pair wristlets, 2 squares; St. Mary's unit, 2 pairs socks, 1 sweater; Mrs. W. A. Dick, 2 pairs socks; Miss Carrie Melvin, pair socks, Kerr, N. C.

MARRIETTA.
 Marietta, N. C., May 11.—The local school closed Wednesday, May 1, with a concert the night before. R. M. Beasley, of Raleigh, made a very forceful speech on the war, why we are in it, etc. It was educating and inspiring to hear his masterful message. Despite high prices and it being a wheatless day the dinner was plentiful.

Miss Clara Bowls, of Hickory, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. W. M. Oliver.
 Jerry Reynolds and niece, Miss Reynolds, of Mt. Airy, are spending this week with Mr. Reynolds' sister, Mrs. P. C. Henley.

Miss Maggie Bridgman, who has been spending some time with Mrs. Leon Henley, left for her home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Oliver and little son, Master John Frank, spent last week end in Lumberton, visiting relatives and friends.

Mrs. Mollie Roberts is spending some time at Nichols.

Mrs. Grover Britt, of Lumberton, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hamilton.

Miss Laura Scarboro, one of the teachers in the school here, left Friday for her home at Mt. Gilead. Miss Cherry, another teacher, will leave for her home Monday.

Miss Tannie Oliver spent last Saturday in Lumberton.

Miss Viola Watson was a Lumberton visitor Monday.

W. R. Surles, of Proctorsville, was here Monday.

Grover Page, of Proctorsville, was also a visitor here Monday.

Misses Cherry and Scarboro left for Moravian Falls and Mt. Gilead, respectively, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Townsend, of Dunn, came to see Mr. Townsend's mother, Mrs. S. McOliver, Saturday. Mr. Townsend returned to Dunn Sunday, but Mrs. Townsend will be here for some time.

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 The Woman's Missionary society met with Mrs. S. M. Oliver last Monday afternoon.

There was an entertainment in the school building here last Friday night for the benefit of the Red Cross. About \$15 was realized from the entertainment.

Engagement Announcement.
 Warsaw, May 11.—Of wide interest to both North Carolina and Washington social circles is the announcement by Mrs. Thos. B. Peirce, of Warsaw, North Carolina, of the engagement of her daughter, Miss Margaret Hill Peirce, to Mr. William Grayson Orme, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. Orme is a member of one of the old prominent southern families, and is, during the war, serving in the fuel administration work of the government. Miss Peirce is well known throughout North Carolina for her educational as well as social activities. Two years ago she was called to the capital city by Judge Touts and others to become director of a new school for the training of teachers for small children. Since that time Miss Peirce has successfully established the school in her own name, and removed it to Connecticut avenue, Dupont Circle.

Miss Peirce has been honored by a number of social and educational societies, which have taken an active interest in the promulgation of the methods she has so successfully tested.

The wedding will take place in Warsaw on June 15 in the Presbyterian church, after which the couple will return to Washington as their permanent place of residence.

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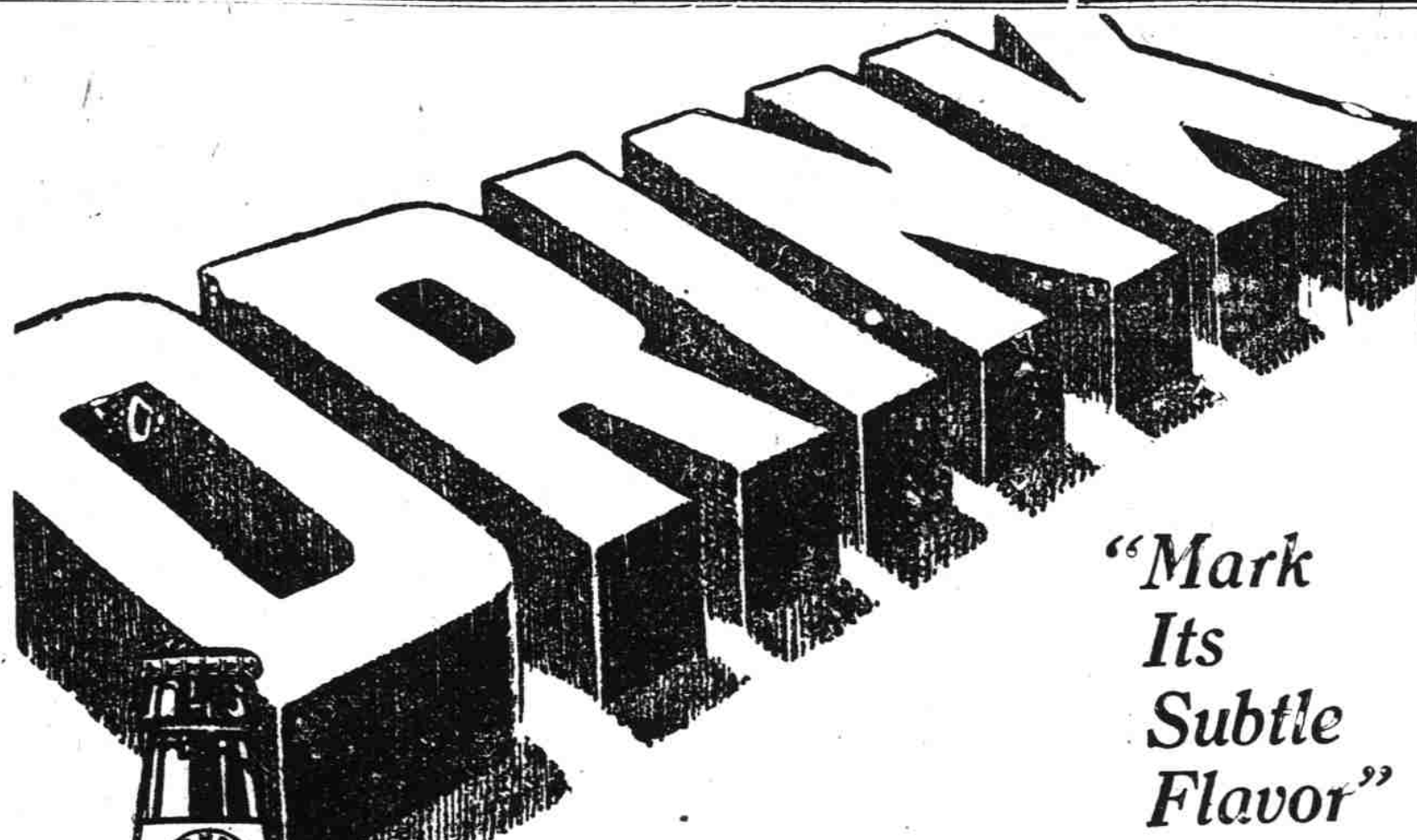
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Increased Revenue Necessary For Telephone Company

Every person in North Carolina and elsewhere has been directly affected in his personal and business life by the enormous increase in the cost of food and other necessities and the increased cost of labor and material which has been experienced during the past four years.

Individuals have met this situation by effecting economy in their personal life and by seeking increases in their income. Private business concerns and many public utility enterprises have secured relief by increasing the price of goods they sell or the service they render. Practically the only service, the cost of which remain the same to the public in spite of the increased cost of labor and material, is telephone service..

The time has arrived when it is necessary to secure additional revenue if we are to render adequate and efficient general service in the State of North Carolina and meet our obligations to our patrons and to our government which are imposed upon us as a public servant.

We have stated the situation frankly to the State Corporation Commission and have requested authority to increase our local exchange rates in certain cities based upon a complete exposition of our operations which show clearly that the proposed increase in our revenue will by no means produce a reasonable return upon our investment..

We have endeavored to meet our obligation to our employes by large increases in the wages paid to enable them to meet in a measure the increased cost of living, but the demand for labor due to the commercial activity of the past year and to government requirements has affected us just as it has every other industry.

In 1916 we required one employe for every 41 stations in North Carolina, while in 1917 there was one employe to every 35 stations. This was not due to any large increase in the number of stations but to the increased traffic and to the large number of new and inexperienced employes who could not handle as much work as a more experienced organization.

In January, 1917, the salaries and wages paid in North Carolina amounted to 99 cents per station. In December, 1917, this item amounted to \$1.34 per station and is now even greater.

In 1916 we disbursed 43.4 cents for salaries and wages out of every dollar of revenue earned in North Carolina. In 1917 our employes received 50.4 cents out of every dollar of revenue earned in North Carolina, and this figure is increasing.

Our gross revenue in 1917 was \$944,752.18—an increase of \$82,873.31 over 1916. Our salaries and wages paid were actually increased \$64,096.75 in 1917, which is at the rate of \$120,662.04 per annum, or \$37,788.73 more than our increase in revenue in 1917.

The estimated increase in revenue on the basis of the proposed rates will be at least \$50,000.00 per annum less than the increase in salaries and wages already made and estimated to be necessary in 1918. It will not take care of the other increased expenses such as taxes, material, etc. With this increased revenue the net result of our operations in North Carolina in 1918 will not equal the net result in 1917.

A complete statement of these facts and many others will be presented in detail to the State Corporation Commission, but we want our patrons and the public to be familiar with them and we indulge the hope that our request will appeal to you as so reasonable that you will extend us your co-operation.

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