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UNITED STATES WAR-SAVING STAMPS.

The following full explanation of the "War-Savings Stamps" is taken from a bulletin sent out by the Treasury Department at Washington:

In offering "War-Savings Stamps" to the public the United States Government has made immediately available for every man, woman, and child in the Country a profitable, simple and secure investment.

War-Savings Stamps are the answer of a great democracy to the demand for a democratic form of government security. They are "little baby bonds." Like Liberty bonds, they have behind them the entire resources of the Government and people of the United States. They have the additional advantage that they steadily increase in value from the date of purchase until the date of maturity, and this increase is guaranteed by the Government. These stamps are issued in two denominations, the 25-cent stamp and the \$5 stamp.

For the convenience of investors a "Thrift card" is furnished to all purchasers of 25-cent stamps. This card has spaces for 16 stamps. When all the spaces have been filled the Thrift Card may be exchanged for a \$5 stamp at post offices, banks or other authorized agencies by adding 12 cents in cash prior to February 1, 1918, and 1 cent additional each month thereafter.

Those who prefer may buy a \$5 stamp outright. These will be on sale from December 3, 1917, until January 31, 1918, for \$4.12. They automatically increase in value a cent a month every month thereafter until January 1, 1923, when the United States will pay \$5 at any post office or at the Treasury in Washington for each stamp affixed to a War-Savings Certificate.

When you purchase a \$5 stamp, you must attach it to an engraved folder known as a "War-Savings Certificate" which bears the name of the purchaser and can be cashed only by the person whose name appears upon the certificate, except in case of death or disability. This certificate contains 20 spaces. If these are all filled with War-Savings Stamps between December 3, 1917, and January 31, 1918, the cost to the purchaser will be \$82.40, and on January 1, 1923, the Government will pay the owner of the certificate \$100—a net profit to the holder of \$17.60. This is based on an interest rate of 4 per cent compounded quarterly from January 2, 1918. The amount of War-Savings Stamps sold to any one person at any one time shall not exceed \$100 (maturity value), and no person may hold such stamps or War-Savings Certificates to an aggregate amount exceeding \$1,000 (maturity value).

If the holder of a War-Savings Certificate finds it necessary to realize cash on it before maturity, he may at any time after January 2, 1918, upon giving 10 days' written notice to any money-order post office, receive for each stamp affixed to

his certificate the amount paid therefor plus 1 cent for each calendar month after the month of purchase of each stamp. A registered certificate may be redeemed, however, only at the post office where registered.

In other words, the plan is simple, straightforward, and certain. The holder of the certificate can not lose and is certain to gain. He is buying the safest security in the world in the most convenient form in which the security of a great Government has ever been offered to its people.

Why You Should Buy Them.

The main reason for the purchase of War-Savings Stamps is because your country is at war. Your Country needs every penny which every man, woman, and child can save and lend, in order to feed, clothe, arm, and equip the soldiers and sailors of America and to win this righteous war in defense of American honor and the cause of democracy throughout the world.

If we are to win the war, we must win it as a united people. The savings of every man, woman, and child are necessary if we are to hasten the victorious ending of the war. War Savers are Life Savers.

A single strand in the cables which uphold the great Brooklyn Suspension Bridge is not very strong, but thousands of these strands bound together uphold one of the great thoroughfares of the world.

When our fathers and sons and brothers were called by our Country to take up arms in her defense, you did not hear an individual soldier refuse to serve because his service alone would not win the war. Each man was ready to do his part. The great army thus formed is going forward to face the fire of battle and to risk everything for the safety and security of our homes and our families, and for the very existence of our Country.

These are the men for whom you are asked to save and lend your dollars.

A Country worth fighting for is a Country worth saving for.

To save money is to save life. Buy War-Savings Stamps at post offices, banks, trust companies, or other authorized agencies, and strike a blow for our Country.

FARMERS OF JOHNSTON COUNTY

There is one weak point, or gap, in our agricultural interests which must be closed, or bridged. The County Farm Demonstrator and the County Food Administrator can not adequately reach the farmers. They cannot render aid to the six thousand tillers of the soil by means of the few telephones and the few good roads. They must have some medium through which to work.

For their own good, and for the good of our nation, the Johnston County farmers must be in closer touch with the Agricultural Department and the Food Administration at Washington. Our plan is to bridge the gap between the Johnston County farmer and the Federal Department of Agriculture.

You farmers who have an interest in your community, in your township, in your County and in your Nation, come to the Johnston County court house at Smithfield on December 22nd to form a Johnston County Board of Agriculture. You will elect a Township Board of Agriculture of three members; a president, vice-president and a secretary-treasurer. The seventeen township boards will, in turn elect a County Board of Advisors of three similar officers to counsel and advise with the County Farm Demonstrator and County Food Administrator. None of these men elected will receive a salary. Their service will be a patriotic duty.

Come and bring the men whom you want elected to work with Uncle Sam and to further the agricultural interests of our County.

A. M. JOHNSON,
County Farm Demonstrator.
F. H. BROOKS,
County Food Administrator.

P. S. The meeting called for December 8th, was postponed on account of the bad weather.

ANSWER QUESTIONAIRES.

They Must Be Returned to the Local Exemption Boards in Seven Days After They Are Mailed. Must Be Filled Out With Help of Legal Advisory Board.

The new regulations in regard to the registrants are very strict and demand the most careful consideration. The Local Boards will send out about December 15th the Questionnaires, a lengthy document, which must be filled out and returned to the Board in seven days from the date of mailing. This is of the greatest importance and the registrant who neglects to do this will lose his right of exemption and be placed in Class No. 1. The Questionnaires will be sent to the last address of registrant and if he fails to get it, it is his look out. The Board is not responsible. For this reason, it is very important that those who may know of the change of address of any of their friends and relatives, should notify them of this matter. Should the Questionnaires be sent to a man who has changed his address without notifying the Board in his district, and fails to get it and return it properly filled out to the Board within seven days, will be put in Class No. 1, and denied the right of exemption.

Every registrant is required to fill out his Questionnaires with the aid of the legal advisory board. The Advisory Board for Local Board No. 1, located at Smithfield, is James D. Parker, Ed. F. Ward and Albert M. Noble. They are selected with the sole purpose of helping the registrant to fill out his Questionnaires. The registrant may be able to fill out the Questionnaires all right, but he must get one of the legal advisers to help him. That is what the Government has selected him for. He gets no fees for this work.

When the registrant has properly filled out his Questionnaires with the help of one of the legal advisers, he has to swear to it. For this reason every man should be as careful as he can be not to make a mistake. The registrant must not go to the Local Exemption Board for help.

The Questionnaires will be sent to every man in registration list who has not already been accepted at camp, and the deserters. If a man failed to pass the Board when examined at some previous time, he is not excused. He will get one of the Questionnaires, and must fill it out and return to Exemption Board in seven days. If every man will do his duty in looking after these things carefully it will greatly facilitate the work of the boards and place him on his right footing in regard to the army.

Again we warn all registrants to look out for the Questionnaires and be prepared to return them within the appointed time.

"BURNING THE BOOKS."
Acts 19: 19.

The above caption is the subject of a sermon delivered by Rev. H. F. Brinson at the Smithfield Baptist church on Sunday morning, December 2nd. The following is a general outline of the sermon which was pronounced by many who heard Mr. Brinson as one of the very best sermons he has delivered here since he assumed the pastorate of the Baptist church.

Next to man the most potent factor in the world is a book. No one knows the power that is wrapped up in that which we call a book. He who said that a book has a soul, was very near the truth. True it has no individual soul as has man, but every real book contains a cluster of living thoughts which constitute its soul. The mechanical part may be very beautiful, but the words might be jumbled into an unintelligible mass, and it would be no book; but the thought these words and characters are arranged to express is the real book, and can never die. It is this that God puts into His Word and makes it as eternal as Him-

self. It is into his book that a man puts himself, his very soul and it being part of him is living like Him. It is this living characteristic that enters into the reader and changes him. No man can read a book and ever be the same again, either in time or eternity. Something from the book has become a part of him, and he is better or worse as the book is good or bad.

Books are divided into two classes: The good which are constructive, and the bad which are destructive. There is no such thing as an indifferent book. The effect upon the reader is either good or evil. The books and music of a home are an index to the life of those within. No bookless race or people has ever gone far in civilization or contributed a constructive page to its history.

The world has lost immeasurably by the destruction of books. Vandalism has wrecked many rich treasures which can never be restored and has all but blotted out the story of the ancient past. Today we are digging from the ruins of Alexandria, Thebes and other ancient cities broken bits of writings which give fragments of a history which has lain buried and unknown for ages. Nor is this wanton destruction confined to the uncivilized past; for today the vandal hand that cares not for the riches of the past, or for the future that must rest upon it, but only the accomplishment of a diabolical purpose is burning treasures that can never be replaced.

But some books will not burn. Repeated attempts have been made to destroy the Word of God, but every effort has resulted in its greatest dissemination. No power can destroy it, it is a living thing, the very life-giving breath of God Himself.

When Tyndale introduced his translation of the New Testament into England the Bishop of London made repeated efforts to destroy it. Finally in his desperation he ordered that every copy should be bought from Tyndale and burned. Scarcely were the embers cold before his money was used by Tyndale to issue a better edition, which was sent broad cast over all England.

There are various ways of burning books. Every book that is put out of or rendered useless in one's life to all practical purposes has been burned to this life. The dust on the unread volume is but the ashes of the burning. How often do we enter a home and find the Word of God or other soul-lifting books covered with dust, while these which lead the reader farther from God and the life in Him are kept ever before the future men and women who are now the children in that home. How often do we burn to our individual lives, by neglect, those silent but soul-lifting messengers which make us more like the Christ whom we would serve, while we feed our minds on that which robs us of His image and likeness and brings to us only irreparable loss both in time and eternity.

The future of our lives, the lives of our children, of our country and the kingdom of God, is going to be determined largely by the books we burn today. If we put out of our lives the bad, and surround ourselves and our children with the good of the past and present, the gospel of Jesus Christ will soon peel forth with a new note of triumph and men from the uttermost parts of the earth will join the angel chorus in giving praise to Him who gave to us His Book.

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