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BIG DRIVE NOW ON.

Drive is one of the big words of the day. It is the word that has been brought into use in the foreign battle fields. It's a word that means business. It's the word that is to be used in the War Savings Campaign in this county in the next ten days.

The Big Drive is now on and for the next ten days the big work of the War Savings Campaign is to be done. In these next ten days the people of the county are to be given an opportunity to see if they are really in earnest in this matter of pledging to buy War Savings Stamps. Johnston County is asked to lend to the Government during this year \$910,822 by buying these Baby Bonds, or War Savings Stamps. Between now and the sixth of April the Big Drive is to be made and it is hoped to get half of Johnston county's quota bought and pledged in that time.

At a conference held here yesterday afternoon at which about thirty members of the several committees were present, Mr. Gilbert Stephenson, Director of Service for the State War Savings Campaign, explained the duties of the committees and laid before them the plan which is now being pursued to carry the towns and counties over the top. It was a most interesting meeting and the presence of so many busy people on Monday afternoon is the strongest evidence that the people are getting in earnest in this great work of helping to finance the government in the tremendous struggle we are now engaged in.

THE BLUE SKY THE SHELTER

Will Automobiles Be Left in the Weather.

At present automobiles are new to most of our people and they keep them fairly well sheltered but will this continue? We predict that when they have been used awhile some of them and perhaps many of them will be left out in the weather to rust and ruin. Our people leave out hoes, plows, guano distributors, corn and cotton planters, rakes, mowers, grain drills, manure spreaders, hay balers, carts, wagons, buggies and tractors and we see no reason why it is not about time to begin to leave automobiles out in the open and exposure to the weather. It is true a fine automobile might be damaged a thousand dollars in three months by exposure to the weather but what is that when it comes to the American idea of making the blue sky the great American implement shed! Un-oiled, unpainted and unsheltered implements mean one of America's greatest wastes.

Mr. Gilbert Stephenson made an address at Selma last night on the War Savings plan and about nine thousand dollars were pledged. Selma will soon go over the top with Smithfield.

The British and French are optimistic over the situation on the Western Front. Germany has for the past five days been making her supreme effort to bring defeat to the Allies. While the British forces have been pushed back they have in no case been demoralized and are slowly moving back to new positions. Great Britain has fresh troops ready to put into the fray and France is yet strong. The great German drive will meet with the fate of all its predecessors—first at the Marne when they were stopped by the bravery of the French troops and again at Verdun when the great offensive there was checked at heavy cost.

Days for Entrainment Changed.

The Local Exemption Boards Nos. 1 and 2, Smithfield and Selma, received instructions from the War Department Monday changing the date of entrainment for the colored men from Sunday, March 31, to Saturday, March 30th. On that day Local Board No. 1, will send 24 men while Board No. 2, will send 60 men. They will be sent to Camp Grant at Rockfish, Ill.

BIG DRIVE FOR WAR SAVINGS NOW ON

COMMITTEES HEARD GILBERT STEPHENSON SPEAK

Teams Were Selected to Make the Drive in Johnston County for the Next Two Weeks. Big Effort Made to Get Pledges for Big Part of Johnson's Quota. What the Several Townships of the County Are Expected to Raise During the Year.

The amount of money which is expected to be raised for the Government this year through the War Savings plan is as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Township Name and Amount. Includes Johnston County (910,822), Banner Township (64,966), Bentonsville Township (30,296), Beulah Township (78,474), Boon Hill Township (75,966), Clayton Township (100,364), Cleveland Township (30,008), Elevation Township (51,062), Ingrams Township (62,964), Meadow Township (39,710), Oneals Township (69,080), Pine Level Township (25,564), Pleasant Grove Township (34,234), Selma Township (74,690), Smithfield Township (103,576), Wilders Township (44,902), Wilson's Mills Township (25,936), Clayton (town included in township) (31,700), Selma (town included in township) (29,282), Smithfield (town included in township) (29,634), Micro Township (created after the 1910 Census. Its part may be ascertained by multiplying its present population by \$20. The apportionment to the townships out of which Micro was made must, of course, be diminished accordingly.)

This week and the next have been set apart in North Carolina for the pledge-taking drive. That is, every man, woman, and child in the County will be expected to state to the County Chairman, Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, the amount in Stamps, maturity value, he can be counted upon to take during the year. This pledge is not meant to be a legally binding obligation but only a statement to the County Chairman and his Committee so that they will know the progress that is being made in the county.

In order that every part of the County may be reached within the next two weeks and everybody given an opportunity to make a War-Savings pledge, the following teams were named at the conference of the War-Savings Committee of Johnston County with Mr. Gilbert T. Stephenson, Director of Service for North Carolina of the War-Savings Committee, at the courthouse yesterday afternoon at three o'clock:

- Banner Township—Preston Woodall and P. B. Johnson, Benson.
Bentonsville Township—W. W. Cole and W. F. Grimes, Smithfield.
Beulah Township—J. G. Johnston, Smithfield, and M. B. Andrews, Kenly.
Boon Hill Township—Dr. Oscar Eason, Princeton, and N. L. Perkins, Smithfield.
Clayton Township—A. V. Gulley, Smithfield, and C. L. Cates, Clayton.
Cleveland Township—A. M. Johnson, Smithfield, and J. O. Ellington, Clayton, R. 1.
Elevation Township—F. H. Brooks, Smithfield, and J. Shep Johnson, Four Oaks, R. 4.
Ingrams Township—Chas. A. Creech, Smithfield, and G. K. Massengill, Four Oaks.
Meadow Township—J. B. Benton, Benson, and J. J. Rose, Bentonsville, No. 2.
Micro Township—Dr. Hinnant and R. L. Fitzgerald, Micro.
Oneals Township—E. C. Daniels, Selma, M. C. Winston, Selma.
Pine Level Township—L. T. Royall, Smithfield, and Lawrence Brown, Pine Level.
Pleasant Grove Township—B. I. Stephenson, Angier and Claude Stephenson, McCullers No. 1.
Selma Township—G. F. Brietz and E. H. Moser, Selma.
Smithfield Township—E. F. Boyette, W. L. Ellis, and W. C. Harper, Smithfield.
Wilders Township—N. A. Randell and J. W. Barnes, Wilson's Mills, R. 2.
Wilson's Mills Township—R. A. Pope and W. G. Wilson, Wilson's Mills.

The special effort between now and the 6th of April will be to get as large a part as possible of Johnston County's \$910,822 War Savings Fund pledged.

About thirty members of the War-Savings Committee of the County were in conference with Mr. Stephenson yesterday afternoon. The duties of each member of the Committee were detailed and discussed and plans were made for the drive of this week and next.

The teams that are to have charge

of the drive in the respective townships are not meant, in the least, to supplant the Committee but only to cooperate with it and add impetus to its activities. The eyes of the County and, in fact, of the State will be upon the response made by the various townships of the County during the next two weeks.

WAR SAVINGS RALLY AT KENLY

Hon. O. B. Eaton Made Eloquent Address Saturday. One Thousand Dollar Man Joins Limit Club. Other News from Kenly.

Kenly, March 23.—Friday afternoon the Rollins Literary Society debated the following question: "Resolved, That immigration to the United States should be restricted by a literacy test." The debaters manifested a great deal of interest; the judges decided unanimously in favor of the affirmative.

The people, of the community are much gratified that Dean M. H. Stacy, of the University of North Carolina, has already consented to deliver the literary address at the coming commencement.

Saturday morning at eleven o'clock the business men of Kenly closed their stores and went up to the high school auditorium to take part in a great War Savings rally. The address for the occasion was delivered by the Honorable O. B. Eaton, of Winston-Salem. The address was one displaying eloquence and power; the response was gratifying. The immediate subscriptions amounted to approximately two thousand dollars, one thousand of which was subscribed by Mr. L. Z. Woodard. The people here are just beginning to become aroused concerning the purchase of War Savings Stamps. The school children are now being organized into War Savings Societies.

Early Friday morning, Mrs. Robert Nichols, of near Kenly, died. She was buried Friday afternoon in the church graveyard near her home. She was a sister of Mrs. W. J. Hooks, of Kenly. She left no children; Mr. Nichols is living, and he has the sympathy of his many friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Hooks, of Macesfield, are spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Andrews. Miss Gladys Andrews is spending the week-end with them too.

County Limit Club.

The members of the Club reported to Chairman Ragsdale up to last night are as follows:

- Mrs. Mamie T. Candler, of Selma.
Mr. J. Eustace Yelvington, of Cleveland.
Mr. W. D. Avera, Smithfield.
Dr. L. D. Wharton, of Smithfield.
Mr. M. C. Winston, of Selma.
Mr. George T. Pool, of Smithfield.
Mr. J. D. Boyett, of Smithfield.
Mr. C. P. Harper, of Selma.
Mr. W. H. Austin, of Smithfield.
Mr. F. K. Broadhurst, of Smithfield.
Mr. G. M. Hinton, of Smithfield.
Mr. E. F. Boyett, of Smithfield.
Mr. J. Walter Myatt, of Cleveland.
Mr. W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield.
Mr. N. B. Grantbam, of Smithfield.
Mr. Polie Gardner, of Smithfield.
Mr. Preston Woodall, of Benson.
Mr. W. W. Cole, of Smithfield.
Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, of Smithfield.
Abell and Gray, of Smithfield.
First National Bank, of Smithfield.
Mr. A. S. Croech, of Smithfield.
Mr. L. Z. Woodard, of Kenly.
Mr. W. H. Call, of Selma.
Mr. S. P. Wood, of Selma.
Mr. C. P. Ellis, of Clayton.

Delay in Goods Shipped.

Nobody knows now when a train will arrive or when goods shipped will be received. This is giving the public and especially the merchants no little trouble. A Smithfield merchant received his season's supply of seed Irish potatoes last week which should have reached him five or six weeks ago. Messrs. Cotter-Underwood Company received a few days ago 440 bags of salt which was shipped to them October 9th, 1917.

Using a Fork in Picking up Stones.

In picking up stone with a pitchfork, I use a five or six-tined fork. It saves a lot of walking as one can reach stone six or eight feet away, and often pick two or more at once.

Where they are small and numerous by "shuffling" I can get four to six at each time I raise the fork, and can throw twice as far with less effort.

Where stones are partly buried a fork is rapid and handy and saves a world of wear on fingers and gloves. It is also easier on the backs and legs. In rapid hands and in rocks under 10 pounds, it will double the speed in their removal.

In careless hands, however, the fork is apt to be used for a crow bar or grub hoe with disastrous results, and a motion for reconstruction will be in order soon.—Alton M. Worden, in Progressive Farmer.

Plant Crops the Livestock Can Harvest.

Press dispatches from various parts of the South tell of cotton-picking being the order of the day, the shortage of labor making it impossible last fall to get the cotton out before the bad weather set in.

The question naturally arises, if labor was so short last fall as to make it impossible to get the cotton picked, what will be the situation next fall? Dr. Alonzo E. Taylor, a national authority on agricultural economics, estimates that already farm labor in the United States is 14 per cent. short in numbers and 25 per cent. in efficiency, and believes that the enormous demands of our Army, Navy, shipbuilding, munitions and other non agricultural enterprises will still further deplete our labor supply. In a word, the outlook is that next fall we will have considerably less available labor than we had last fall.

Facing such a situation, it would seem the part of wisdom to plant such crops as will require a minimum of human labor in their production and harvest.

Food and feed crops fall in this class, particularly the latter. An acre of cowpeas, soy beans or peanuts can probably be produced for not much more than half the cost of growing an acre of cotton, and hogs can do the whole job of harvesting. With both hogs and cattle at high prices and likely to remain high, the short-handed farmer will be wise if he grows crops the stock can harvest, rather than those that require labor that is high-priced and that may not be available at any price.—Progressive Farmer.

Committees to Report Saturday.

All the township committees and teams are requested to report to Chairman Ragsdale next Saturday the progress made this week in the Big Drive now on for War Savings.

"Extravagance rots character; train youth away from it. On the other hand, the habit of saving money, while it stiffens the will, also brightens the energies. If you would besuer that your are beginning right, gins to save."—Theodore Roosevelt."

Bon Ton News

By MR. DAVIS

All this week we present the newest Easter apparel in every section of our store. The showing is broad in its scope, covering the selections as to styles in Millinery, Suits, Coats, Dresses, Gloves Hosiery and all accessories. Most important to you is the fact that the styles are authentic being nothing less than the best styles of these particular classifications from known designers in the big metropolis.

Brilliant showing of Easter's most charming Hats—Hats that form a great collection, and priced in the Bon Ton's moderate way.

Ladies Suits—Smart styles, latest models and creations. Some strictly tailored, others beautifully trimmed. Every garment a sample, every sample a good value. Hardly two suits alike and for that reason we buy them and sell them to you at from \$5 to \$10 less. We have on sale this week quite a number of model suits, actually worth from \$27.50 to \$35.00, at the special price of \$22.50.

The Bon Ton showing of beautiful sample dresses of serge, silk and fouldards at very low prices.

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We'll use it on your car. also fix it, if it needs it.



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The Wife

should be thrifty and help save her husband's money.

If He hasn't done it, She should start the savings account and see that a portion of the income gets there each week. We offer

This opportunity

to establish the real bulwark of the home. Such co-operation makes the partnership complete.

JOHNSTON COUNTY BANK & TRUST CO. CAPITAL STOCK \$25,000.00 SMITHFIELD, N.C.

Drawbacks

There is a drawback to to nearly everything. The fragrant rose has its thorn, the busy bee has its stinger, the useful mule has a kick, and so on down the line.

There is Seldom Success Without Economy at the Start

It isn't always pleasant to pinch and scrimp and save, but most of us who start out with nothing have to travel that road. The savings thus attained if placed in a good bank like ours where they are safe will in time mean comfort, ease and satisfaction for you.

The Clayton Banking Co. CLAYTON, N. C.

BANK AND THE WORLD BANKS ON YOU

Special County Election

Upon petition of the Board of Education of Johnston County and under Chapter 71 of the Public Laws of 1911 notice is hereby given that at the meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1918, a Special Election was called and ordered to be held in the several voting precincts of the county on Tuesday the 30th day of April, 1918, to determine whether there shall be levied in the County a Special Annual Tax of not more than 15 cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of property and 45 cents on the Poll to supplement the Public School Fund of the county.

At such election those favoring the levy and collection of Tax shall vote a ticket on which shall be printed or written the words "For Special Tax," and those who are opposed shall vote a ticket on which shall be printed or written the words "Against Special Tax."

Notice is further given that a new Registration is required. Registration Books will be open for 20 days preceding the day for closing the Registration Books. Registration Books will open on 29th day of March, 1918, and close on Saturday, 20th day of April, 1918. That polling places shall be at Precincts in County.

That the following named persons have been appointed Registrars and Judges of election:

Table with 3 columns: Township, Registrar, Judges. Lists names for various townships including Banner, Boon Hill, Beulah, Bentonsville, Clayton, Cleveland, Elevation, Ingrams, Meadow, Micro, Oneals, Pine Level, P. Grove, Selma, Smithfield, Wilders, Wilson's Mills.

By order of Board of County Commissioners in session Monday, 4th day of March, 1918.

SAM T. HONEYCUTT, Register of Deeds and Clerk to Board.