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## A LIVELIER GAIT NEEDED

### WE ARE NOT DOING WELL

The sale of War Savings Stamps and Thrift Certificates limps along lamely in North Carolina in spite of the wonderful campaign of publicity promoted by Col. F. H. Fries, Judge Gilbertson, and Miss Herring.

We are marked up to take 48 million dollars worth of thrift stamps this year but so far the sales in this state amount to only 2 and a third million dollars.

We have 684 War Savings Societies, but they are well organized and active in only 32 counties. Seventeen of these counties are making a capital showing. They are Forsyth, Guilford, Halifax, Richmond, Buncombe, Edgecombe, New Hanover, Nash, Mecklenburg, Alamance, Bladen, Caldwell, Gaston, Hyde, Onslow, McDowell, and Wilson.

Sales considered, only five counties have so far taken 10 per cent or more of their allotments. They are Forsyth 18 per cent, Cleveland 15 per cent, Cabarrus 12 per cent, Franklin and Northampton 10 per cent each.

### Laggard Counties

But no War Savings Societies are reported in 33 counties as follows: Alexander, Alleghany, Anson, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie, Cabarrus, Camden, Caswell, Cumberland, Clay, Carteret, Dare, Davie, Graham, Granville, Johnston, Lee, Macon, Madison, Mitchell, Montgomery, Orange, Perquimans, Pasquotank, Polk, Rutherford, Sampson, Stanly, Watanga, Yadkin, and Yancey.

Fifteen of these are mountain and foothill counties, 11 are prosperous mid-state counties, 4 are in the Albemarle region, and 3 are eastern coast counties.

### Others Not Doing Much

But then 13 counties are not doing much better. Only one War Savings Society each is reported in Ashe, Cherokee, Craven, Currituck, Columbus, Gates, Greene, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Iredell, Martin, and Moore; and only 2 each in Chatham, Durham, Jackson, Jones, Lenoir, Lincoln, Scotland, Stokes, Union, and Wake.

Some of these counties have been foremost in Liberty Bond sales, but they have flunked in the more important matter of War Savings Stamp sales. And unless the postmasters, the bankers, the women's clubs, the teachers, and the preachers get busy in a hurry all over the state, North Carolina is in a fair way to be put to shame when the campaign closes.

### In Old Orange

Chapel Hill has gone over the top in a rush with her Liberty Bond sales. Led by the banks and the good women of the community our allotment of the third Liberty Loan was over-subscribed in less than a week. The subscription to this issue now approaches \$40,000. Hillsboro has done just about as well.

But Orange has done little so far in the sale of Savings Stamps and Thrift Certificates. And there is urgent need of active local interest and activity in the various communities of Orange, and in all the other laggard counties.

We are marked up to take \$321,400 worth of savings stamps and thrift certificates in Old Orange, but so far the sales amount to less than \$21,000. The women and the children of the county can put this thing across, if they will.

### ELIZABETH CITY LEADS

The children in the Elizabeth City graded school have bought for themselves and sold to their fathers and friends \$10,000 worth of savings stamps and thrift certificates.

The stamps are 25 each at any post office and \$4.15 worth of these stamps are exchanged by the postmaster for a thrift certificate which will be worth \$5.00 in cash to the holder on January 1, 1923. Every child that has a \$5 thrift certificate helps the government win the war, helps to feed and clothe our boys on the battle front, and at the same time earns 85 cents for himself.

So far as we know, the school in Elizabeth City leads the schools of the State in War Savings stamp sales. If any

school has done better, we'd like to know it and pass it on to our readers.

The papers today report that the high school pupils in High Point have marketed more than 9 thousand dollars worth of stamps. Great!

At this rate the children in our 8 thousand public schools could take ten million dollars worth of savings stamps. Why not?

### THEY SHALL NOT WANT

We have repeated a phrase like this in the 23rd Psalm ten thousand times over in our churches and Sunday schools in North Carolina since the World War began, but it seems to have been left to a little Sunday school in one of the least prosperous communities of Haywood county to put it into practice. Here in the little town of Clyde a Sunday school recently set a pace for all the other Sunday schools of the state, by voting to buy \$50 worth of War Savings Stamps.

What that little Sunday school at Clyde has done could be done in every Sunday school in the state.

If our religion were practical as well as sentimental this old world would soon be a decent place to live in. We quite believe that nothing else will ever make it decent, and the chances we've lost these two thousand years we ought now to seize upon with lively religious fervor.

Is Christianity a failure? is the question once put to Beecher. I don't know, he replied, we've never tried it.

Christendom has never had a better time than now to try out its Christianity.

We are behind 46 million dollars in the sale of patriotic thrift stamps, and we are not likely to catch up unless the churches and Sunday school teachers of every denomination, and the day school and Sunday school superintendents get busy with the wants of our soldier boys at the front.

### Those in Green Pastures

Suppose our 9 thousand Sunday schools averaged \$100 each in war stamp purchases, and our 10 thousand churches \$500 each, the total would be six million dollars.

and suppose further that our 10 thousand public and private schools each did as well as the little Rocky Point school down in Pender with its record of \$1500. The total would run up 15 millions or more.

Every church, Sunday school and day school ought to be a self-constituted War Savings Society. Why not? Is there any better way just now of evidencing our faith by our works?

The teachers, preachers, and Sunday school teachers must lead in this campaign of patriotic thrift, if we go over the top with it. The banks are doing nothing with it in 50 counties, and the postmasters nothing in two counties—Ashe and Brunswick; while in seven counties the postoffice sales up to April 1 were less than \$500 each, as follows: Alexander \$461.57, Camden \$447.24, Clay \$441.86, Dare \$413.04, Gates \$268.99, Graham \$391.82 and Watanga \$16.97.

That's a sorry showing for Watanga, which is among the 15 richest counties of North Carolina in per capita country wealth; and not a much better showing for Ashe which stands only 6th from the top in country wealth per inhabitant.

If the postmasters and bankers cannot put this campaign across, the preachers, teachers, and Sunday school workers of the state can do it.

And a good motto for us is Our Soldier Boys Shall Not Want, while we lie down in green pastures beside still waters.

### PLAYHOUSE PATRIOTISM

While caught in the crush of people around the Herald bulletin board, waiting for war news in New York last week, a stranger at our side remarked:

The playhouses and the movies are a God's blessing these days. But for the diversion they offer, our minds would break under the strain of anxiety like this. But that isn't all—the theatres and

### GYPSY SMITH'S HEART

Gypsy Smith the famous evangelist, honored at Buckingham Palace and decorated by King George for his three years of service with the boys in the trenches in France, says—

It's the biggest bit of work God ever gave me to do. They've got my heart—those boys who are fighting over there without thought of being heroes. I'd rather untie their shoe-laces, said he, than preach the greatest sermon in the world. I just wanted to serve them, and I didn't care whether I did it washing cups or scrubbing floors or handing out chocolate or preaching.

the screens, said he, literally blaze with patriotism. It would be impossible to market our allotment of Liberty Bonds and War Savings Stamps without the enthusiasm of the showplaces. I wish, said he, that I could say as much for the churches.

The buskin is wrapped in the flag in the theatres; but in the churches it is fairly rare to find the Colors enfolding the Cross. My opinion is that the theatres are a more effective agency of patriotism than the churches, said he, and I am giving you the opinion of a church official. The atmosphere of the playhouses is fairly electric with patriotic fervor; the churches—my own among them—are lackadaisical, limp, and lifeless in comparison.

He was lost in the surge of the crowd, before we could join issues with him.

### ANOTHER FARM STATE

It is a farm state that leads the procession so far in the sale of savings stamps and thrift certificates. It is two million dollars ahead of New York, the richest state in the Union. As a matter of fact it has bought a full tenth of all the war savings stamps that have been sold to date—nearly 15 million dollars worth.

It is Nebraska, and more than three-fourths of her population is rural. What is more, 51 per cent or more than half of her population is foreign by birth or by immediate descent. Indeed, more than a fifth are Germans and Austrians. In five counties the aliens by birth or descent are right around three-fourths of the whole population. In some of these counties English is rarely heard in their public schools.

But on the whole they are loyal Americans, just as aliens settled on farms of their own in the country regions of America are apt to be, and just as the foreigners massed in our cities and around our great industrial plants are apt not to be. Pro-German treachery is in our cities mainly; there is very little of it in the country regions among home-owning farmers. Anyway, Nebraska with a full half of her people foreign and three-fourths of them rural leads the United States in thrift stamp sales. Her 15 million dollars worth of them puts to shame many a state that boasts a pure Anglo-Saxon ancestry.

### How Intelligence Helps

In passing we may say that rural illiterates in Nebraska are only 17 in the thousand of population. We are familiar with rural illiteracy that is 190 in the thousand of population.

It is worth noting that where rural illiteracy is least the purchase of Liberty Bonds and Thrift stamps is largest. All the farm states that lead in this particular have very small illiteracy ratios. Their people read and even the foreign farmers know enough about the war to know that Germany cannot hope to win in the long run. Moreover they are fully convinced that their savings are safe when put into the liberty bonds and savings stamps of their adopted country.

### THE LEPERS GIVE

The lepers at Molokai, one of the Hawaiian Islands, have bought \$3,000 worth of thrift and war-saving stamps as their contribution toward the cost of winning the war.

This inspiring example of patriotism from such an unexpected source, thousands of miles from the battle front, and from people seemingly so far removed by the very nature of their unfortunate con-

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### A MULE AND HIS CRITICS

On a busy street in one of our eastern North Carolina towns I saw, one day not many years ago, about a dozen men grouped along a sidewalk looking at a mule, a load of cotton, and a negro driver. The mule was hitched to one of those heavy two-wheel drays that are typical freight carriers in that seaport town. The load of cotton consisted of three bales of the fleecy staple. The negro driver sat at ease on the topmost bale of cotton holding the reins in one hand and his whip in the other while his legs hung over the front end of the bale on which he sat. The mule was one of those peculiarly colored mules which are called either iron-grey or mouse-colored. His ears were longer than the average mule ear and his tail had not been trimmed for many a day. The dozen men on the sidewalk had a drawing power that soon increased the size of the group to twenty or more, and as each one joined the crowd he saw at once that the mule had stopped work and that because he had stopped work and refused to go on with his load every man who came that way had stopped to look at the mule and like the mule had let business go for the time being.

### Criticism and Kicking

Every man of the group had a remedy for a balking mule and either asked the driver up there on the topmost bale why he did not do so and so, or told him to try so and so on the mule and make him go. One fellow asked the negro what made the mule do that way anyhow and told him that he ought to give the whip

dition from all of its influences, has been brought to the attention of the National War-Savings Committee by a letter written to a friend in Memphis, Tenn., by Brother Joseph Dutton, now in charge of the island colony.

Brother Dutton has devoted the past 37 years of his life to the leper colony. Like his charges, Brother Dutton may not leave the island, but he flies the Stars and Stripes above the leper camp and communicates regularly with friends in Memphis.

### WHY FARMERS GET RICH

More than a billion dollars of American agricultural exports were sold to the European nations at war with Germany during 1917. Had this nation maintained peace at the price of obedience to the German war zone decree this market would have been closed and this billion dollars worth of agricultural products would most of them have rotted on farms and in warehouses, or been used in unprofitable ways, with consequent stagnation and ruin to the American farmers.

Interest as well as duty urges the American farmer to support his Government in this war, and by the purchase of Liberty Loan Bonds furnish it with the sinews of war.—Federal News Reporter.

### THE FARMERS GET BUSY

Since the dark ages the farmer—the most peace-loving citizen—has been the man who suffered most from war. His crops, his everything, are usually consumed by the invading armies.

But the farmer is a warrior when he once realizes that war is the only thing that will keep him free. Since the war was declared against the central powers he has not had the same chance to quickly grasp what it is all about.

But now he is coming to a full knowledge of the barbarous enemy with which we are at war.

Reports from the rural districts throughout the fifth federal reserve district indicate that the farmers are ready to assist in a heavy subscription to the third Liberty Loan.

We are now in the crucial year of the war. Our boys are at the front, hundreds of thousands of them in the trenches and a million more ready to go. The treasury department has the whole burden of the war on its shoulders.

Every nickel and dime that can be

fast and furious until he would change his mind and go along with the load. And every now and then in contempt and defiance of criticism and suggestions, the mule would lower his head, squeal like a mule, and bombard the front end of the forward bale of cotton with his hind heels. Then the men on the sidewalk would again fire advice and suggestions at the driver up there on his lofty seat.

But the negro would merely laugh and say: "You don't know this old mule like I do. He's jess natcherly a mean mule anyway and for plumb meanness kicks whenever he git ready whether there is any sense in kicking or not, and the best way to do is to let him kick till he gits enough of it and gits ready to stop and then he will stop and pull as good as any man's mule and go on about his business."

Just then the mule having kicked to his entire satisfaction seemed relieved, braced himself against the collar, and went off with the load as though he was the best mule in the world.

### Our Two-Legged Mules

In many a community there is often some man or other who, like the mule, just natcherly cannot keep from kicking whenever he feels like it whether there is anything to kick about or not. He'll show himself on school questions by kicking when the community wants to pull together for a longer term, for a better schoolhouse, for better teachers, or for better pay to the teachers. He just naturally cannot help kicking. Let him alone and after a while he'll brace himself and pull like he's the best man in the community.

raked up and scraped together will help Uncle Sam whip the Hun. Don't think the money left in the sock or other hiding places will help. It must be put into Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps.—Liberty Bond Press Service.

### COMMUNITY COUNCILS

President Wilson

Your State, in extending its national defense organization by the creation of Community Councils, is, in my opinion, making an advance of vital significance. It will, I believe, result when thoroughly carried out in welding the nation together as no nation of great size has ever been welded before. It will build up from the bottom an understanding and sympathy and unity of purpose and effort which will no doubt have an immediate and decisive effect upon our great undertaking. You will find it, I think, not so much a new task as a unification of existing efforts—a fusion of energies now too much scattered and at times somewhat confused into one harmonious and effective power.

It is only by extending your organization to small communities that every citizen of the State can be reached and touched with the inspiration of the common cause. The school house has been suggested as an apt though not essential center for your local council. It symbolizes one of the first fruits of such an organization, namely, the spreading of the realization of the great truth that it is each one of us as an individual citizen upon whom rests the ultimate responsibility. Through this great new organization we will express with added emphasis our will to win and our confidence in the utter righteousness of our purpose.

### THE FITTEST PLACE TO DIE

But whether on the scaffold high  
Or in the battle's van,  
The fittest place where man can die  
Is where he dies for man!

—Michael J. Barry.

### JOHN LOCKE SAID IT

As much land as a man tills, plants, improves, cultivates, and can use the produce of, so much is his property. Nature has well set the measure of property by the extent of man's labor, and of the convenience of life.—John Locke, in Civil Government, 1790.