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RED CROSS GETTING BUSY.

Dr. H. M. Wagstaff Outlines Working Plans—276 Members Reported Saturday Night.

Two hundred and seventy-six members, all of these paid up with the exception of 11, was the score at the end of the first week of the life of the Lexington chapter of the American Red Cross as reported at the meeting held Saturday night in the court house.

Dr. H. M. Wagstaff, of the faculty of the State University at Chapel Hill who is vice chairman of this district of the Red Cross, visited the chapter Saturday night and outlined for the members the plans under which they should work and told of the specific purposes of the organization, especially as related to the World War, to which America is now sending her best soldiers.

Dr. Wagstaff began by outlining the discovery of the necessity of a great world organization, which could be neutralized and guaranteed by all governments, when a noted Swiss visited the battlefield of Solferino and organized relief work.

In 1863 this man's idea evolved into the Red Cross, when 16 nations joined the Red Cross. It was a number of years later when America came in, and it was not until about 1906 that it became a really efficient organization in this country.

While Japan, Germany and Great Britain each had about a million members when the war broke loose, America was found with only 28,000. The American organization, however, is not shirking its full duty and it will very likely soon have well over a million members and has set for itself the task of raising a hundred million dollars for the work of relief and rehabilitation growing out of the war.

Dr. Wagstaff advised the local chapter to find out what they could best accomplish, then cut out all unnecessary red tape and get down to business. The work in dietetics and other branches would require the supervision and training of a graduate nurse, he pointed out. This immediately raised a question, but it was found that Mrs. E. F. Long, wife of the county whole-time health officer and his valuable assistant, was qualified to do this work.

The speaker told them that everything done must be up to the high standards of the Red Cross, as it must stand the test of hard usage in war torn fields at times when best hospital aid was not immediately available. There would be a thousand and one things come up for the Red Cross chapters could do for the soldiers to make their lives more comfortable and to administer to their wounds in battle. A very important work, and one that the speaker said he almost shrank from mentioning, was the work of re-absorbing into our life and rebuilding a citizenry out of the crippled and maimed soldiers that would be coming back to America's shores in a steady stream.

Dr. Wagstaff came here from Thomasville, where he was consulted with the citizens of that town who wish a chapter there. He promised them they should have a chapter and the county was divided into two jurisdictions, Lexington taking this side of Abbott's Creek and Thomasville the other side. It was suggested that Lexington should assist in the organization of auxiliaries at Erlanger, Welcome, Linwood and Tyro among other places.

Mr. J. A. Myers, a tried and true friend of the Dispatch, calls attention to a tendency in some quarters to criticize Washington in the matter of handling the Confederate veterans at the recent reunion. While the committee on arrangements was swamped the first day, due to more than double the number of veterans expected, they worked to the limit and soon straightened things out. Almost all night long the night Mr. Myers arrived and through the next day automobiles and moving vans poured into camp with additional shelter, until everyone was provided for in fine comfort. Every courtesy was extended and the Red Cross in Washington was all the time on the alert to render assistance, even accompanying the veterans to the trains to see that they got away safely. A great dinner was served the veterans on the big lawn almost within the shadow of the White House.

BIG MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

Hon. James H. Poy, of Raleigh, Will Speak on Red Cross Work at Court House at 8:30.

Hon. James H. Poy, one of the biggest brains in the State and an orator of convincing power, will address the citizens of Lexington, in a mass meeting at the court house tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the interest of the American Red Cross. Mr. Poy has been making speeches at several points in the state recently and the press has been very enthusiastic over his ability. He is one of the best informed men in the state on the various phases of the war, and being a profound student of law, he will probably tell the folks something about the merits of our fight against Germany. It is said that Mr. Poy can pay his respects to Kaiser Bill in better taste and more convincing manner than anybody in North Carolina.

Those who attend the meeting tonight will be well repaid for coming. The city commissioners at their regular meeting last Tuesday night passed an order that the police of the place strictly enforce the traffic ordinance. This includes speeding and the bearing of tall lights and well displayed license numbers. In order to let everyone get in shape for strict compliance with the law, the strict enforcement of the ordinance was set to begin on June 18th. The tall lights must now be in order after dark and those who run through the business section over 10 through the hour of through a residential section over 15 miles will be asked to visit Recorder Moyer's court promptly and add to the general school fund.

This matter was brought to a head, when Mr. J. H. Alexander appeared before the board, being a petition signed by the residents of Fifth Avenue, praying relief from excessive speeding on way to and from the Southbound depot. Last winter and spring this street was mudbound and now since it has been surfaced it has been transformed into a speedway. Aside from the dust thrown up, it was a menace to the children to attempt to cross the street. All automobile owners are given until July 10th to secure 1918 license and any car found in the city limits after that time not bearing the new license tag will promptly be attended to. It is announced in a circular issued by Chief of Police Harness, it is estimated that there are scores of cars in and around Lexington that have run for months without license, in violation of the laws of North Carolina. As for speeding, that has not been the exception during recent months, but the general rule.

Liberty Loan Big Success. The nation spoke in no uncertain terms when the Liberty Loan books were closed Friday at noon. During the last hours there was a rush to the banks throughout the nation and nearly three million people bought bonds. The loan was over subscribed almost a billion dollars. Lexington contributed something like \$75,000 of over nine hundred large subscriptions having been entered since last Tuesday. The Bank of Lexington alone sent away \$62,000 of this amount. One of the largest contributors here, if not the largest, was the B. V. D. company in the name of the Erlanger mills, this being a single block of \$20,000. The bank of this city, the company had bought \$1,050,000 in New York. Winston-Salem led North Carolina, subscribing about a million and a half dollars, of which R. J. Reynolds tobacco company took a round million on Friday morning.

Boone Is Getting Results. The Dispatch's good friend, A. A. Young, of Jubilee, reports that Boone farmers are accomplishing things worthily. They are doing better frequently and Miss Penny and Mr. Yeager have been giving them valuable aid in the big farming advance they are accomplishing this year. Mr. Young estimates that the sweet potato crop of the township this year will be four or five times as large as ever grown heretofore. The most modern buildings are being constructed and are long Catawba county is going to find a lively competitor in the yam market—but there is plenty room for all in the field. Every food crop has been very materially increased in this township, and the gardens are declared to be the finest ever seen there. Fact of the matter, Boone township reported the first home grown cabbage of the season. Velvet beans are becoming very popular in Boone this year and it is said there will be a large forage crop from these. The farmers out there are going right ahead now planting for winter forage for livestock. Mr. Young reports, "Do not doubt many other sections of the county could report similar progress, and the Dispatch is inclined to believe this fine example is typical."

Baptist Notes. (By Pastor Fred Hale.) On next Sunday will be held my last service in the pulpit of the First Baptist church before my vacation. At the next business meeting the church granted me leave of absence for the month of July. The time will be spent with my married children in Wilmington. On Thursday, June 28th, I will leave for Wrightsville Beach to attend the annual meeting of the Baptist Seaside Assembly, under the auspices of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. My topic, in the Pastors' Conference, will be "The Pastor Indiscriminating His People." The singing class from the Oxford Orphan Asylum, who are to give a concert at the High School Auditorium on next Saturday night will sing at the First Baptist church on next Sunday night, according to the first announcement. The entire service will be appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. Dermot Shemwell and children returned Sunday from Buffalo, Ala., where Mrs. Shemwell had been with her parents and Mr. Shemwell attended to important business transactions.

REV. L. T. WILDS, JR. INSTALLED.

Dr. Lilly and Rev. C. P. Coble in Charge of Ceremonies—Splendid Sermon Marks Occasion.

Rev. Lewis T. Wilds, Jr., was formally installed as pastor of First Presbyterian church, in most impressive ceremonies held here Sunday night. Rev. C. P. Coble, of High Point, presided, propounded the constitutional questions and gave the charge to the people. The sermon was delivered by Dr. D. Clay Lilly, of Winston-Salem, who also gave the charge to the pastor.

Dr. Lilly's sermon was one of the finest heard here, his text being "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." This was a remarkable statement for the prophet of Nazareth, with but a small following, to make to the world, but he pointed to the fact that from that day to this the gospel of Jesus Christ has gripped the hearts of men in increasing numbers in all parts of the globe. Men have always been of religious nature, wherever they dwell or what the condition. The heathen tribes unable to count above five had their religion and their images through which they sought to worship an all-wise being. It is the province of Christ to liberate the lives of men to enlarge the capacity for love, to increase their personality. As love measures personality, how great must have been the love of God for man when he sent His only begotten Son to die, remarkable Dr. Lilly. In his charge to the new pastor, Dr. Lilly had him pay strict attention to the universality of Christianity and the necessity of world evangelization, and the training of personal workers.

City Commissioners Meeting. City Tax Collector Earl H. Holmes was re-elected by the city commissioners at their meeting last Tuesday night, over five applicants for the place. The commission was reduced from 12 to 12. Mr. T. J. Turner was again elected street superintendent and Mr. Parks Everhart was re-elected as street foreman, there being some half a dozen applicants for this place. Capt. James A. Leonard appeared before the board and requested that the appropriation of \$100 a year to the military company be continued. The request was granted. Application was also made for shortening of the hours during which cafes are required to remain closed during Sundays. The request was denied.

The health committee reported recommending that the commissioners make \$300 annual appropriation for three nurses to supplement state and county funds in the three-year health campaign, during which \$18,300 will be spent in the county and a number of experts sent here to assist in the work. The appropriation was promptly voted. Mr. Conrad Michael, jailor and deputy, was elected as special police officer for a month. His special duties will be to assist in the enforcement of the traffic ordinances.

Health Work Begins in July. Dr. E. F. Long, whole time county health officer, yesterday informed The Dispatch that the appropriation for the three years health campaign for Davidson county has been confirmed, which means that appropriation for the benefit of work that will cost \$18,300 during the period. Dr. Long left yesterday for Wilson county, to be with Dr. Washburn in winding up the similar work there and upon return the forces will be organized and it is hoped to begin the work here early in July.

DEATHS.

The two-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Rhodes, who live on Center street, died yesterday afternoon, following a brief illness. Funeral services will be conducted today. An unusual amount of illness among small children is reported in the city. Little Annie Belle, youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. James Biessecker, died June 12th. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. J. C. Leonard from the residence the following day, and burial was made in the city cemetery.

The community lost another of its oldest men in the death of Mr. Emanuel Everhart, who passed away June 11th at the age of 71 years, 7 months and 6 days. The funeral was conducted by Dr. J. C. Leonard at Ebenezer Church June 12th. Rev. J. W. Ingle assisted in the services. Mr. Everhart was an honored Confederate veteran, having enlisted in Company B, 45th Regiment. Several months ago he made a profession of religion and was baptized as a member of the church. He expressed over and over the regret that he had not lived a Christian all his life. Surviving are a widow, one sister, four sons and three daughters.

Georgia Peach Crop Large. The Georgia peach crop which is looked forward to with much interest each year is now on the move. The first car passed Spencer May 25th and since that date the luscious fruit has been coming in increased quantities. The estimate is that there will be 3,500 cars this season which is above the average, though not up to the banner crop of some six years ago when about 4,500 cars were handled through Spencer. The movement of the peaches by special express trains running on passenger schedule, with expert crews in charge of each train, is no small matter with the railroad. The Southern has made a fine record each year and it is expected this season will measure up to the standard as to efficiency in handling trains between the Georgia peach orchards and the terminal station in New York. It is also a big job to ice the cars. This is done on the Spencer yards where engines and train crews are changed hurriedly, as possible. The Carolina Ice & Fuel Company has made special preparations for being so as to expedite the movement and no time is lost in Spencer.

WAR BULLETINS

AEROPLANE BILL RUSHED.

Washington, June 19.—The first great war aeroplane bill is nearing completion and will be introduced in Congress probably Friday. It will carry the urgent recommendation from the Secretary of War for prompt and favorable action.

SPAIN MAY BECOME REPUBLIC. London, June 19.—A republic may be in the making in Spain, according to meager advices that have sifted through the censorship. Personally, King Alfonso commands the respect and confidence of the people, but the anti-monarchists are aiming at German influences, ministers and a German dominated queen to which the king has surrendered. Economic unrest has contributed to furthering the republican movement. Dispatches indicate the anti-government forces have affected a combination and formally announced their determination to force such changes as may be expedient to make the sovereign will of the people prevail.

Fighting on the British front is confined to raiding operations, according to General Haig.

WILL FIX STEEL PRICES. Washington, June 18.—The government will fix the prices paid for steel used in the construction of America's food fleet. The National Defense Council and manufacturers have agreed on the price, but unless it suits the government it has the power to commandeer.

CONTRACTS LET FOR 34 SHIPS. Washington, June 18.—Additional contracts for 10 steel cargo ships and 24 wooden hulls was let by the shipping board today.

ENGLAND DEMANDS REPRISALS. London, June 18.—Public demand for reprisals against Germany from aerial murder raids has reached the point where it is believed the government will be forced to take cognizance of the tremendous popular sentiment for the French and British to raid some German city, either Berlin or Frankfurt. Since the murders of British women and children by the German Zeppelin piracy, the Allied supremacy in the air should render reprisals easy. It is declared.

GREEK KING IN EXILE. Rome, June 18.—Former King Constantine of Greece today crossed from Italy to Switzerland on his way to exile.

MACHINERY READY FOR DRAFT. Washington, June 18.—The new car war machine which will grind out 625,000 soldiers for service in France is all geared and ready to start.

FIRM MEASURES IN RUSSIA. Petrograd, June 18.—Minister of War Kerensky has discarded the pleasant phrases of rhetorical persuasion for iron-handed disciplinary measures to force Russian troops to fight. He has issued orders depriving all deserters from the army of the right to vote and participation in land distribution and has overruled the subsidiary branch of the Workmen's and soldiers' delegates in granting permission to nine companies to leave the front. He has rushed leave to a whole division of Ukrainian troops who wanted to journey home to attend a conference urging Ukrainian autonomy and has sponsored the government order making all anti-war agitators in the army liable to ten years' imprisonment. That Kerensky is gaining strength is evident.

America's commissioners to Russia are intensely interested in crushing Swiss peace activities in the New Democracy. These activities are identical with those of Dr. Ritter, the Swiss minister to Washington, before his removal.

Bishop Kilgo Quits Trinity. The action of Bishop John C. Kilgo, president emeritus, president of the board of trustees and in other ways intimately connected with the life of Trinity College, in resigning all connection with that institution has created much interest among the American Methodists. This action came Friday, following the recent refusal of the Bishop to sign the diplomas of the class of 1917, whom he held guilty of breach of conduct several years ago, when the college flag was run down and the sophomore emblem hoisted above it. Stormy relations followed and the papers carried much about the matter, which the people of the state thought had been forgotten by both sides. But when these boys came up for graduation at the recent commencement, the Bishop refused to sign a diploma for a single male member. The vice president of the board of trustees, however, stepped to the aid of the boys and got their sheepskins. The Bishop again made some very caustic remarks reflecting on the boys and this has drawn a demand for retraction from A. E. Smith, father of one of the graduates.

Rev. E. S. Shelton, pastor of Erlanger and South End Methodist congregations here, received his diploma at the recent commencement. Although he was a student at Weaver College at the time of the flag incident, his diploma does not contain the endorsement of the Bishop.

State Veterinarians Meet. Dr. A. E. Brannock will go to Charlotte next week to attend the 16th annual meeting of the North Carolina State Veterinary Medical Association, which will be in session at the Selwyn Hotel Wednesday and Thursday. On the roster of speakers are the president, Dr. C. L. Cruse, of Statesville, vice president of the state society.

Y. M. C. A. DIRECTORS RESIGN.

Friction of Months Standing at Erlanger Institution Results in Sudden Action.

Monday night the directors of the Young Men's Christian Association at Erlanger resigned in a body, following the resignations of Messrs. W. F. Stoll and B. E. Roach, assistants to Secretary Masterson. The directors make it plain in their formal notice of resignation why they are taking this action.

The action came almost like a "bolt from the clear blue" when Messrs. Roach and Stoll sent in their resignations to the Board Monday night. This was followed in a few minutes by the resignation of a member of the Board and shortly the whole Board decided to resign in a body. Messrs. Roach and Stoll will remain until July 1, when their resignations take effect. The directors' resignation takes effect immediately. Mr. Stoll is assistant Scott Masterson, and he has the direction of the Boy Scouts' gardening activities. He hopes that some one will be appointed to succeed him in this work and that the gardens will not be allowed to suffer.

It was stated by a person on the "inside" of the difficulties that since a recent disagreement between the directors and the management of the mill things had not been going smoothly by any means.

Just what action will be taken to further continue the Y. M. C. A. work has not been learned by The Dispatch. The friends of the Y. M. C. A. who realize the splendid work that has been carried on there hope that its activities may continue unhampered.

MARRIED.

REV. J. L. CARRICK WEDS.

The many friends in the county of Rev. J. L. Carrick, a native of the Linwood section, will be interested in the following special from Siler City to Sunday's Greensboro News: The wedding of Rev. J. L. Carrick, who graduated June 5 from Crozier Theological seminary at Chester, Pa., and Miss Myrtle Teague was solemnized at the Baptist church here Tuesday, June 12, at 2:15 p. m. Rev. A. T. Howell officiating.

The decorations were simple but beautiful, consisting of pink hydrangeas, Killarney roses and ferns, amid which the happy couple plighted their troth.

A musical program was rendered prior to the ceremony with Miss Lala Dixon as soloist. Miss Alma Dorsett sang "Because," and Miss Margaret Jenkins sang "Oh, Promise Me." To the strains of the wedding march the bridal party entered as follows: The ushers, R. F. Paschal and J. R. Teague, B. B. Shamburg and J. Q. Seawell. The bridesmaids, dressed in white and carrying pink Killarney roses, Miss Mary DeWitt, Dr. C. R. Teague, Miss Mattie Strauch with T. C. Johnson; the flower girls, Little Gretchen Cheek and Virda Parks, dressed in white with pink tulle bouquets and ties, carried baskets of pink roses; the ring bearer, Little Katherine Teague, carried the ring in the heart of a white lotus; following her came the maid of honor, wearing white and carrying sweetpeas.

The bride in a blue coat suit, with grey accessories, and carrying bride's roses, entered on the arm of her father, W. A. Teague, who gave her away. They were met at the altar by the groom, J. L. Carrick, who was followed by the bride and there the marriage vows were plighted. Immediately after the ceremony, which was witnessed by a crowded church, Mr. and Mrs. Carrick left on the 3:05 train for a wedding trip to New York and other points north.

After July 1st they will be at home near Smithfield, Va., where Mr. Carrick will have charge of two weekly church services.

Mrs. Gooch Loses Appeals.

The following special from Richmond, Va., under date of last Saturday, will be of interest here: Mrs. Margaret Radcliffe Gooch of Lexington, N. C., is the loser in both the cases she appealed to the Virginia supreme court from the circuit court of Mecklenburg county, Va., with reference to the handling and administering of the estate of her late husband, Wayne Gooch, who amassed a fortune of a quarter of a million dollars in the liquor business at Clarksville, Va.

After Gooch shot himself on his honeymoon tour out west November 14, 1915, his widow, who was his second wife, applied to be appointed administratrix of the estate. At the same time, his brother, J. H. Gooch of Stem, N. C., also sought the appointment and got it from the clerk of Mecklenburg county. But the judge to whom appeal was made decided it should be best for all interests concerned to have the Old Dominion Trust Company made curator of the estate and trustee of the \$60,000 trust fund which Gooch provided for his wife in an ante-nuptial contract which she signed a few minutes before the wedding which took place at Lexington just a month before Gooch took his life. From this action of the court, the widow appealed, and the supreme court has just decided against her in both cases.

There is another angle to the case which is still pending in the federal court. When Judge Pritchard, sitting for District Judge Waddill, decided that the pre-nuptial contract should be annulled and that Mrs. Gooch was entitled to a widow's third interest in the estate, Mrs. Annie Wayne Gooch, a daughter by the first marriage and the other heir-at-law, appealed to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. The case was argued here in May and a decision at the next term is expected.

Mr. S. H. Badgett, chief machinist on the dreadnaught Texas, with Mrs. Badgett, is spending the week in Jackson Hill with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Badgett and Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Reid, parents of Mrs. Badgett. Mrs. Badgett and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Badgett spent yesterday in Lexington.

TO COMPLETE BADIN ROAD.

Road Work Authorized Will Free Alleghany and South Davidson From Bonds of Mud.

The people of the southernmost portions of Davidson county, especially in Alleghany township, are very happy over the prospects of early road construction that will mean much to the road users of Davidson county. Mr. R. J. Lookbill, one of the road foremen of Davidson county, has been ordered to build the road south through Alleghany, from Jackson Hill township, in the direction of Stokes' Ferry. Word was brought from that section last week that the Tallasse Power Company had indicated that they were willing to complete the road from Stokes' Ferry to meet the road on which Mr. Lookbill expects to begin work this week. This will complete a route from both Lexington and Thomasville to Stokes' Ferry. Stanley county has agreed to build the Albemarle and Badin road to the ferry on their side of the river, and thus a route from Lexington and points beyond will be completed clear through to the Stanly cities within a few months, it is now expected.

Rowan county is also expected to become active in this section before long, and it is understood the commissioners of that county have determined to complete a road from Stokes' Ferry to a road already built near and leading into Salisbury and on through to Charlotte, Concord and other points. The people of the Alleghany section, led by "Squire A. H. Michael, of Handy, have come before the Davidson road commissioners in season and out and have also appeared before other county boards, seeking freedom from the mud which binds them in winter time. Their day of deliverance appears now to be at hand.

For other portions of this section not affected by the activities noted above, the new Federal aid highway south from Denton to the Montgomery line will give relief. This road will strike the Montgomery line not far from the Randolph, Davidson and Montgomery county corner, it is now expected.

Davidson Boys Stand the Test.

The result of the final examinations at Fort Oglethorpe, where a number of Davidson county boys are training for army officers, was posted Monday and it will be good news to all that every one of the home boys stuck through it all. For more than two weeks the wedding process went on and the boys were subjected to the severest mental and physical tests known to army officers, and they know a plenty. While Davidson did not send as many prospective officers there as some other counties, yet she has the record of not having a single one fall out, and carrying William E. Raper is the only one there from Lexington. His first cousin, Joseph Raper, of Linwood, is also at the big camp. Gerald W. Johnson, of the Greensboro News and formerly of The Dispatch, is another one of the boys who have made good through it all. John Totten, of Yadkin College, is there and also T. A. DeVane, of Thomasville.

Collet Killed by Limb.

The body of young Hayes Collett, son of Mr. N. W. Collett, of Salisbury, and a nephew of Mrs. J. A. Lindsay of this place, who was killed in Texas Sunday morning, he being a member of the army aviation corps, arrived in Salisbury on Monday afternoon, noon Thursday and was conveyed to the home of his father, 810 South Fulton street. The funeral was held from the residence Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock, being conducted by Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe and Rev. W. A. Lambeth of the First Methodist church and the interment was in Chestnut Hill cemetery.

Collett met death in a peculiar and unusual manner. He, with a party of four other members of the aviation corps, had been on a little outing at a nearby lake and Sunday afternoon were sitting under a large tree enjoying lunch when all of a sudden a limb fell and struck Collett, fracturing his skull. He lived a short time but never regained consciousness.

More Officers Are Wanted.

Second Officers' Training Camp—Fort Oglethorpe Georgia, August 27th to November 27th, 1917—378 men to be taken from North Carolina—men paid \$100.00 per month during training, and uniform and transportation furnished by the government. Men take oath of enlistment for three months for training at Camp and obligate themselves to accept whatever commission offered by the Secretary of War—Applicants between 20 years 9 months and 44 years may make application but men over thirty one will have preference as it is the desire of the War Department to secure from this second camp First Lieutenants, Captains, Majors, and a few Lieut. Colonels. If there are not enough men over 31 years of age who can qualify, men within the draft age with military experience, or who have shown evidence of natural leadership will be accepted.

Application Blanks—These can be secured from R. W. Glenn, Division Secretary, Military Training Camps Association, Greensboro, N. C., as soon as issued by the Government. Full instructions as to medical examination, mental examination, etc., will be furnished upon request. Applications will have to be made between June 15th and July 15th and it is hoped that men who are accepted will be notified by August 10th in order to be able to arrange their affairs, before leaving the 27th of August.

Masons Take Notice.

There will be a regular communication of Lexington Lodge No. 473 A. F. & A. M., next Friday night at which time the officers for the ensuing Masonic year will be elected. It is very important that every member be present. You are urged to attend and bring some other brother with you. ED. F. SMITH, Master.

30,000 AEROPLANE FLEET.

Government Decides to Carry the War to the Air Against Germany Within the Coming Year.

Washington, June 18.—An American air navy of 30,000 machines is the government's aeroplane program for the first year of the war it is officially learned today. How to produce this number when the eight small American factories were unable to fill half the government's orders last year have been worked out by the National Defense Council, and now laid to The United Press for the first time.

The United States will make three main classes of aeroplanes, training planes, bombing machines and observation aircraft. The speedier battle planes will be left almost entirely to France and England, where they have already been perfected. Automobile plants, in part, will be used to make standardized engines for 30,000 aeroplanes. Furniture factories, typewriter plants and other mills will manufacture wings and other parts. These arrangements wait only the passage by Congress of the \$600,000,000 aviation appropriation asked. Each aeroplane will cost about \$18,000. The slower types of aeroplanes are capable only of a speed up to 100 miles an hour; the battle planes of France are capable of 150 miles.

On the evening of October 17th, 1918, the German Emperor stood on Bornstedter Field and watched the biplane of Orville Wright conquer the air. This was the Kaiser's first sight of an aeroplane. It is the prediction of government officials that before the year is out the Kaiser may once more see aeroplanes bristling defiance soaring over the Fatherland as the signal of Germany's defeat.

Another Benefit Show at the Lyric.

As was announced heretofore The Lyric Theatre is to give one day in every month to the Lexington Chapter of the Red Cross. The first day selected by the local Red Cross is especially appropriate because the day selected is Friday June 22, the day the big serial of romance, society and preparedness—"Patria," featuring the best known and best dressed woman in America, Mrs. Vernon Castle, begins.

"Patria" is going to be, probably, the most popular serial Lexington has had an opportunity of seeing. The story pertains to the children and features of Patria Channing, the last of the family of fighting Channings, who were always patriots, and who left Patria \$100,000,000 to prepare the United States for war should it ever be necessary. When the enemy threatened the United States, the last of the Fighting Channings did not hesitate because she was a girl, she prepared for war, and took part in the battles. Hundreds of automobiles, aeroplanes, tractors were procured. These caterpillar tractors were converted into "tanks" like the ones that startled the Germans when their appearance in the European War. Hundreds of armoured cars, thousands of small arm machine guns—42 centimeter guns—American citizens, Indians, cowboys, Texas Rangers, militiamen, regulars, civilians and volunteers were banded together for the protection of Old Glory and the U. S. A.

By seeing "Patria" you will not only be pleased by the high class entertainment but you will be instrumental in helping the Lexington Red Cross to be a wonderful success. So come out Friday, June 22nd. Those liking comedy—high class and refined—will also be pleased to hear that The Lyric will also have a famous comedian, Fatty Arbuckle, in his second Paramount-Arbuckle comedy called, "A Reckless Romeo" on this day. The admission will be the regular price—5 and 10 cents.

Protect People's Health.

The people's health is coming to be more and more a county problem, and yet there are a number of counties in North Carolina, according to the State Board of Health, that have never done anything on their own initiative toward improving or protecting the health of their people. Some have never even provided for an anti-typhoid campaign whereby their people might be given the anti-typhoid treatment free, some have never made arrangements for medical school inspection that their children might be relieved of defects and diseases that may cripple their efficiency and handicap them, perhaps, for life. Others have not seen fit to spend money on any special feature of health education, as health moving pictures, exhibits, lectures etc., while only a very few have taken interest in life extension work, a means of prolonging life at its most useful period by physical examinations.

In the judgment of the State Board of Health the time is soon coming when every county in the State will be required by law to look after and safeguard the health of its people as even the most prosperous counties now look after their bridges and roads and provide for the education of their children. The medical school inspection law is the first step in this direction. It provides that every county in the State shall every three years arrange for the medical inspection, also the treatment they will be found to need, of all of the school children in the county. That every county or a group of counties shall soon have its own hospital or sanatorium for the treatment of all infectious diseases is believed by many to be probably the county's next greatest provision for the public health. A county health department, with a whole-time health officer, an assistant and a nurse, perhaps, is now being advised as necessary protection of the people's health. That county health work pays is according to figures that most any county can produce that has conducted one or more features of health work. For instance, Buncombe county, with 50,000 people has for two or more years made a fight on typhoid fever with the result that that county has been reducing typhoid and now may be said to have it under control, while a number of adjoining counties have done nothing to prevent typhoid and have suffered the usual losses this disease causes or later causes.