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UNITED WAR WORK FUNDS OVER \$4,000

Reports Not All In Wednesday Morning But Looks Like County Will Fall Short of \$5,000.

Wednesday morning County Chairman W. H. Weatherpoon had not received reports from all the township leaders in the united war work campaign, but from the reports at hand it is roughly estimated that Scotland's contribution to this cause is a little of the rise of \$4,000 and a few hundred dollars short of the quota of \$5,000, which it was hoped the county would raise without difficulty. Many people have given to this fund but the failure to go "over the top" is probably due to the parsimonious contributions. The striking thing about the campaign here has been the small amounts people have been willing to give. There's no use offering excuses. The records show what has been done and many would doubtless blush to see the amount written after their names held up to public view. A few have given liberally and if all had done as well, a different story we would tell here.

As stated previously the names of all who gave to this fund will be published, and the first instalment appears with this issue. The others will be published next week:

E. B. Cole, J. H. Koresy, Manly Gibson, W. F. Jackson, J. McN. Patterson, Mrs. E. C. Gibson, G. W. Fate, A. F. Patterson, N. T. Gibson, Mrs. Julia A. Sneed, W. P. Sneed, Leon Sneed, John Sneed, Sam Norton, S. T. Sessoms, J. T. Bristow, Mrs. S. F. Sneed, A. D. Seale, Mc. Monroe, Berta Brown, W. T. Clark, H. A. Wiggins, P. R. Mangum, C. R. Covington, Mrs. Sarah Covington, M. McPherson, Mrs. Thomas Walters, Lawrence Walters, Thomas Walters, Barney Campbell, Spurgeon Parrish, H. C. Covington, G. P. Covington, William Clark, C. E. Duncan, Mrs. D. Z. Hardin, D. M. McLaurin, Miss Emma Gibson, Mrs. A. P. Gibson, J. P. Gibson, Miss Minnie Gibson, Miss Alice Gibson, Miss Dora Gibson, R. L. McGougan, Miss Janie McNeill, Miss Josie McNeill, John K. Gibson, S. J. Wright, Mrs. S. J. Wright, W. F. Parker, W. T. Dawkins, W. H. Liles, A. P. Fletcher, Mrs. Carrie McLaughlin, P. N. Gibson, Mrs. Henry Gibson, Mrs. W. H. Liles, Miss Beverly, H. R. McGregor, Mrs. H. R. McGregor, Lizzie Liles, Port Gibson, Berta Dawkins, Mrs. Arch Gibson, Vernon Mason, Vic Mason, B. P. Lytch, Mrs. B. P. Lytch, W. H. Webster, Mrs. W. H. Webster, Jack Gibson, Willie Gibson, Cecil Goodfield, R. D. Creech, Jim McInnis, Jesse Peete, W. H. Gibson, J. L. Shealy, Mr. Willie Gibson, H. E. Mudd, Milton Herndon, J. A. Livingston, F. D. Gibson, Mrs. F. D. Gibson, Miss Helen Lock, K. A. Hunsucker, Mrs. K. A. Hunsucker, Miss Mary Gibson, Mrs. W. E. Davis, Miss Hannah Lewis, H. D. Gibson, Wade Gibson, W. F. Lovin, Miss Crockett, W. D. Reynolds, Mrs. W. H. Brown, W. H. Brown, Harris Gibson, M. F. Gibson, N. T. Fletcher, Miss Eula Sizemore, Mamie McGregor, J. E. Doster, Douglas Sizemore, Vester Adams, W. E. Davis, Joe Soaman, Ed Dawkins, D. F. McNeill, J. N. Gibson, Miss Sallie McLaughlin, Rev. O. W. McManna, Mrs. Christian Gibson, Miss Lola Gibson, Wm. McKanaka, John Guin, John Goodman, Hamp McPherson, A. P. Gibson, Jim Leggett, Hop Waters, Duncan Norton, Miss Minnie McGregor, Miss Belle McGregor, Mrs. Fannie Gibson, Tom Chace, J. C. Mason, Chas. Sheppard, N. S. Stables, J. B. Mason, Mrs. Annie Wright, Will Calder, D. B. Norton, Edwin Lytch, Will Chace, J. A. Gentry, Isaac Gentry, D. A. Fate, Geo. L. Fate, E. J. Mason, D. D. Taylor, Dr. S. M. Wright, J. A. McColman, Oscar Wright, Dan Wright, L. W. Odum, Dr. J. G. Fate, W. Z. Gibson, J. M. Herdick, C. B. Owens, W. H. Hancock, J. W. Buzard, W. D. Sedberry, R. F. Gibson, G. W. Lee, P. M. Gibson, Mrs. Lana Gibson, Mrs. Donna, L. E. Gibson, J. M. Hogan, Douglas Sizemore, L. P. Gibson, Mrs. Nettie Gibson, Mrs. M. F. Gibson, L. M. Bice, Walter Fletcher, Mrs. Walter Fletcher, Dr. J. S. Gibson, Dr. J. M. Gardner, Fannie Parrish, W. G. Adams, Mrs. W. G. Adams, H. C. Doyth, T. J. Fletcher, Mrs. Lon Chace, Mrs. Rachel Gibson, Frank Wright, W. H. Norton, F. J. Bullard, Jesse M. Gibson, Elbert McGregor, Ruby McGregor, Will Dawkins, Dargan Gibson, Tom Gibson, Jamie Liles, V. C. Mason, Archie Gibson, Mrs. L. J. Adams, Mrs. Julia Ford, Miss Netta Little, Mrs. J. A. Livingston, Mrs. N. T. Fletcher, Mrs. Vester Adams, Mrs. W. F. B. Gibson, Mrs. I. W. Odum, Miss Lillie Gibson, Miss Pearl Teal, Mrs. Z. L. Gibson, Mrs. Robt. Herndon, W. T. Gibson, Mrs. W. T. Gibson, E. L.

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PRESIDENT ISSUES THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

People Have Special and Moving Cause to Be Grateful and Rejoice, Says President.

Washington, Nov. 17.—President Wilson, in a proclamation today, designated Thursday, November 28, as Thanksgiving day and said this year the American people have special and moving cause to be grateful and rejoice. Complete victory, he said, has brought not only peace but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which "justice shall replace force and jealous intrigues among the nations."

The proclamation follows: (Thanksgiving, 1918.)

By the President of the United States of America:

A proclamation.

It has long been our custom to turn in the autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. This year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and rejoice. God has in His good pleasure given us peace. It has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a mere relief from the station and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of right. Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigues among the nations. Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or stained by any purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they have won immortal glory and have nobly served their nation in serving mankind. God has indeed been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with new hope to new and greater duties.

While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek the divine guidance in the performance of those duties, and divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all that we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we must assent to build the new structure of peace and good will among the nations.

Therefore I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 28th day of November next, a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia, this 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1918, and of the independence of the United States of America the 143d.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the President.

ROBERT LANSING,

Secretary of State.

LAURINBURG SOCIETY

McLEAN-COVINGTON MARRIAGE NOVEMBER TWENTY-SEVENTH.

Handsome engraved invitations have been received in the city reading as follows:

Mr. and Mrs. Hector McLean invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter Kattie

to Mr. William Thomas Covington on Wednesday evening, the twenty-seventh of November nineteen hundred and eighteen at six o'clock Laurel Hill Church Laurinburg, North Carolina

MOTHERS' CLUB WITH MRS. GIBSON.

The mothers' club met with Mrs. J. L. Gibson on the afternoon of November 19th. An interesting program on Temperance was carried out as follows: Paper, "The Price Women Pay for Alcoholism," by Mrs. J. T. Fields; paper, "What Alcoholism Costs the Public," by Mrs. A. F. Lytch; reading, "Sketch of Beecher's Life," by Mrs. Hester James; Some Items on the Effect of Cigarettes, by Mrs. J. A. Jones; musical selections, by Mrs. J. L. Gibson. The club adjourned to meet again December 10.

Miss Annie Goodwyn left Wednesday morning for a short visit in Charlotte.

THE DIRECT WAR COST OVER \$175,000,000,000.

That Was to May 1 and It is Estimated That the Total Will Reach \$200,000,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The direct cost of the war for all belligerent nations to last May 1 was reported at about \$175,000,000,000 by the federal reserve board bulletin, issued today, and it is estimated that the cost will amount to nearly \$200,000,000,000 before the end of this year. These calculations were compiled by the board from various sources, and while their accuracy is not vouched for, the board believes the figures are substantially correct.

For purely military and naval purposes, it is estimated that all belligerents had spent about \$122,000,000,000 to May 1, or about three-fourths of the total war cost. The balance represented interest on debt and other indirect war expenses.

How the cost mounted as the war grew in proportion from year to year is illustrated by tabulations showing that the mobilization and the first five months of the war in 1914 cost all belligerents about \$10,000,000,000. In 1915, the expenses jumped to \$28,000,000,000; in 1916 they increased to \$38,000,000,000 and in 1917 they were estimated at \$60,000,000,000. This year, expenses have run only a little above the rate last year.

About \$150,000,000,000 of the total war cost has been raised by war loans of various nations and comparatively little by taxation. The public debt of the principal belligerents is calculated at approximately \$105,000,000,000, or more than twice as much as the aggregate debt of the central powers, set at \$45,000,000,000. This does not take into consideration debt incurred since last May.

The enormous size of the war costs and debt is further illustrated by comparison with the anti-war debt of the seven principal belligerents which did not exceed \$25,000,000,000. The cost of supporting this debt was only about \$1,000,000,000 a year. Hereafter the annual burden to pay interest and sinking fund allowances will be not less than \$10,000,000,000 and probably much more.

LT. COVINGTON COMMANDED BATTERY AT BIG CELEBRATION.

Laurinburg Boy in Charge of Battery A at Lawton, Oklahoma, Celebration.

Lt. Henry Quinn Covington, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Covington, of this city, was signally honored recently when he was selected as commander of Battery A of the 5th Field Artillery at a big peace celebration at Lawton, Oklahoma. The commander of Lt. Covington's battery was detailed for duty with the regimental staff for that day and Lt. Covington was selected as battery commander in his stead. The following press dispatch from Lawton, Oklahoma, tells of the importance of this celebration: The greatest artillery review in the history of the United States will take place next Tuesday when 15,000 artillerymen with American, French and British field guns of every caliber, the entire complement of the artillery school of fire, 1,400 officers, and 600 cadets from Fort Sill and zero and balloon squadrons from Post Field will pass in review before Brigadier General Lawson and other notables on the streets of this city in celebration of the return of peace.

Post Field will precede the big review by sending seventy-five aviation and battle planes over the city in battle formation. Airplanes and balloon units will participate in the review, together with all equipment. Six military bands will participate.

In view of the fact that the military review is to be the greatest artillery pageant ever exemplified fully 50,000 visitors are expected in the city and preparations are being made for their entertainment. Governor Williams and other notable guests have been extended an invitation to attend.

SAID WILL ABANDON ALL BUT THREE SOUTHERN CAMPS.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Nov. 18.—According to reliable, but unofficial information all army concentrations in the southeast are to be abandoned with the exception of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; Camp Jackson, S. C.; and Camp Gordon, Atlanta. Men now at the camps to be abandoned will be either sent home in the near future or transferred to the permanent concentrations.

Superior court convenes Monday of next week with Judge W. J. Adams presiding.

PEACE NO EFFECT ON WAR SAVINGS PLEDGES.

People Asked to Redeem Pledges by Christmas—War Savings Amount Already Spent.

Winston-Salem, Nov. 16.—As a means of bringing the War Savings campaign for 1918 to a successful finish by December 31, State Headquarters has announced that all outstanding War Savings pledges should be redeemed by Christmas, if possible. This request has been made that the six days between December 25 and \$1 may be had to secure whatever amount is needed, after the pledges have been redeemed, to complete the State's full allotment.

People who have pledged to buy War Savings Stamps by December 31 and who have not already done so are urged to aid the campaign by purchasing their stamps as soon as possible and by making a determined effort to buy them, at the latest, by Christmas. Their attention has been called to the fact that their War Savings pledge is a solemn obligation to the Government and that the Government is expecting them to make good their word even though an armistice has been agreed upon and the War may soon be at an end.

State Headquarters is reminding the people of the fact that the war is virtually over does not relieve them from redeeming their War Savings pledges. On the other hand, the Government took the word of the people as their bond and has spent the amount for which they pledged. Now the Government is asking them to raise this amount not only to pay the debt that has been incurred but in appreciation of what has come to America by the proper spending of its money.

Because the first steps toward peace have been taken does not signify that War Savings pledges are not needed. Secretary of the Treasury, McAdoo, has announced that at least one more Liberty Loan Bond issue is absolutely necessary and that the Government still expects and must have two billion dollars from the sale of War Savings Stamps.

MR. McCORMICK CATCHES NIGHT PROWLER AT HIS HOME.

Unknown Man Looking in Window Said He Was Going Into House When Other Man Got There.

Mr. F. C. McCormick had a peculiar experience Tuesday night when he found a strange man at his home standing near a window and otherwise acting suspiciously. Mr. McCormick went home about 10:30 in the evening and when he reached his place noticed a man standing at a window apparently trying to look through into the room. Mr. McCormick hailed the "gentleman" and asked him what his business was there.

"I'm going into this house as soon as I gets here," naming a man who lives at East Laurinburg.

Mr. McCormick got busy and going into his home secured a pistol and hurried back to the scene when he found the unknown man going toward the street. Mr. McCormick approached him with the weapon. A passing automobile was stopped and with the assistance of the two men who were driving the auto, Mr. McCormick brought his man up town and delivered him to the authorities. He was placed in jail.

It is reported that efforts have recently been made to enter other homes in the city at night, and the man found at his home by Mr. McCormick it is thought may be responsible for some of these nocturnal visits. He was unknown to Mr. McCormick or others who saw him.

4TH LIBERTY LOAN NEARLY SEVEN BILLIONS.

Washington, Nov. 19.—Total subscriptions to the fourth liberty loan were \$6,989,047,000, the treasury department tonight after final tabulations had been completed. The over-subscription of \$689,047,000 was 16.48 per cent. Every federal reserve district exceeded its allotted quota.

This makes the fourth loan by far the greatest war loan ever floated by this or any other government. For the fourth consecutive time in the last 18 months of war the American people have given more than the government asked to finance the war program. Including the four liberty loans and war savings, the nation has raised \$17,552,000,000 in popular loans and this does not take into consideration over-subscriptions which were not accepted.

County Food Administrator L. F. Smith is in Raleigh attending a conference of county food administrators.

WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN SLOW IN THIS COUNTY.

Buy Your Stamps Wherever They Are For Sale and Don't Worry County Organization About Details.

The war savings campaign is lagging in this county, so it is reported here and from state headquarters at Winston-Salem. The people are slow in making good their pledges to buy stamps, and not enough has yet been pledged to complete the county's quota. Chairman W. H. Weatherpoon states that some people seem to be under the impression that they must report to him when they want to buy stamps and redeem their pledges. This is NOT necessary. If you have promised to buy stamps to any amount, go to your postoffice or bank, or wherever stamps are sold, and buy them. It is not necessary to come to see Mr. Weatherpoon or anybody else about this matter. You are the one to attend to that, and by going to them you only add to their burdens and may possibly annoy some one with matters that ordinary common sense would teach anybody are not of enough importance to carry to others.

The big thing and the all-important thing is that you buy stamps. If you have pledged yourself in this campaign, it's a question of personal honor for you to make good with the pledge, and if you haven't promised to buy stamps, go and buy them now. If there is not a great amount of work done some this county will fall in this campaign.

FUNERAL OF MR. KENNETH McARN.

The remains of the late Mr. Kenneth McArn, who died Sunday, November 10, at the United States Army base hospital, Eagle Pass, Texas, of pneumonia, reached Laurinburg Thursday night of last week and were taken to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McArn, where the funeral was held Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. Carl B. Craig, assisted by Rev. E. H. Davis, conducted the services. A large crowd of friends and kinship were present. The remains were interred in the city cemetery beneath a bank of beautiful flowers of exquisite design, which spoke their own language of love and tender sentiment. The casket was draped with the flag for which the young soldier had given his life. The pall bearers were Messrs. A. H. James, Lonnie Hammond, W. S. Dunbar, Colin McArthur, Melvin Gilchrist and Edwin Morgan.

Kenneth H. was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. McArn and was 22 years of age May 6 last. Besides the father and mother, there are surviving three brothers and two sisters: Hugh M., Donald G. and Douglas McArn, all in the military service, and Mrs. E. W. Malloy and Miss May McArn.

SCHOOLS MAY OPEN NEXT WEEK.

It is stated that the county health authorities and the school officials will hold a meeting here Friday morning and will reach a decision then as to what date the county and city schools will re-open. It is possible that the schools will not open again until January 1. But it is said they may be opened again Monday of next week. One date or the other will be fixed at Friday's meeting and until then nothing is known as to what will be done.

MEET YOUR BOND PAYMENTS PROMPTLY.

It is learned that some people in this county are shirking and slouching by failing to pay for the Liberty bonds they have subscribed for. Meet your payments promptly. Remember the dates when payments are due and go to your bank and meet the obligation like a man. The payments on bonds of the Fourth loan are due: November 21, 50 per cent; December 15, 20 per cent; January 10, 20 per cent, and January 30, 30 per cent.

WEEK OF PRAYER AT METHUEN CHURCH.

It is announced that a season of prayer will be observed at the Methodist church Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Theme for study and prayer: "Our Pioneer Workers." The Women's Society will meet on Monday afternoon; the Ellen Wills on Tuesday and the Bright Jewels on Wednesday. The hour of meeting will be 3 o'clock. Every woman, young person and child in the church is cordially invited to attend these services.

PRESIDENT TO BE ABROAD SEVERAL WEEKS

Plans to Keep in Touch With Executive Duties Here While at Peace Conference.

Washington, Nov. 18.—President Wilson will attend the opening session of the peace conference. This was announced tonight officially. He will go immediately after the convening of the regular session of Congress on December 2.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Democratic senators who conferred with President Wilson tonight for two hours left the white house with the impression that the president now plans to remain in France indefinitely or at least until the major portion of the work of the peace conference has been completed.

The president was understood to be especially interested in the application, in the framing of the treaty, of the principle of the freedom of the seas which he enunciated in his 14 terms and on which the allies in agreeing to discuss peace with Germany, have reserved the right of freedom of action at the peace conference.

The plan for "league of nations" was another subject to which the president was said to have given much study. He was understood to regard this as essential for the maintenance of the peace of the world.

During his absence from the United States the president plans to continue to exercise all the functions of his office. He will keep in communication with Washington by wireless while at sea and by cable and if necessary by dispatch boats while he is abroad.

While in France the president was said to plan transaction of any necessary executive business in the American embassy. Technically he then would be an American soil. Should he visit London or any of the other allied capitals the embassies there would become his executive headquarters.

Besides discussing his plans for his trip abroad, the president was understood to have taken up with the senators problems of reconstruction and necessary legislation. It was said that he opposes creation of a reconstruction commission, either executive or congressional, preferring that the work be done by existing agencies such as the war industries board, the food administration and the war trade board.

Senators attending the conference included Simmons and Overman of North Carolina, Fomerus of Ohio, Walsh of Montana and Swanson of Virginia, all chairmen of important committees. During the day the president had conferred with Senators Martin of Virginia, the democratic leader.

SOME BIG TATERS.

Mr. Covington Grows Giant Tubers—Two Big Ones at Exchange Office.

There is an exhibit in the window at McLaurin & Shaw's store what is probably the biggest sweet potato ever grown in Scotland county. We are told that this potato weighed 12 pounds and 14 ounces when brought to the store. It was grown by Mr. E. Covington of this city, who farms extensively and grows things to eat as well as big crops of cotton. Mr. Covington bears about the same relation to the farming interests of the county as this giant potato does other potatoes. This is the king potato and looks more like a dressed pig or waster turkey ready for certain well known ribs.

Saturday Mr. S. L. Kersey of near Laurel Hill sent to The Exchange Office a big Porto Roman yam which weighed 3 and 1-4 pounds when dug Monday Mr. G. W. Fate, a successful farmer of near Laurel Hill church, sent in a big one that is said to tip the scales at 3 1-3 lbs. These are some mountains and will do much to help the Food Administration.

HUNTING SEASON NOT YET HERE.

Many people being interested in information as to the open season for hunting game of different kinds in this county, Mr. M. L. John, lawyer, supplies The Exchange with the following information as the game laws for this county, which all sportsmen will be glad to read: One may hunt wild turkeys, quail, doves and pheasant birds from December 20 to February 15, only one deer from December 10 to January 15, only if it is a midwinter in this State to hunt on the heads of another without permission, and any one shall with dog and gun be deemed hunting.