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UNION OVERSUBSCRIBED BY NEARLY FORTY THOUSAND

Banks Report a Total of \$235,500— There Were About 500 Subscribers The Town and County Both Won Flags.

The Union county banks report the total sales of Liberty Bonds in this county at \$235,500, or \$34,400 more than our apportionment of \$200,900.

It is estimated that there were about 500 subscribers. This amount was divided among the following banks: First National Bank \$73,400. Bank of Union \$59,600. Farmers & Merchants Bank \$35,150.

Bank of Marshville \$28,450. Waxhaw Banking & Trust Co. \$20,600.

Savings, Loan & Trust Co. \$17,000. Bank of Wingate \$11,300.

Our apportionment, as announced in Friday's Journal, was subscribed during the middle of the week, but heavy sales Friday and Saturday brought the total up to \$25,000. The "match the President" scheme brought out a number of \$50 bond purchasers.

Despite the fact that there were two shows in town last night a good sized audience assembled in the court house to witness the presentation of the Honor Flags awarded to Monroe and Union county for going over the top in the Third Liberty Loan drive.

It was a meeting that showed that the people of Union are still patriotic as in days gone by. It gave the lie to the German idea that America was a nation whose patriotism was buried under the almighty dollar.

Dr. H. E. Gurney opened the meeting with prayer, following which the audience sang America.

Mr. W. S. Blakeney, a member of the central Liberty Loan committee, presided. "When I was appointed by Mr. Joseph Brown of Raleigh as a member of the central committee I wrote him asking him to excuse me as my time was already fully occupied with public service work. He wrote back and said that this was no time for excuses and I was forced to accept. It then devolved upon me to suggest a man to head the county committee. After careful consideration I decided upon Mr. James H. Lee and the results of this drive justify the suggestion," said Mr. Blakeney.

Much credit for the success of the drive is due also to the township committees he said. The sentence that capped the climax was, and it was greatly applauded, "The ladies have contributed more to this result than and unceasingly to bring Union county over the top and they did their full share."

Mr. Blakeney said that when he was notified that Union county's apportionment in the third drive was \$200,900 he was somewhat skeptical of the result as we are an agricultural people and at this time of the year needed our money for farm work. The results, he said, proved that he was wrong, for instead of our allotment of \$200,900 we raised over \$250,000. This entitles Monroe and Union county to an honor flag each. Mr. B. C. Ashcraft was then called upon to present them.

Mr. Ashcraft said that these honor flags which he was called upon to present were next in line with Old Glory. They back her up. He told his audience that the thing they were met together to celebrate proved that there was no rich man's war. Seventeen million men, women and children in the United States bought Liberty Bonds of the third issue. Seventeen million bought bonds but there is plenty of money yet in America and to spare to other bond issues. All America hopes and prays that before another issue is necessary that the shot, shell and shrapnel of the boys in the trenches will have overcome the Hun, saved the world for democracy and made another issue unnecessary. He presented the flags to Mayor John C. Sikes for the city and Mr. A. A. Secrest, county commissioner, for the county.

Mayor Sikes in a fine speech accepted the flags for the city and for Mr. Secrest for the county. He said that he was proud that Monroe had such a man as Mr. James H. Lee; proud that such ladies as composed the committee lived in Monroe; proud that Monroe and Union county could boast of such citizens as composed all the Liberty Loan committees. He said that the reason Monroe went over the top and was awakening to a progressive city was that the people were beginning to co-operate together.

For Mr. Secrest he said that the county was going to have a flag pole erected on the most conspicuous place on the court house lawn and from that pole was going to float Old Glory backed up with the two honor flags.

Part of the Honor Roll.

The following bought bonds from the Farmers & Merchants Bank: T. F. James, Mrs. Lillian Williams, H. B. Secrest, W. A. Williams, Mrs. Nannie S. Houston, Mrs. Nannie S. Houston, Gdn., W. E. L. Williams, W. Hosea Helms, B. F. Mangum, Miss Maud Crowell, J. W. Springfield, E. L. Secrest, Archie Levy, J. M. Guin, Mrs. Jennie C. Boger, J. W. Haywood, S. L. Mullis, H. M. Baucum, Lexton B. Griffin, J. B. Cox, Gordon Ins. & Ins. Co., Mrs. S. S. Richardson, W. C. Stewart, Dr. B. C. Redfern, W. C. Jennie Boyte, Miss Lillie Presson, Miss Maud Shute, Miss Lina Belle Shute, Miss Eva Shute, J. T. Shute, Jr., J. T. Shute, Mrs. J. T. Shute, Mrs. Lily A. Lane, T. M. Christenbury, J. L. Everett, J. I. Griffin, O. L. Griffin, J. A. Griffin, Miss Maud Griffin, Oscar Baucum, Mrs. Alice Nelson Stewart, Jno. W. Love, Daniel

GREEN ORGANIZES FARMERS' BUSINESS CLUB AT TRINITY

Ex-State Farmers' Union Organizer Still Has Faith in Rural Organization, and Starts New Plan Down in Old Buford—Reviews Mistakes of Present Union.

Trinity, May 6.—Mr. J. Z. Green made a lecture on rural organization and co-operation to a group of farmers at Trinity, Buford township, Saturday night. It was his first appointment since he resigned as State Organizer—Lecturer of the Farmers Union five weeks ago. His faith in the ultimate possibilities of rural community organization, when freed from political influences, is apparently greater than ever before and the tone of his argument was optimistic throughout, and it was notable that he is confident that very many of the mistakes that have been made in the Farmers Union will be converted into assets by the same generation that made them.

"The Farmers Union has, in numbers of instances, repeated the same mistakes that the old Farmers Alliance made," said Mr. Green, "but it is due almost entirely to the fact that a generation intervened between the Farmers Alliance and the Farmers Union and by far the greater per cent of the members of the Union represent another generation that had no personal experience in its predecessor while many of the ex-Alliance men in the Union had lost sight of some of the disastrous mistakes made by the old organization."

He was referring to some impractical co-operative business schemes that had been previously tried out with disaster in the Farmers Alliance that have been repeated by well-meaning leaders in the Union, then followed by extreme political activity on the part of the State president, bringing an odious publicity of his official conduct which surrounded the organization at the top with an atmosphere that presents a crisis in the existence of the Union under its present name and plan of organization. "This crisis, however, as it relates to ambitious State leadership, need have only a transient effect upon the progress of genuine rural co-operation based upon the only foundation for permanent results—efficient community leadership," argues the ex-State official, "and it will certainly not interfere in the least with the growth of the co-operative principle among members of the live and active Local Unions in Union county, who are in position to move right along in an expansion of their co-operative activities whether they are forced to leave the name of the organization with politically active State leaders or whether the State organization leaves them. In their futile and expensive efforts to co-operate from the top downward State Union officials have never been able to do any business with members of the Local Unions in this section, because the members could do better under their own local leadership, and could always buy fertilizers, limestone and other farm supplies under pooled orders to much better advantage through other channels than they could do through the State committee solicited business on a sentimental basis instead of a business basis."

For the past several years Mr. Green has been emphasizing the importance of building the co-operative structure on a community basis rather than making attempts under the theoretical idea of building under the unwieldy and impractical State unit plan, and he thinks the Union was already top-heavy with too many active State officials even before it run so hard against the rock of one State official's political ambition. The following statement from Mr. Green gives an index as to what sort of activities he thinks ought to prevail among farmers who want to turn "errors into assets," and also retain the good already accomplished through practical co-operation in the Farmers Union: "If we shall correct the previous mistakes made in the Farmers Union and profit by this generation must do it. If we lie down on the job and let another generation intervene before a re-organization is made, or before a successor is launched, there will be no opportunity to turn failure into success."

At the close of Mr. Green's lecture several farmers organized themselves into what they called a "Farmers Business Club," which will hold another meeting on Saturday night, May 25th. Since there is no other farmers' organization in Buford township this club will perhaps evolve itself into a township unit. Should it eventually become large enough to be unwieldy other units may be organized in the township.

In this campaign for the two L's—legumes and limestone—County Agent Tom Broom is anxious to have at least one organization available in each township, since merchants do not handle limestone in small quantities and it is practical for farmers living some distance from the railway stations to procure limestone and unload it within the two-day limit except through a co-operative organization. Moreover, since the price of sacks has been soaring it is also advisable to purchase acid phosphate and other fertilizer material in bulk as far as practical. The quotations on sacks for next season are already much higher than last season with prices still advancing.

Mr. Green is still active in the Farmers Union, which is strong in membership in Marshville trade territory. With his usual sense of humor he says: "I have taken stock

DEATH OF MRS. McDONALD.

Passing of this Good Woman and Other Matters Recorded.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Waxhaw, May 6.—Mrs. Emma McLeod McDonald, wife of Mr. D. C. McDonald, here, died Monday morning at 10 o'clock. She had been in bad health for several years and though she was confined at home she never complained but was always ready with a cheerful smile for the discouraged and a kind word for the troubled. Mr. and Mrs. McDonald were the first people to settle in Waxhaw, having moved here in April, 1888, from Union, Moore county. Mrs. McDonald was a charter member of the Presbyterian church here and also of the Ladies' Aid Society. She was a consistent christian and as long as her health permitted was always in her place at all church services. She was interested in all church work and a great friend to the orphans. The funeral was conducted in the Presbyterian church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by her pastor, Rev. C. E. Robertson, assisted by Rev. M. A. Vestal of the Methodist church. The elders of the Presbyterian church were the pall bearers and the burial was in the new cemetery. She is survived by her husband and two brothers, Messrs. Daniel McLeod of Red Springs and Samuel McLeod of Jacksonville, Fla., also a sister of Keyser, Mrs. McLeod was respected and loved by all who knew her. She was 73 years old.

Miss Lizzie McDonald of Cameron is here on a visit to her brothers, Messrs. D. C. and W. R. McDonald.

Mrs. H. C. Houston, who has been on a winter visit to Florida, returned home last Thursday. She was taken suddenly ill Saturday but last report from her was she is doing nicely and fast recovering.

Mrs. Ben Phillips of Charlotte is visiting her brother, Mr. E. J. Sims of the Rehoboth community.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy N. Walkup spent Sunday in town at Mr. J. L. Rodman's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Niven, Miss Helen Niven and Mr. Jack Wingate spent Sunday at Camp Jackson.

Mr. Beecher Eason of Camp Jackson is on an extended visit here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Eason.

Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Shaw of Waxhaw are the guests of Mr. D. S. Davis this week.

Mrs. J. R. Eason, who has been real sick for several days, is improving rapidly now.

Quite a large crowd of Waxhaw people went to Marshville Sunday to hear Rev. W. J. Harold, the Texas Baptist evangelist, who conducted a two weeks meeting here last spring. The crowd reports a fine sermon and it is regretted that he cannot be with us again this year.

Mrs. Murray Clark of Monroe is spending a few days here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. McDonald.

"Boys" are a pretty scarce thing around Waxhaw these times and one that is loafing is hard to find. They are already a rare thing. Most of the boys already had positions waiting on them when school was out but the few who didn't have certainly found work by now; some in town, others on the farms, and "Uncle Sam" needn't worry about Union county for she will go over the top in anything he wants done. And Waxhaw will never be found ranking in second class in anything.

Prof. S. G. Hawfield and family of Wesley Chapel spent Sunday in town.

Miss Nell Krauss of Krauswood spent Monday in town.

Waxhaw went "over the top" in the Third Liberty Bond quota Saturday afternoon. Her quota was \$16,400 and when the contest closed Saturday afternoon Waxhaw delivered the goods to Uncle Sam in the form of \$20,600 in Liberty Bonds. As usual there are some people who when they do just barely all that is required want to stop and then brag about it, but not so with Waxhaw for when it was found to be that her quota had been raised she did not stop. She was not satisfied with barely getting by, but kept right on unceasingly until the time was up; then turned over her account and proceeded to take up other plans for the winning and helping out of the war.

Miss Mary Cunningham is on an extended visit to her sister, Mrs. Dr. H. W. McCain of High Point.

Mrs. L. E. Guion and children are spending some time with Lieut. Dr. Guion at Fort Oglethorpe.

Mrs. Amanda Howard of Waxhaw and Miss Julia Howard of Pryor Sanatorium, Chester, are at the bedside of Mr. Rufus Howard of Waycross, Ga., who is sick with pneumonia.

Mrs. A. H. McDonald of Hoffman and Donald McDonald of Coffman are here attending the burial of Mrs. D. C. McDonald.

Miss Flora McLeod of Keyser is here for the funeral and burial of her sister, Mrs. D. C. McDonald.

The "Ford party" who last Tuesday left for Cincinnati, O., to bring back some "jitneys" for the garage here, returned this afternoon. They all report a fine time and some very amusing incidents. The bunch was one that could get all the fun there was to be had. The Fords are in good condition indeed and look like they stood the wear and tear of the trip better than the drivers.—Wm. R. McDonald, Jr.

of myself and find that in running up the balance sheets I am still in good standing in the organization, have a good appetite, and a fairly good conscience, and sleep soundly."

Marshallville News in Brief.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Marshville, May 6.—Mrs. Marshall Winsome and Miss Mamie Ross of Wingate were pleasant guests of Mrs. J. E. Thomas several days last week. Miss Selma Thomas spent last week the guest of Miss Mary Simpson of Olive Branch.

Miss Kate Bailey of Greensboro Female College spent the week-end with her home folks, arriving Friday and returning to Greensboro today.

Mrs. M. W. Davis returned Tuesday from a week's visit to relatives in Charlotte. Mr. Davis spent Tuesday in Charlotte and accompanied Mrs. Davis home.

Mr. J. G. Green and family of High Point arrived Tuesday to visit relatives in their old home neighborhood a few days. Mr. Green and family made the trip in their car, and as he has been on crutches for some time now, we are sure the visit was doubly appreciated.

Miss Flossie Liles of Pee Dee was the guest of Mrs. T. M. Edwards several days last week. Miss Lillian Liles accompanied her cousin and after spending the night with Mrs. Edwards returned to her home at Rock Rest.

Miss Lola Griffin of Rock Rest was the guest of Mrs. B. H. Griffin last week. Miss Della Griffin of Rock Rest was also Mrs. Griffin's guest for a couple of days.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Price and children of Unionville were the guests of Mrs. Price's mother, Mrs. Ella Barri- no, several days last week.

Mrs. David Barlow of Hamlet was a guest at the hotel last week.

Mrs. T. B. Young of Monroe spent Saturday and Sunday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. Arnold.

Privates Jim McBride, Hatcock and Hill of Camp Jackson spent Sunday at their respective homes in and near Marshville.

Mr. Fate Bivens, recently of the Shepherd Drug Co. of Charlotte, is spending two weeks with his mother, Mrs. Mary Bivens, before reporting for army service the 25th.

Miss Emma Hunter of Wedington spent Friday night with her sister, Mrs. T. J. Williams, en route to Oxford where she will teach at the orphanage this summer.

Mrs. S. R. Green of Albemarle arrived last week to spend a couple of weeks visiting her daughters, Mesdames Kennedy and Louder, at Mr. W. J. Kennedy's.

Mrs. Sallie Griffin returned Saturday afternoon from a two weeks trip. During her absence Mrs. Griffin visited friends in Wadesboro, Winston-Salem, Mocksville, Statesville and Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Dorsey Griffin and baby of Hamlet spent the week-end with relatives here.

Mr. Joe Hasty of Hopewell, Va., is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hasty.

Mr. A. P. Whitener arrived Sunday from Statesville and entered upon his new duties at the Marshville bank this morning. Mr. Whitener will move his family here next month. We are glad to have these good people back in our midst.

Mr. William Sinclair left Saturday afternoon for New Brunswick, N. J., where he will join his brothers employed at that place.

Mrs. J. L. Harrell of Laurinburg returned to her home this afternoon after a three days visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Bailey.

Mrs. Atlas Griffin of Peachland spent Saturday and Sunday with Mrs. B. H. Griffin.

Miss Bessie Burch of Peachland was the guest of Miss Lucile Bailey Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. J. C. Bailey and daughter, Mrs. W. D. McRae of Charlotte, arrived Sunday to spend a couple of days with the former's son, Mr. J. E. Bailey.

Brady Bass, the 13-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry P. Bass, of west Marshville township, died Saturday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock after suffering for some time with rheumatism which developed complications. Brady was the fifth son of his parents, and was a quiet, good boy, and will be sadly missed in his home and in the neighborhood. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Black Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment was at the Bass graveyard immediately afterward.

The revival services at the Baptist church closed Sunday night. There were six baptisms preceding the closing sermon. Rev. Mr. Harrill and Singer Stockton made many friends during their stay with us, and many prayers will follow them where'er they go.—Mrs. J. E. Bailey.

A Splendid Opportunity For Patriotic Service!

To the Editor of The Journal:—Dr. Mott wires from France that 800 Y. M. C. A. secretaries per month till Sept. 1st will be needed "Over-seas."

Each county in North Carolina is asked to furnish its quota, and for the purpose of securing said quota from Union county, a committee has been appointed, of which Dr. H. E. Gurney is chairman and Mr. T. L. Riddle is secretary.

Men between the ages of 31 and 50 are eligible for this work. There are many branches of service to be supplied, with expenses and salary paid.

The committee will meet on Thursday at 8 p. m. in the office of the Chamber of Commerce. Several have applied already for positions. Have yours in the hands of the secretary by that time. Call on Mr. Riddle and he will be glad to give you the necessary information.

H. E. GURNEY, Chairman.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

The War in Europe, and Recent News in State and Nation.

The women of North Carolina raised \$5,500,000 in the third Liberty Loan drive.

A plan is now on foot to enlist thousands of doctors and surgeons in the army. North Carolina is supposed to furnish 100 of this number.

A bill has been passed by Congress which provides for a twenty year term in the penitentiary or a fine of \$10,000 for disloyal acts and violation of the espionage act.

The explosion of a percussion cap placed in a bottle which contained some kind of liquid resembling nitroglycerine threw a Chicago crowd into panic. An investigation was made of the affair.

The American troops on the Lorraine sector on Friday morning rushed the German trenches in front of them. They penetrated their works to the third line. Not a single German was found.

Rev. Dr. D. E. Dortch, a reputed evangelist, was given a hearing in Charlotte for alleged violation of the espionage act in a sermon preached at a Presbyterian church a few Sundays ago. He was bound over to Federal court under \$200 bond.

A dispatch states that Dr. Von Seydler, Austrian premier, admits that Austria cannot feed her entire population, and therefore he recommends that portions of it be attached to Bavaria and Saxony for provisioning.

The War Department has issued orders calling for the mobilization of 232,000 men from 45 states during the last seven days of May. California, Oregon, Nevada and the District of Columbia have supplied so large a part of their quota already that it was decided not to include them in this call. North Carolina's part in this number is 8,114. This number will go to Camp Jackson as has her other men.

SEVENTEEN MILLION BOUGHT THIRD LIBERTY LOAN BONDS

Investors Numerically Larger Than in First and Second Issues—\$3,000,000-316,000 Turned In—May Reach \$4,500,000.

Analysis of Liberty Loan reports show that probably 17,000,000 persons bought bonds in the campaign which closed Saturday night—7,000,000 than in the second loan, and 12,500,000 more than in the first.

Latest tabulations showed \$3,316,628,250 reported subscriptions, but the Treasury now believes the actual total, which may run to \$4,000,000,000 will not be definitely known until May 13, four days after individual banks are required to report to Federal Reserve Banks.

"Whatever the money total," says a Treasury statement, "the loan just closed probably is the most successful ever floated by any nation. The marvelous distribution of the Third Liberty Loan indicates that one out of every six persons in the United States may have participated in this loan."

Banks' resources, it was pointed out, have been drawn on comparatively little to make the loan a success, and the prospects for future loans are brighter as a consequence. An added reason for jubilation among Treasury officials is the indication that the government bond buying habit is becoming stronger among people of small means, and that they probably will invest even more heavily in the fourth loan next fall.

Secretary McAdoo, in a statement thanking the nation for its support of the loan, said the widespread distribution of bonds "is particularly gratifying," and added:

"This is the soundest form of national war finance—the distribution of loans among the people themselves."

He urged subscribers to retain their bonds, unless there is a pressing necessity for selling them, both to help maintain the credit of the government and as a stimulus to "those economics and savings which release materials and labor necessary to the support if not to the very life of our army and navy."

PRESIDENT CHEERED WHEN HE BOUGHT ANOTHER BOND

This Time He Took a \$500 One, Responding to the Challenge of a Man in a Theatre Audience.

Washington, May 4.—President Wilson received a great demonstration tonight at a local theatre when a four-minute speaker announced that he had bought still another bond, this time one for \$500. Last Wednesday when the President agreed to sponsor the "match the president" movement to buying a \$50 bond on the installment plan after previously subscribing for nearly \$20,000, it was believed he had reached his maximum effort.

Tonight a man in the theatre announced that he would buy a \$500 bond if ten other persons present would subscribe for one \$500 bond each. Eight persons quickly met the challenge; then there was a pause. The president, from his box, quietly beckoned to an usher and told him to inform the speaker that he would take one of the bonds. The announcement started a wave of buying that extended even to the chorus, every member of the company purchasing a bond and swelling the night's total at the theatre to more than \$100,000.