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WAR SAVINGS CANVASS

Flying Squadron and Local Workers Secure Subscriptions to Amount of \$39,147.50.

The Flying Squadron, composed of Judge Gilbert T. Stephenson, Senator J. A. Oates, W. C. Bivens, B. Lake, E. E. Emerson and W. H. Weatherspoon, who are assisting in canvassing the State for the War Savings fund, visited Marion last Friday. Dividing into groups with local people, the squadron started work early in the morning and did not stop until late just before train time late in the afternoon. The groups and the amount of subscriptions secured were as follows:

Mr. Bivens and J. M. Tate—Three limit members, 75 pledges; total subscriptions, \$4,785.

Mr. Oates, M. S. Giles and N. F. Steppe—Two limit members, 118 pledges; total, \$5,727.50.

Mr. Emerson, W. M. McNairy and Rev. G. A. Martin—Two limit members, 10 pledges; total, \$3,060.

Mr. Lake and D. T. Harris—Five limit members, 15 pledges; total, \$6,025.

Judge Stephenson and W. W. Neal—Twelve limit members, 85 pledges; total, \$15,195.

Mr. Weatherspoon, G. W. Giles and R. F. Burton—Two limit members, 33 pledges; total, \$4,355.

This makes a total of 236 pledges for the day, 26 limit members and \$39,147.50.

Mrs. S. A. E. Carter Celebrates Her 83rd Birthday.

On Monday, April 8th, Mrs. S. A. E. Carter, one of Marion's most beloved citizens, celebrated her eighty-third birthday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. D. E. Hudgins. The occasion was indeed one of unalloyed joy to all, but especially so to the honoree who received flowers, letters, telegrams and many dainty and useful gifts from friends and members of the family.

A delightful dinner was served, and around the festal board were gathered a number of Mrs. Carter's children and grand children, among the former being Judge Frank Carter of Asheville, and Mr. and Mrs. Avery Carter, until recently of Nashville, Tenn. While at the table Judge Carter paid a tender tribute to his mother's beautiful life, quoting the words, "God couldn't be everywhere, so He made mothers," and proposed a toast to "the best woman in the world," to which all gladly responded.

Mrs. Carter's life has been indeed one of rare beauty and unselfishness. In her the Scriptural words applied to the ideal woman has found fulfillment, and her children and children-in-law "rise up and call her blessed." As she continues her journey toward the sunset glow she can say with Whittier "Before me, even as behind, God is, and all is well."

The Republicans of the Tenth district met in Asheville Saturday and acclaimed J. J. Britt their nominee, and the name of the former congressman, who is contesting the seat held by Zebulon Weaver, will therefore be submitted to the June primary for legal sanction and ratification.

Mill Schools Close.

The mill schools will hold their closing exercises on Friday and Saturday. The program by the Marion Mill school will be given on Friday evening beginning at 8 o'clock, new time. An interesting program has been prepared by the school consisting chiefly of patriotic selections. Hon. Z. V. Long of Statesville will be present and speak in the interest of the war savings stamps.

The program by the Clinchfield school will begin in the afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on Saturday, the primary grades giving their program at this hour. The program by the grammar grades will begin at 8 o'clock, after which Rev. W. L. Hutchins is scheduled to speak. The mill schools have had the most successful year in their history. The people are well pleased with the work done by the teachers who are as follows: At Marion Mill, Misses Delia Gibbs, Jennie Whitson and Tracy Sigmon; at Clinchfield Mill, Misses Marie Moss, Cassie Patton, Effie Hicks and Mae McCurry.

Clean-Up Week.

The municipal authorities and the people of Marion are being appealed to by the State insurance department and the State health department to join effectively in the observance of "Clean-Up week" April 15-20, during which time, throughout the state there is to be a general clearing out from residence, premises and places of business and factories and shops of all waste material and debris that might harbor disease germs, start a preventable fire or help along a fire that might start from other causes, fire prevention and better health conditions being the two chief objects of the movement for 1918 Spring clean-up week.

The town authorities urge a thorough observance of the week and will provide wagons free of cost to the people for removing the trash and waste material from the streets as fast as the people clear it from cellars, attics, closets, outhouses and back yards. The people of Marion are urged to give special attention to making this a thorough job and one that can but bring the largest returns in improved health conditions all through the summer and the greatest possible immunity from preventable fires.

The First Year of The War.

Without counting the loans to the Allies, the total expense of the United States government during the first year of the war was \$12,067,278,679.07.

During the first year of the war, the United States Army was increased in actual strength from 9,524 officers and 202,510 enlisted men to 223,801 officers and 1,528,894 enlisted men.

During the first year of the war the United States Navy was increased from 4,792 officers and 77,946 enlisted men to 21,000 officers and 330,000 enlisted men. The total number of men in the Naval establishment is 425,000.

American expeditionary forces reached France, the first detachment, eighty-eight days after war was declared. American troops went on the line for their "baptism of blood" 188 days after the declaration of war. American troops permanently took over a part of the firing line as an American sector in January, 1918.

We have done something in the first year.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

GARDEN CITY

Garden City, April 8.—The heavy frost which fell Friday night did a great deal of damage to early gardens and fruit trees.

The farmers are all busy planting corn. Miss Nelle Gibbs, who is teaching in Stroudtown, spent the week end here with homefolks.

Mrs. Chas. A. Dewey and son, Master Charles, jr., of Jacksonville, Fla., and Augusta, Ga., are visiting Mrs. W. H. Hennessee.

Roland Morris and Kenneth Weaver were visitors here Friday night.

Miss Faye McGimsey of Bridgewater, spent the week-end with Miss Nelle Gibbs.

Ed. Brown, Clarence Glenn and Harry and Lambert Young of Construction spent Sunday with homefolks.

W. H. Hennessee and J. E. Jameson made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

D. T. Harris made a trip to Garden City during the week in the interest of the war savings stamps campaign.

Miss Rebecca Hennessee, who is in school at Marion, spent Sunday with homefolks.

Melvin McCall of North Cove made a business trip to Garden City last week.

Misses Dora Gibbs and Cora Miller spent Friday night in the "city."

There will be a baptizing at Clear Creek next Sunday, also services at the Baptist church.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, April 8.—Misses Mamie and Gracie Cowan of Marion visited homefolks here Easter.

Miss Willie Jarrett was shopping in Marion Saturday.

Jas. C. Goforth and Miss Mamie Goforth made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Satterwhite attended the Quarterly meeting at Pisgah last Saturday.

Misses Cora Miller and Dora Gibbs visited in Marion last week.

W. A. Laughridge attended the Democratic County convention in Marion Saturday.

There was a killing frost here the morning of the 6th.

Ethel Spratt has been quite ill for several days.

James Taylor made a business trip to Nebo last Saturday.

There was a public speaking at the school house Wednesday evening.

The farmers are beginning to plant corn.

NEBO

Nebo, April 9.—Mrs. H. D. Plant and children of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson.

Miss Essie Hemphill of Caroleen spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Frank Wilson of Camp Jackson returned today after spending ten days with homefolks.

Key Landis spent the week-end with homefolks at Dysartville.

The United States Civil Service commission announces an open competitive examination will be held at Marion on April 27 to secure eligibles for the positions of forest and field clerk. An examination will be held at the same time for stenographers and typewriters. Applicants must submit photographs to examiner on day of examination. Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the postmaster.

W. B. Streeter, for a number of years the agent of the North Carolina Children's Society, and one of the well-known citizens of Asheville, died Saturday while away from home on a trip to Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. Streeter had been in poor health for some time.

150,000 Men Will Be Sent to Camps at Close of Month.

Washington, April 6.—Approximately 150,000 men will be sent to training camps during the five day period beginning April 26, under orders to state governors today by Provost Marshal General Crowder for mobilization of the April call of the second draft. This is three times the number it was originally planned to call and is twice the monthly quota as based on the calling of 800,000 men over a period of nine months.

Calling out of the increased number was made necessary by the decision of President Wilson to respond without delay to the need of France and Great Britain for reinforcements in the great battle in Picardy. Vacancies in national army divisions resulting from the withdrawal of men to complete national guard and regular army units and for the formation of special technical units asked by General Pershing, will be made good by the April draft. Those divisions farthest advanced in training are to receive first attention in that the maximum number of complete units may be sent abroad soon.

Failure of congress to pass the amendment to the selective service act, which would permit the fixation of state quotas on the number of men in class one, necessitated temporary adherence to the old system. Local boards have been officially advised, however, that they are to ignore "quotas" for the time being and to simply continue calling up men until they have obtained the number they have been instructed to forward.

Among the men to be called will be approximately 116,700 whites and 33,700 negroes.

Virginia is asked for 1,065; North Carolina for 5,054; South Carolina for 1,969; Tennessee for 4,751.

Red Cross Entertainment.

Young lady members of the Burnsville, N. C., Red Cross Society will give an entertainment at the Graded School Auditorium, in Marion, on the evening of Friday, April 19th. This bunch of mountain girls has played before large audiences in a few other places, and inasmuch as their home society is an auxiliary of the Marion Red Cross Society, they feel that they are coming among their special friends when they visit Marion. These young ladies adopted the entertainment idea of doing their bit toward winning the war, and already they have been the means of turning over to the society a great many dollars, thus giving a portion of their time and whatever talent they may possess to that end. We feel sure these young ladies will give an entertainment that will please a Marion audience, and we trust they will be greeted by a large audience. No tickets will be sold—just 25 cents at the door (unless you want to give more), and it's all for the Red Cross.

Wheat Crop Estimate.

Winter wheat production this year will be about 560,000,000 bushels, the Department of Agriculture estimates. Rye production will be about 86,000,000 bushels. This is a little over the December estimate of 540,000,000 bushels. The crop was planted for 672,000,000 bushels.

For patriotic reasons, the grand lodge, Knights of Pythias, will not hold a State meeting this year.

NO GERMAN-MADE PEACE

"Force, Force to the Utmost," is President Wilson's Answer to Germany.

President Wilson, at a great Liberty loan celebration in Baltimore Saturday night, gave America's answer to the German drive on the western battle front; to the renewed propaganda for a German-made peace, to all proposals to end the war before Germany is awakened from her dream of world dominion.

The president's answer was: "Force, force to the utmost, force without stint or limit, the righteous triumphant force which shall make right the law of the world, and cast every selfish dominion down in the dust."

A few hours before the president spoke he had reviewed a division of citizen soldiers called only a few months ago from the pursuits of peace; now transformed into fighting men to carry the ideals of America to the battle fields of Europe; at the moment a million more of their kind were all over the land celebrating the opening of the third Liberty loan; while the president was speaking the orders for mobilizing the first of the great army of a second million were going out to the country.

Those were some of the physical facts which backed his words, when after reviewing briefly the evidence, that Germany seeks a German-made peace for her world dominion he declared:

"I accept the challenge. I know that you accept it. All the world shall know you accept it. It shall appear in the utter sacrifice and self forgetfulness with which we shall give all that we love and all that we have to redeem the world and make it fit for free men like ourselves to live in. This now is the meaning of what we do. Let everything that we say, my fellow countrymen, everything that we henceforth plan and accomplish, ring true to this response until the majesty and might of our concerted power shall fill the thought and utterly defeat the force of those who flout and misprize what we honor and hold dear.

Notice of Special Tax Election.

North Carolina, McDowell County }
Notice is hereby given that on the 1st day of April, 1918, the Board of Commissioners of McDowell County upon petition of one-third of the freeholders of Nebo High School district, said petition being approved by the Board of Education of McDowell County, ordered an election to be held at the voting precinct in Nebo High School district on Wednesday, the 8th day of May, 1918, for the purpose of ascertaining whether the voters of said district shall decide on an additional special tax of 20c on the \$100 valuation of all property, both real and personal, and 60c on all polls in said district, in addition to all taxes that are now levied and collected for school purposes in said district, to supplement the school fund in said district, and J. J. Hedrick has been appointed registrar and a new registration is ordered for said election. S. A. McCall and J. F. Wilson are appointed judges of said election. At said election those who are in favor of the levy and collection of the tax shall vote a ticket on which shall be written or printed the words "For Special Tax," and those who are opposed shall vote a ticket on which shall be the words, written or printed, "Against Special Tax"; said election to be held as provided in section 4115 of the General School Law and amendatory acts of 1917 thereto, and the general election law, where the general election law does not conflict with said section.

J. L. NICHOLS, Chairman of Board of Commissioners.
R. L. C. Gibson, Clerk.