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NOTED SPEAKER HERE THURSDAY

HON. GILBERT T. STEPHENSON TO ADDRESS PEOPLE

Noted State Speaker To Deliver An Address On War Savings Stamps At Court House Here Thursday Morning At 11.

Every man, woman and child who can possibly be present should be one of many to crowd to overflowing the Court House here next Thursday at 11 a. m. to hear Hon. Gilbert T. Stephenson upon the War Savings Plan.

The address from one of the State's best speakers will delight any audience and the citizens of the county are indeed fortunate to have this opportunity to hear Mr. Stephenson. His interest in the War Savings campaign, his desire to see every man, woman and child in the State aroused to the enormity of the war task, and his yearning to see others aid in the great conflict for civilization fill the utterances of Mr. Stephenson with something more than the sound of words. His patriotism, his thorough knowledge of his subject, will cause every hearer to leave the Court Room next Thursday morning with a clearer conception of one's duty, and hence with an increased value as a citizen.

Mr. Stephenson will also give some facts in regard to the war; his speech will be interesting and worthy of the presence of everyone. Other speaking appointments in the county are at Norlina Friday morning at 11 and at Littleton, Thursday night at 8.

THE ADVANTAGES OF LIVING THE SIMPLE LIFE

The simple life—which many with more or less intelligence and success are trying to live now as never before—has its advantages as well as its deprivations. For one thing it saves from the worry of wealth. Unhappy lies the head that must plan how to run the mill, or fill the pay-roll. A very rich man once remarked: "I worked like a slave till I was forty to make a fortune, and I've been watching it like a detective ever since for my lodging, food, and clothes." Another well-off man said, when asked his business, "I happen to have a little money—and my business is to see that nobody gets it away from me!" Are such men really "well off?" "Riches brings cares" is an old proverb. It states only half the case, for riches also bring many delights, and effect many deliverances. Yet a man who is rich simply because he has for years dodged every contribution box, denied every charitable appeal, or meekly taken advantage of his less able fellows, does not deserve to have a good time, and whatever else he may take pleasure in, cannot enjoy himself. The simple life does not demand that a man be either rich or poor, for it is a thing of the spirit rather than of bank accounts; but in order to live it one must have himself in hand, and make his great need to be his presence and favor of God.—Zion's Herald.

Party of Five Go To Toledo For Cars

Local Overland dealer W. R. Strickland left Saturday noon for Greensboro where he joined a party of Overland dealers who left Saturday night at eleven o'clock for the Overland factory in Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. Strickland was accompanied by Messrs. M. S. Dryden and R. B. Mullin and Ed Hendrick and Kelly Somerville. The entire Overland party of one hundred will drive Overland cars to this State.

Five of these machines will come to Warrenton and Mr. Strickland will have the latest models on display here early next week. The party is expected home Saturday night.

In order to expedite deliveries the State's Overland party was formed, and thus the cars will come to the State under their own power.

The Food Administration rules that all cheese now in storage must be marketed before June 15th.

WARREN COUNTY MEN GO TO CAMP

ELEVEN WHITE MEN TO LEAVE ON WEDNESDAY

Completes White Men In Warren's First Quota; Men Leave On Mid-day Train For Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

The following of Warren County's citizens, completing the white men of the County's first quota of 132, leave tomorrow for Camp Jackson:

- J. R. Rodwell, Jr., Warrenton. J. D. White, Wise. H. S. Ryder, Littleton. Thomas Jackson Grey, Emporia. R. L. Mustian, Wise. Robert Lee Spain, Norlina. Sidney Williams Odam, Arcola. Ben Cook Powell, Warrenton. Walter Stallings, Macon. Robert Leslie Myrick, Macon. Joe Radford, Wood.

WHY?

(By Grace Buckley)

We are indebted to one of Warrenton ladies for the following beautiful little poem:

"Buy why can't we have it?" the children will say

When something they long for is taken away;

And we tell them when they are older they will know

The reason for that which now puzzles them so.

And see it was best. Then we stop with a sigh,

For we who are older still want to know why.

When come the dark days that must sure come to each,

And something we long for is just out of reach,

Or the one that we loved so and toiled for is gone,

And left us to finish life's journey alone—

Then we in our trouble and loneliness cry.

And say like the children, "I cannot see why."

Then sweet are the words, "Wear your heart be at rest,

Thy Father who loves thee, He knows what is best."

And it may be some day in that fair land of light

He will show us the why and we'll see it was right,

He'll never forsake us, but always stand by;

We must trust in his love, though we cannot see why.

BIG DEMAND FOR GAS IS SATISFIED

BUT AROUND FIVE THOUSAND GALLONS BOUGHT

Cars Stand In Line Waiting An Opportunity To Buy; People Come With Barrels, Cans and Buckets For Fluid.

Saturday and Sunday six thousand gallons of gas lay idle at the railway station here because six and three-fourths cents in Revenue stamps were lacking.

Local Texaco dealer Thompson was besieged with eager car owners and sprinkled with money, but held out and no gas was sold until yesterday morning when the stamps arrived.

Over three thousand gallons of the fluid was sold here yesterday. As soon as one car received its allotted five gallons, up crowded another and at one time yesterday over one hundred cars were waiting in line.

Car owners from Louisburg, Henderson, and all throughout the County were in town for their share, and the garages did nothing else from ten until five but sell gas.

Today the demand has been heavy but not nearly so as yesterday the case.

More than 1,600 tons of anthracite coal were condemned in Pennsylvania markets by representatives of the Fuel Administration recently in the campaign to compel the delivery of clean coal.

SPECIAL COUNTY SCHOOL TAX EXPLAINED IN DETAIL

Supt. Jones Pleas For Better School Facilities

The County Board of Education gave public notice to all committeemen and other taxpayers to be present on first Monday in March to discuss matters of serious import to the public in respect to the children in our public schools. A large number of representative citizens were present. The question of increased salaries for our public school teachers and plans for meeting that need was fully discussed. Without a dissenting vote it was admitted that the salaries now paid our teachers were inadequate to the present demands upon them and that it would be an injustice to ask them to continue their services at present salaries, nor could we expect them to do so.

This is admitted by everybody everywhere. Teachers are passing the civil service examinations all over the state, and our brightest teachers are being given positions by the Government, by the State and by corporations for twelve months and at much greater salaries than now received as teachers.

We must meet the situation. The Board is not "putting an extra tax" upon anybody. It is simply giving the citizens of Warren county an opportunity to provide for their own children. The Board gave an itemized statement of expenditures and receipts and showed how the money was spent. It showed that the "over-head expense" was less than the average of the State. Not one cent of "over-head" expense will come out of any special tax. Norlina's special tax and Littleton's special tax has never been charged with any over-head expense, which includes salary of Superintendent, expense of County Board, committeemen, census, fuel, and etc. If there is any way to "cut over-head expense" and conduct the biggest public business in the County efficiently the Board I am sure, will be pleased to be shown the method. The tax abstract on file in my office for the year 1918 shows that the districts paying special tax turn into the School fund \$13,979.57. Not one cent of this money is used for "over-head" expense. Yet these districts have school committeemen, attendance officers, census, and supervision; they require separate accounts kept and employ the time of the Board and of the Superintendent and of the Financial agent, and pay not one penny of the cost of Board, Superintendent or Financial agent from their special tax. All expense of administration and supervision is paid from general school fund—even the cost of district elections. The law requires:

1. "Determine first of all what the total school fund is, including the County's per capita apportionment from the State appropriation of \$250,000.

2. "Next reserve the contingent fund to pay the salary and expenses of the County Superintendent, and the mileage, per diem and expenses of the County Board, and expenses authorized in this section.

3. "Reserve, if necessary, what may be needed for building, observing that the amount for this purpose is limited according to the amount of the total fund."—and the remainder goes to teachers. So that it is evident that "over-head charges" shall be deducted from general fund and not from any part of special district tax.

A county-wide special tax simply enables the Board to return to the schools all of the special tax. None of it for any purpose whatsoever pays any part of general expense. This special tax will add not one penny to the tax of any citizen now paying thirty cents special tax, and the only citizen who will place one penny additional tax upon himself is that citizen who does not now pay as much as thirty cents. He will be asked to join every other citizen in the County and pay a uniform tax of thirty cents.

We have shown you that you get every penny back for your children; that the Superintendent's salary, nor the County Board, nor committeemen, nor Census taker, nor any other gen-

eral expense of administration comes out of your money. Your children get it all in better school facilities, better opportunities at your own school.

The Headlight says, "there is something else behind this move." If there is the Board of Education does not know it, nor does the Superintendent of Schools.

The tax when collected will be apportioned to the districts and administered by school committeemen, as now: for the law says every warrant for teacher's salary or for any other purpose of school expense must be signed by at least two school committeemen before it is in shape for the Superintendent's approval, and if we have two committeemen it will necessitate three, as now. Thus the suggestion of centralization of the fund in the hands of one man, as suggested by the News Reporter is contrary to law. Insofar as Littleton district is concerned she will be asked to vote this thirty cents for her splendid people to use in their magnificent school building. In Littleton district this will give her (if all collected) \$1,675.13 for employment of teachers, in addition to the present apportionment from general fund. Her bond tax of thirty cents can be reduced one-half, and in addition she can ask our Senator and Representative to get a special act applying to towns situated as Littleton is, allowing the establishment of a High School and appropriations therefor from State and County. This will give her in her splendid building, a corps of splendid teachers, headed by a State-aided high school. If Halifax county does not have a special tax, or if in Littleton district on Halifax side the citizens do not vote thirty cents, then the Warren children will have the privilege of attending the full term of school without money and without price; and the Halifax children with consent of committee can attend as pay students, after the general fund term is over.

The suggestion I will make to Littleton district is to ask the citizens on Halifax side of the district to petition for a special election for thirty cents tax to be voted at same date as the Warren election is held, and in addition to ask the County Commissioners to reduce the present levy for bonds from thirty cents to fifteen cents. This will give you your present school building paid for, and a splendid school for only fifteen cents more than you now pay. No matter what Warren citizens may do in respect to special taxes, it will not disturb the appropriation from Halifax nor from Warren of the general fund.

Let us aid in carrying this election, gentlemen of the Press, by giving the folks the facts and the needs of the situation, and they will take care of their children.

HOWARD F. JONES, Supt.

Local Board Moves Into New Quarters

Because of the overcrowded conditions the Local Board has moved its office from the Polk Building to the offices heretofore used by J. M. Gardner & Co.

The public interested will find them at the new office.

Registrants whose Order number is above 550 will not be called for the First Quota.

The teachers were trying to explain to her class the effects of heat and cold, says Pearson's Weekly. She told her little charges that an iron bridge would expand several inches in hot weather, and contract a like amount in cold weather.

She then asked a little girl for another instance of the expansion and contraction caused by heat and cold. The child hesitated for a moment or two and then replied:

"In hot weather the days are long; in cold weather they are much shorter."

A DRIVE FOR THE \$500 FELLOWS ON

SEVENTEEN CITIZENS TO GO THE LIMIT IN W.S.S.

Seventeen of Warrenton's Citizens Have Pledged \$1,000.00; This Week Drive On For \$500 People of County.

Seventeen citizens of Warrenton have subscribed for \$17,000 War Savings Certificates. This is a good beginning. This week shall work for \$500.00 subscribers. The Collectors will please make their reports by the 23rd inst.

It is up to our people whether they prefer bonds bearing 4 percent compound interest, or tax receipts and aid to the Germans. Pledge cards furnished on application to Hon. John B. Palmer.

Truly yours, JOHN GRAHAM, Chairman War Savings Com.

J. CAESAR, ROAD BUILDER

(Town Report, Stockbridge, Mass) Mr. A. G. Elliott, of Warrenton, gave us the following poem, and our readers are indebted to him for it: When Caesar took an eastward ride and grabbed the Gauls of Rome, What was the first thing that he did to make them feel at home? Did he increase the people's loads and liberty forbid? No; he dug in and built good roads—that's what old Caesar did.

Did Caesar put the iron heel upon the foeman's breast Or did he try to make them feel that Roman rule was best? What did he do to make them glad he came their lands amid? He built good roads in pace of bad—that's what old Caesar did.

He built good roads from hill to hill, good roads from vale to vale; He ran a good roads movement till old Rome got all the kale. He told the folks to buy a home, build roads their ruts to rid, Until all roads led up to Rome—that's what old Caesar did.

If any town would make itself the center of the map, Where folks will come and settle down and live in Plenty's lap, If any town its own abodes of poverty would rid, Let it go and build good roads—just as old Caesar did.

5433 R.C. ARTICLES MADE IN FEBRU'Y

WORK OF RED CROSS AND AUXILIARIES IN COUNTY

Warren County's Unit Is Wholeheartedly Doing Its All For the Boys Wearing Uncle Sam's Uniform.

The Warrenton Chapter of the American Red Cross and its auxiliaries completed 5433 articles during the month of February were facts disclosed by Mrs. J. E. Rooker, after compiling the month's work.

To go more in detail the Chapter completed during this 28-day month: 20 Hospital bed shirts, 10 pairs pajamas, 95 haml bandages, 450 triangular bandages, 130 "T" bandages, 385 abdominal bandages, 80 comfort pillows, 4263 gauze compresses.

This report shows that the ladies of the Red Cross have been busy with knitting needles and sewing machines, and that this body is exhibiting patriotism in its practical side.

BRITISH VICTORIOUS IN NUMBER OF AIR BATTLES

London, Mar 18. British naval air-planes from Dunkirk destroyed five German machines in the period from Thursday to Sunday, it was officially announced this afternoon. Five other machines were brought down and two enemy observers were killed. All the British machines returned safely.

Your government needs your uselessly spent nickels and dimes. Save and buy thrift stamps!

NEWS IN REGARD WAR SITUATION

AMERICA SOLDIERS USE INDIAN TACTICS IN ZONE

Uncle Sam's Boys Doing Themselves Proud In Patrol Work; Government Takes Over Dutch Shipping In U.S.

With the American Army in France March 18—Using Indian fighting tactics the U.S. troops in raids outfit Huns. The heavy guns of the Germans are battering the American Soldiers but are being successfully replied to. The allied troops on West front still maintain control, while artillery fire grows more intense and raids on the enemy increase. Spirited Action on part of Allies all along the line is reported. The French making an advance of four hundred yards along a half mile front. The Belgian army after reorganization is in good fighting shape.

One of the most encouraging features of the war news may be found in the fact that the Belgian army, reorganized and ready for battle, has taken over the important coast sector in Flanders. This part of the western front has heretofore been held by the French, although British troops have made their appearance there at various periods. That the Belgian army which is said to be excellent in morale, has freed the French and British forces for action elsewhere on the front demonstrates that the past winter has been one of constructive work on the part of the Belgian and allied army staffs.

Heavy guns are battering the American sectors along the front, and many shells of large calibre have fallen. Here, however, the American guns have replied with good effect and excellent weather of the past few days has given American airmen an opportunity to take pictures of the terrain back of the German trenches. Apparatus installed preparatory to another gas raid on the Americans has been destroyed by American artillery fire.

In spite of the fact that the all-Russian congress of Soviets has ratified the treaty of peace forced by the Germans at Brest-Litovsk, the advance of the Teutons, especially in Southern Russia continues. In Southern Ukraine the capture of the important city of Nikolayev, where vast stores of grain were reported to have been piled up, has been officially announced by the Germans, who have also followed up their aggressive tactics in the provinces of Tcherniv and Orel, in the southern central regions of Russia.

Action by Japan in Siberia is still held in abeyance, and there is no indication of what may be done there. Reports from Siberia continue to be grave. Liberated German prisoners of war are said to be co-operating with the Bolshevik leaders and on March 16 captured in a battle with the forces led by General Semenov, the non-Bolshevik leader.

Washington, March 18—Preparation for taking over Dutch merchant ships in American ports were completed tonight, while the government expects momentarily to receive from London the Dutch reply to the British-American shipping ultimatum.

Today was the last day given for the Dutch government to make reply. Allowing for cable delays, the United States will wait until tomorrow and then will proceed to requisition the tonnage in accordance with the demand made several days ago.

The Navy Department will take control of the ships, with which provided with armed naval guards and manned with civilians and naval reserve crews to supplement the Dutch crews or replace such of the foreign sailors as desire to leave the boats. The boats will be used mainly to transport food.

It was learned today that there are 68 Dutch ships in continental America and a tonnage of about 130,000 are held in the island possessions of this country. All of the vessels are in first class condition and include some of the best merchant ships ever built, at least ten of them being among the fastest cargo carriers afloat.

CLOCKS TO BE TURNED BACK AN HOUR TO GIVE MORE DAY

Congress has passed an act that on March 31st all clocks and watches will be turned back one hour. This step has been taken in the warring countries and it is believed it will mean much to industrial America.