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\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE.

AMBULANCE IS GIVEN

BY COL. C. B. ARMSTRONG TO RED CROSS

Announcement Made of Gift to the Gaston County Chapter Red Cross at Executive Meeting Last Night—Two Young Gastonia Men Will be Chosen to Operate Ambulance—Several Have Volunteered Their Services—Auxiliary Launched at McAdenville.

Col. C. B. Armstrong will not be selected to go to the front as a fighting unit for the defense of his country but he has already done his bit by giving an ambulance.

Announcement of this gift was made last night at a meeting of the executive committee of the Gaston County Chapter Red Cross. Colonel Armstrong's gift is to the local chapter and will in turn be donated to the American Red Cross Society for service in France. The local chapter is delighted to make the announcement of Mr. Armstrong's gift.

The ambulance will be driven by two Gastonia men, although no announcement has been made at this time as to who these young men will be. Several young men have already signified their willingness to operate the ambulance and have volunteered their services.

The executive committee will make further announcements with reference to the drivers of the ambulance within the next several days.

ANOTHER AUXILIARY.

Chairman W. L. Balthis and Mayor A. M. Dixon went to McAdenville last night where another auxiliary of the Gaston County Chapter was organized with 30 charter members. Mr. R. R. Ray presided at the meeting and Miss Lois Wright was chosen temporary chairman. Talks were made by the Gastonia gentlemen and Rev. D. E. Vipperman, of the McAdenville Baptist church.

A campaign for members will be conducted at McAdenville within the next day or so.

CYCLONE REAPS FEARFUL TOLL

(By International News Service.)

ST. LOUIS, MO., May 31.—Seventeen were killed and 75 injured in a tornado which struck 16 Missouri and Illinois towns yesterday.

Mineral Point, Mo., a mining town 60 miles south of here, was wiped out, according to reports, and four lives were lost and 50 injured. The town has a population of about 300.

A relief train brought 18 seriously injured to DeSoto, nearby. Other relief trains left DeSoto for the stricken town and the injured victims are being cared for.

POPLAR BLUFF, MO., May 31.—Chaonia, a small town east of here, is reported wiped out by a cyclone with 14 killed. Selma also reported badly damaged with 20 lives lost.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Today.

HOMES NEEDED FOR B. Y. P. U. DELEGATES.

The entertainment committee for the B. Y. P. U. State convention which is to meet here June 5 to 7, is expecting a very large attendance and there is still need for a few homes for delegates. Anyone who can entertain one or more delegates, either young men or young women, will confer a favor by calling Mr. W. Lyle Smith, chairman of the committee, or Rev. W. C. Barrett. We are asked to state very definitely that the convention will open Tuesday night and close Thursday night. Delegates will arrive Tuesday afternoon and leave Friday morning.

Any bank will take your subscription for a Liberty Loan Bond.

Mr. Wilson to Speak.

All members of West End and Franklin Avenue Methodist churches are especially urged to be present at the services to be held Sunday morning at Franklin Avenue and Sunday night at West End. Solicitor George W. Wilson will be the speaker at both services in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. P. Stabler.

Death of W. T. R. Bell.

Capt. W. T. R. Bell, of Rutherfordton, died Thursday morning in a hospital at Richmond, Va., where he had been undergoing treatment for some time. Capt. Bell was 74 years of age, and was known to many of the older citizens of this section as principal of the old Kings Mountain Military Academy. He was a native of Virginia, but had been a loyal citizen of North Carolina for most of his life. Funeral and burial took place at Rutherfordton today.

—Miss Jennie Wideman, who has been in training at the Presbyterian Hospital at New York city, for the past year, arrived in the city today to spend several days with relatives before returning to her home at Troy, S. C.

"DO YOUR BIT TODAY"

THE LIBERTY LOAN IS PRICE OF PEACE

There is Much Talk and Very Little Action by Gastonia People Regarding Liberty Loan Bonds—Those Who Cannot Fight Must Volunteer Their Dollars—Bonds Pay 3 1-2 Per Cent Interest.

"Our Liberty Loan bonds are our biggest guns. Do your bit today."

This is the demand that stares one in the face from posters in several windows on Main avenue. And while everybody is talking about Liberty bonds, the what and the why of them, local bankers say that Gastonia and Gaston county people have not begun to do their duty towards "making the world safe for democracy." America's cause, they state, is imperiled by apathy.

Just why such a condition exists when the American people are aware that their country is at war against a powerful foe is hard to understand, it is pointed out.

The President has called for an initial loan of \$2,000,000,000 from the people with which to win the war. This Liberty Loan must be taken up by the citizens, rich and poor, down to the last man, or the war will be lost. If enough revenue is not realized through the volunteer Liberty Loan plan the United States government will be forced to place a direct war tax on the people, as European countries are doing, in order to prosecute the war.

The government could conscript the dollars of its citizens or force them to serve in the ranks of the Liberty Loan, but it has chosen the volunteer plan of raising the initial two billions.

The call of the president to mobilize the sinews of war is the real martial trumpet, but the soldier is only a cipher without the dollar back of him.

Even as another home is asked to put the stalwart son in uniform, so your home is asked to put the dollar in uniform and to enlist it in the cause of Liberty.

A dollar volunteered to Uncle Sam in the War for democracy is more shrewdly conceived than a dollar levied upon defeated America by a victorious Kaiser.

You did not invent this war. Nevertheless the United States is in this war up to the neck. There is no turning back. You must win or lose.

However pacific you may be in principle, however secure you may feel personally from the formidable bludgeon of the Teutonic militarists, peace can be achieved now only in one of two ways—by winning the war, or by submitting to pay Germany's war bills. A German forced levy can be dictated from Berlin without the landing of a single Teutonic soldier on our soil.

The subscription of this \$2,000,000,000 Liberty Loan is in the hands of the people. The resources of the nation spring from the small units of wealth. It is idle to expect the wealthy men, or the banks to make this enormous loan, for this would mean merely the conversion of the people's bank deposits already in the commercial service.

This loan is vital and must come from the hands of the people themselves, preferably from savings other than bank deposits, preferably from new savings, from new economies, from new earnings, and from hiding places.

The soldier must be equipped. Your dollar is needed to put food in his stomach, uniforms on his back, and guns in his hands and to maintain him fit on the firing line. If you are not of the age and of the fitness to do your bit at the front, you can at least help support one soldier by buying a Liberty Bond.

You can best insure your income, insure your business activity, insure your wages by buying a Liberty bond with your current savings so as to keep money in circulation for the purchase of supplies and the greasing of the wheels of industry.

Be shrewd; be thrifty. Buy a \$50 or a \$100 Liberty Loan Bond. Learn a new chapter in thrift from the European nations, and be a backer of your threatened country, while getting the 3 1-2 per cent interest.

Take a \$50 or a \$100 mortgage on the United States and help to keep the flag flying.

Marguerite Clark Ideal Today.

If you can't fight, buy a Liberty Loan Bond.

Go After Food Pirates.

If the Department of Justice has reports from its agents—and it so reports—showing that all food markets in Chicago are manipulated, with what face can Senators and Representatives at this time declaim against granting the United States Government power to regulate the food supply in the interest of the nation and millions of consumers who are feeling the pinch of high prices? Are the rights of the speculators and extortioners so sacred that they must be protected at any cost against interference in the existing emergency?

—Mr. Earl E. Groves, a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Groves, arrived in the city last night from Chapel Hill where he has been attending the University of North Carolina, having this year completed the work of the Junior class.

EFFORT IS BEING MADE

TO EVADE REGISTRATION BY SOME HERE

Local Authorities Are Making Preparations to Round-up the Shirkers in Gastonia—Several Think They Have Hit Upon a Good Scheme to Avoid Registering But They Will be Taken Care of—Negroes Waking Up to Their Duty.

Preparations are being made by local authorities to take care of those who attempt to shirk their duty next Tuesday by failing to register. While no public announcement has gone forth that the Gastonia officers are preparing for a strenuous day June 5 they have about completed arrangements to round-up all between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, who have it in their mind to evade registration.

Records of various kinds are hourly being referred to by these officers as a means of ascertaining who are required to register, but who will likely try to side-step the proposition. Some of the records which will furnish valuable information to the officers are the high school rosters, marriage license records, tax return sheets and old registration books.

Already several discrepancies have been found in the ages of some by referring to the above records, both white and colored. Three specific instances were pointed out by the authorities yesterday which may cause the arrest and imprisonment of the parties concerned if the guilty parties refuse to register on June 5. All of these men have seemingly hit upon the same scheme as a means of evading the new Selective Draft Law. The scheme is to grow old all of a sudden. For instance, one man who was 28 years of age in 1916 has grown gray at such a rapid rate that now, in 1917, he is 31.

"But they won't get by with that," said one officer yesterday. "They must register or go to jail on June 6, or establish a birth certificate showing conclusively that they are without the age limit."

It should be borne in mind that any false statement made with reference to registration will go hard, and justly so, with the individual. The law provides that any and all who fail or refuse to register must be reported by the registrars and the local officers in order that criminal prosecution may be instituted.

The negroes of the city and vicinity are waking up to the situation and are endeavoring to learn whether they have to register by inquiring at the city hall and court house. As a means of impressing upon them the seriousness of the situation and of their duty, a mass meeting will be held tonight at 8:30 in the court house at which time the law will be thoroughly explained to them by some of the Gastonia attorneys and public officials. It is expected that several hundred negro men will attend this meeting.

Do your bit—buy a Liberty Loan Bond.

PATRIOTS.

By Walt Mason.

The country calls for men to fight against a brutal, ruthless foe; the country's cause is just and right; the bugle's sounding—will you go? Forever honored is the man who springs to arms, without delay, impatient to be in the van, to lead his comrades in the fray. His breast with noble ardor burns; he grips his sword and thinks no more of all the trivial concerns of workshop, counting room or store. We hear his martial harness clank, we view him with a jealous stare, while we go paddling to the bank and salt down greasy doubloons there. "We gladly do our bit," we say, "but while amidst the battle smoke, our little business would decay, our bank accounts would soon go broke, War's perils we would gladly court, and meet the foe with dauntless tread, but we have grandfathers to support, and uncles who are needing bread. Some day we'll press our iron heels upon the faces of the foe, but we must close up sundry deals, involving money, ere we go. Some day we'll battle on the land, or on the briny ocean foam, but there's no rush, you understand; we'll wait until the cows come home. Forever honored is the man who rises, at the country's need, and above the private scheme and plan, the lure of profit, urge of greed.

DEATHS

MRS. J. F. NOLES.

Following a long illness Mrs. Isabella Noles, wife of Mr. J. F. Noles, died at 1:30 o'clock this morning at the City Hospital. Tuesday she underwent an operation in the hope that it would benefit her but in vain. The body was removed to the Ford Undertaking establishment and later to the home at Groves. It will be taken this afternoon on the 5 o'clock interurban car to Mount Holly where the funeral and burial will take place tomorrow morning. Deceased was in her 63rd year. Before marriage she was a Miss Biggers. Her husband and several children survive. The family has the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

THREE U. S. SHIPS SUNK BY U-BOATS

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, June 1.—Three American sailing ships have been submarined with loss of one life, according to announcement of the Navy Department. All of the vessels were sunk in European waters. They were the Dirigo, Francis IX, and Barbara. John Ray, first mate of the Dirigo, was drowned.

SHOT TO DEATH BY ALIEN HAND

(By International News Service.)

MEMPHIS, TENN., June 1.—Mrs. Jane Doffenbaugh, who had informed government agents of the treasonable utterances of many aliens in her neighborhood, was shot and killed as she was at work in her garden today.

CAUSED CLOSING OF N. Y. HARBOR

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, June 1.—Shipping circles were given a scare today when the port of New York closed for a few hours and Monitor Amphirite turned back all ships seeking to leave the harbor. This action followed on the heels of the report that three American ships had been sunk abroad and caused a panic in the stock exchange. The port was reopened about noon. No explanation is forthcoming from the officials.

GERMAN POST TAKEN BY FRENCH TROOPS.

(By International News Service.)

PARIS, June 1.—A German post south of Chevreu was captured last night with a number of prisoners. The Germans resumed their efforts to recapture ground lost in the Champagne but were repulsed after bitter fighting.

MAY COTTON TAKES BOUND RESULT CROP REPORT.

(By International News Service.)

NEW YORK, June 1.—Cotton bounded upwards this morning on the government report that the condition of the crop for May 25 was only sixty-nine and one-half per cent normal. This is the lowest in several years and indicates extremely short crop.

SPEEDY TRIAL TO BE GIVEN AGITATORS.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, June 1.—The Department of Justice today continued to draw in the dragnet which has been spread over the country to capture all anti-conscription plotters. It is planned to try agitators for treason and they will be brought to trial at the earliest possible minute.

LULL ON WEST BROKEN BY BRITISH GAINS.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, June 1.—The lull on the British front was broken last night when the British attacked west of Charley, making slight gains, the war office announced. Successful raids were carried out elsewhere.

EDITORS TO FRAME CENSORSHIP MEASURE.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, June 1.—President Wilson has not given up hope of obtaining the censorship measure at the hands of Congress, but will make no further effort to have it included in the Espionage bill. At a later date the President will call several prominent newspaper editors to the White House and ask them to frame a measure, which Congress will be asked to pass on the ground that it has the approval of the newspapers.

—Mr. Wade Gallant, of Raleigh, was in the city Tuesday.

—Mr. A. W. Hoffman, of Lowell, route two, is a business visitor in the city today.

—Mrs. H. H. Jordan and Mr. Frank Jordan left yesterday for Burlington to visit relatives.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Spurrier and children returned today to Charlotte after a visit to Mrs. Spurrier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyd.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Holland and little son, J. M. Jr., will leave Sunday for Liberty, S. C., to visit Mr. Holland's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Holland.

—Rev. I. T. Newton, for some time pastor of the Baptist church at Dallas, has accepted a pastorate at Whiteville, this State, and left Wednesday for that place to take up his new work.

MR. LAMBETH'S ADDRESS WILL MARK CLOSE OF CITY SCHOOLS

Graduating Exercises Will Take Place at Central School Tonight—Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Salisbury, to Deliver Address—Class Exercises Held Last Night—Large Audiences Enjoyed Entertainments Tuesday and Wednesday Nights.

With the annual literary address by Rev. W. A. Lambeth, pastor of the First Methodist church at Salisbury, and the graduating exercises of the class of 1917, the present session of the city schools will come to a close tonight.

A large audience gathered at the Central school auditorium last night to witness the class exercises of the class of 1917. The exercises consisted of a play entitled "Class Reunion", the time represented being 1929 and the scene a boarding house in Washington. The play was well carried out, each member of the class participating and doing his or her part well.

Following a welcome song sung by the class, a gypsy scene was presented. The class was represented as being on a camping trip when they came upon a gypsy's tent in the woods and had their fortunes told. Miss Mary LaFar was the fortune teller and she carried out her part with splendid skill. The manner in which she played the part stamped her as an adept in the art of fortune telling.

The fortune-telling scene was followed by the play, the cast of characters being as follows:

Ernest Austin, mill man and inventor of textile machinery.
Charles Boyd, lawyer, living in Washington, D. C.
Lamar Caraway, ball player.
Claude Craig, physician.
John Foskett, automobile manufacturer.
Rufus Johnston, minister.
Gordon Kincaid, book agent and statistician.
Ethel Adderholdt, first congresswoman from North Carolina.
Ethelda Armstrong, Red Cross nurse.

Annie Clifford, music teacher.
Nan Craig, president of class.
Ela Dixon, stenographer.
Blanche Grigg, teacher of mathematics.

Mary LaFar, Gypsy.
Ruth Lineberger, lawyer.
Burney Boyce, poetess.
Lula Rankin, historian.
Sadie Thomson, trophy bearer.
Wilmet Whitesides, physician.
Bertie Lee Whitesides and Annie Lee Nolen, proprietresses of a boarding house.

Following is a synopsis of the play:
Act I. Scene I. Time 1929. Sitting room of boarding house in Washington, of which Bertie Lee Whitesides and Annie Lee Nolen are proprietresses. Ethel Adderholdt, the first congresswoman from North Carolina, arrives accompanied by other members of the class. Charles Boyd, a lawyer and Lamar Caraway, a ball player, who are living in the city at the time, stop in to see the visitors. A class reunion is planned to take place about the time of the presidential inauguration.

Act I. Scene II. Gordon Kincaid, the lost member of the class, appears at the boarding-house as a book agent. He had resigned from an honored position in a college in order to devote his time exclusively to writing books. He explains his occupation at the time is only a means of obtaining funds for the completion of other literary works.

Act II. Scene same as in act I. Class meeting at which old times at G. H. S., are discussed. The papers read at the time of graduation in 1917—History, Will, Statistics, Poems, Etc.—are called for and reread. The meeting closes with the class song.

The graduating exercises will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, this concluding the commencement exercises for the year:

Girls' Glee Club, Bridal Chorus.
Invocation.
Salutatory, Miss Blanche Grigg.
Girls' Glee Club, Angels Serenade.
Introduction of Chairman Board of Education, Class President.
Introduction of Speaker, Mayor Arthur Dixon.
Address, Rev. W. A. Lambeth, of Salisbury.
Piano Quartet, Galop de Concert.
Misses Boyce, Armstrong, LaFar and Clifford.
Valedictory, Charles T. Boyd.
Class Song.
Presentation of Diplomas, Supt. Joe S. Wray.

Presentation of Superintendent's Prize for Class Leadership.
Presentation of R. B. Babington's Medal for Leadership of Class, Hon. S. J. Durham.
Girls' Glee Club, Moonlit Meadows.

The marshals are as follows: Robert Boyd, chief, Ralph Robinson, Bonnie Norris, Ray Smith, Pearl Wilson, assistant. Geneva Wilson, Stella Boyd, Virginia Bradley, Lavine Craig, Maida Dunn.

Tuesday night a large and appreciative audience enjoyed the presentation of an operetta, "The Princess of Poppoland," given by the junior high school pupils. A small admission fee was charged and the proceeds were for the benefit of the music department of the schools.

Wednesday evening's program consisted of exercises by the undergraduate departments and the pre-

LIBERTY LOAN BOND BUYERS

Those subscribing for Liberty Bonds through the Citizens National Bank up to the time the paper goes to press. Other subscribers will be published in next issue:

Citizens National Bank	\$15,000
Clara Mfg. Co.	2,500
Dunn Mfg. Co.	2,500
Monach Cotton Mills Co.	2,000
Seminole Cotton Mills Co.	1,500
Armstrong Cotton Mills Co.	1,000
Piedmont Spin. Mills Co.	1,000
Oseola Mills, Inc.	1,500
Mrs. Jas. Leitch	1,000
A. K. Winget	1,000
W. T. Rankin	1,000
W. H. Adams	1,000
D. M. Jones	500
R. G. Rankin	500
E. W. Gilliam	500
H. M. Van Sleen	100
A. G. Myers	1,000
Saxony Spinning Co.	1,500
W. D. Anderson, Jr.	50
Mrs. Rosalie Haynes	50
C. B. Armstrong	10,000
W. H. Wray	100
Rankin-Armstrong Co.	1,000
W. E. Haynes	50
R. M. Reid	50
Mrs. R. B. Babington	100
R. B. Babington	100
Piedmont T. & T. Co.	500
J. White Ware	500
R. N. Wilson	50
M. Harry Shuford	100
R. M. Jackson	100
John A. Hunter, Jr.	100
W. T. Love	250
John R. Rankin	300
Gastonia Ins. & Realty Co.	1,000
Mrs. W. T. Rankin	50
R. Hope Brisson, Jr.	50
Miss Mildred Rankin	50
Miss Emma Rankin	50
Miss Gertrude Smith	50
W. Ralph Armstrong	100
C. C. Armstrong	250
W. F. Kincaid	500
H. G. Winget	500
W. R. Stowe	100
D. J. Gardner	250
Miss Zada Ragan	50
Miss Mary Spencer	50
W. L. Wetzell	50
Total	\$51,200

SETS GOOD EXAMPLE.

Young son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Anderson Does His Bit by Buying Liberty Loan Bond When Less Than One Day Old—Wonders If He is Not Youngest Subscriber.

The following interesting letter, chock full of patriotism, was received Monday morning by the Citizens National Bank of this city:

"Gentlemen:
"Please tender my application for one Fifty Dollar Liberty Loan Bond when issued. I only just arrived this morning; in fact, haven't been here quite a full day yet but my Daddy says I ought to start right and begin to 'do my bit' for the country, so please have a bond made out in my name. My Daddy says he will keep it for me until I get big enough to understand what it is all about.
"I wonder if I am not the youngest subscriber you have
(Signed)
"WM. D. ANDERSON, JR."



THE THIRICE-A-WEEK GAZETTE AS IT APPEARS TO GROVER PAGE, CARTOONIST.

He Helped.

On the new brakeman's first run there was a very steep grade. The engineer always had more or less trouble to get up this grade, but this time he came near sticking altogether. Eventually, however, he reached the top.

Looking out of the cab, the engineer saw the new brakeman and said, with a sigh of relief: "We had a hard job getting up, didn't we?" "We sure did," assented the new brakeman, "and if I hadn't put on the brake we'd have slipped back."—Railroad Man's Magazine.

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Has a Good Opinion of Chamberlain's Tablets.

"Chamberlain's Tablets are a wonder. I never sold anything that beat them," writes F. B. Tressay, Richmond, Ky. When troubled with indigestion or constipation give them a trial.

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