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SCHOOLS LEND THEIR AID

IN FURTHERING THE FOOD CAMPAIGN

Tomorrow to be observed as Holiday by All Gastonia Schools, When Teachers and Pupils Will Visit Every Home and Ask Housewives to Sign National Pledge Card—City Divided Into 50 Districts—Other County Towns Asked to do Likewise.

Tomorrow will be observed as Food Pledge day in Gastonia and probably in all the other towns of the county. At a meeting of the board of city school commissioners held Friday it was decided to conduct a campaign on Tuesday for the purpose of getting every housewife in the city to sign a pledge agreeing to co-operate with the Federal Food Administration in the conservation of foodstuffs. To this end Supt. Wray of the city schools was requested to give a full holiday in all of the city schools and also to carry on the campaign through the assistance of the teachers and pupils.

In order to make this campaign thorough and complete the city has been divided into 50 districts, each district having been assigned to a teacher. Each teacher has been asked to select a certain number of pupils from her school to help in this work. Every home in the city will be visited and every housewife asked to sign the following pledge, which is the pledge being used throughout the United States by the food administration:

"TO THE FOOD ADMINISTRATOR:

"I am glad to join you in the service of food conservation for our nation and I hereby accept membership in the United States Food Administration, pledging myself to carry out the directions and advice of the Food Administration in my home, in so far as my circumstances permit."

"NAME
"Street or R. F. D. No.
"City State
"There are no fees or dues to be paid. The Food Administration wishes to have as members all of those actually handling food in the home."

Many housewives have already signed this pledge card. The churches of the city have been co-operating in this work and through their activities many cards have already been distributed.

Col. C. B. Armstrong, food administrator for Gaston county, this morning wired the superintendents of the schools in all the other towns of the county telling them of the plans to be carried out in Gastonia tomorrow and requesting that they co-operate in this work by carrying on similar campaigns on the same day in their respective towns. It is expected that all will comply with this request.

Floral Fair Entries.

Those who expect to enter flowers at the Floral Fair must have their jars arranged Wednesday afternoon not later than 5 o'clock. The flowers must be entered Thursday morning and ready for the judges by eleven o'clock. The ferns must be entered Wednesday by 5 o'clock.

Fine Sweet Potatoes.

Henry Franklin, colored, who has been Mr. G. W. Ragan's gardener for 16 years, brought The Gazette Saturday some specimens of the fine sweet potatoes he raised this year on a small plot belonging to Mr. Ragan in the rear of the First Presbyterian church property. Three of the potatoes weighed nearly eight pounds. Henry says that he raised 25 bushels of these on a very small garden spot. He also says that the total value of garden stuff he raised this year was more than \$100.

SHORT LOCAL ITEMS

—Rev. H. H. Jordan went to Charlotte on business this morning.

—Mr. R. K. Davenport and son, H. W. Davenport, of Mount Holly, are visitors in town today.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sprinkle, of Charlotte, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. Frost Torrence.

—Mr. Ross Mantz and Miss Hassie Jones, of Alexis, were married Thursday at the Main street parsonage.

—Mr. F. O. O'Brian, of Charlotte, and Mr. E. J. Notien, of New York, spent Sunday in the city with Mr. O'Brian's daughter, Mrs. H. D. Rogers.

—Mrs. J. J. Henry, of Bowling Green, S. C., spent two or three days in town last week with relatives and friends.

—Mr. S. A. Kindley, of the Gastonia & Suburban Gas Company, spent Sunday at Mineral Springs, Union county, on a visit to his father, Mr. C. W. Kindley.

—Misses Jessie Alexander and Eva Mitchell, of Bessemer City, and Misses Bryte and Alene Crawford spent Sunday with Mrs. Nancy Whitesides.

—Mr. Vance Angley and Miss Sarah Hendricks, both of Gastonia, were married Saturday at Main street parsonage by Rev. H. H. Jordan.

—Mrs. John B. Hatcher left this morning for Winston-Salem to spend a few days with relatives. Mr. Hatcher accompanied her as far as Charlotte.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Miller, of Urbana, Ohio, are the guests of Mrs. Miller's sister, Mrs. H. D. Rogers. After spending some time here Mr. and Mrs. Miller will go to Charlotte to spend the winter.

—Mrs. M. F. Kirby, Jr., and children are expected home today from Charlotte where they spent several days with Mrs. Kirby's mother, Mrs. S. H. Myers. Mr. Kirby spent Sunday with them.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. J. Madison Kendrick and Mr. Warren Gardner motored to Columbia, S. C., Sunday to see Mr. Ernest Warren and Mr. Ralph Kendrick. They returned last night.

—Mr. H. E. Coleman, special agent of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, of New York City, is stopping at the Armington Hotel and will be in the city for some time. Mr. Coleman states that he is prepared to lend \$250,000 on ten year loans with privilege of repayment at any time on Gastonia residence property, and has an advertisement in this issue.

TOTAL MAY PASS

FIVE AND A HALF BILLION.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. — The treasury today loaned Great Britain \$25,000,000. The treasury announced that final figures for Liberty Loan can be announced November 1. The flood of telegrams today indicated that the subscriptions may pass five and a half billion.

SOCIALIST SPEAKER

GOT ROUGH TREATMENT.

(By International News Service.)

CINCINNATI, Oct. 29. — Herbert S. Bigelow, a prominent Ohio politician and ardent pacifist, who was kidnapped at Newport just before he was to address a Socialist meeting, was found today at Florence, Ky. Bigelow had been blindfolded and stripped of part of his clothes, beaten, spat upon and his head covered with crude oil, after which the kidnapers turned him loose.

PREDICTS COLD WEATHER

TONIGHT AND TUESDAY.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. — The weather bureau issued a special bulletin today that the temperature will take a decided drop in the Southeast tonight and Tuesday.

GASTON RAISED \$887,650

OVERSUBSCRIBED FOR LIBERTY BONDS

Gaston County Central Liberty Loan Committee's Vigorous Campaign Crowned With a Glorious Victory—Allotted \$500,400, She Took \$887,650 Worth—Four of Twelve Banks Took More Than Their Share—Nearly Two Thousand Individual Subscribers.

Oversubscribing its allotment of the second issue of Liberty Loan Bonds by \$298,250, Gaston county, according to figures compiled by Manager J. M. Holland, of the central Liberty Loan committee, has subscribed for a total of \$887,650. The most surprising feature of the campaign, which lasted only 10 days in this county, was the number of subscribers, 1,932.

Four of the 12 banks in the county placed more than the amounts allotted to them. These were the First National and Citizens National, of Gastonia; Bank of Mount Holly and the Bank of Belmont. The last named took more than two and a half times its quota. The First National sold \$451,150, the Citizens \$261,900, Gaston Loan & Trust company \$10,000, and Bank of Gastonia \$6,500. This is a total of \$729,550 for the town of Gastonia, considerably more than the allotment for the entire county.

Among the large subscribers Saturday were Sloan M. Robinson, who took \$100,000 for his string of mills, and the Rex Spinning mill, which took \$50,000. This mill has been in operation just a little over a year. The Liberty loan committee is highly pleased with the result of its campaign.

Following is a detailed statement of the work done in Gaston county: First National Bank, Cherryville, allotment \$51,380, subscribed \$23,350, number of subscribers 73.

M. and F. Bank, Cherryville, allotment \$6,720, subscribed \$700, number of subscribers 6.

Bessemer City Bank, Bessemer City, allotment \$4,340, subscribed \$600, number of subscribers 10.

Bank of Dallas, Dallas, allotment \$11,900, subscribed \$8,350, number of subscribers 71.

Farmers and Merchants Bank, Stanley, allotment \$12,320, subscribed \$4,100, number of subscribers 18.

Bank of Mt. Holly, Mt. Holly, allotment \$12,320, subscribed \$14,050, number of subscribers 84.

Bank of Belmont, Belmont, allotment \$42,420, subscribed \$106,400, number of subscribers 83.

First National Bank, Gastonia, allotment \$281,120, subscribed \$451,150, number of subscribers 728.

Citizens National Bank, Gastonia, allotment \$160,440, subscribed \$261,900, number of subscribers 687.

Gaston Loan & Trust Co., Gastonia, allotment \$17,080, subscribed \$10,000, number of subscribers 105.

Bank of Gastonia, Gastonia, allotment \$7,000, subscribed \$6,500, number of subscribers 60.

Total allotment \$589,400, subscribed \$887,650, number of subscribers 1,932.

Mrs. George W. Ragan, chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee for Gaston county, has received reports from the various township committees showing that the Woman's Committee is entitled to credit for raising \$205,200 of the county's quota. They received one subscription of \$100,000 from Mrs. S. M. Robinson, of Lowell, and one of \$50,000 from Col. C. B. Armstrong, of Gastonia. Dallas reported \$6,300 raised through the woman's committee, and Belmont and Mount Holly both made a good showing.

Hallowe'en Party.

The Philathea Class of the Ozark Methodist church will give a Hallowe'en party Thursday night at the Rhyme Drug Store on East Airline avenue, near the underpass for the benefit of the Ozark parsonage. All are invited.

Cost for Family of Five.

A comparison of food costs in the principal cities of the United States, made public by the national health department, shows that the cheapest wholesome dietary for a family of five, consisting of man, wife and three children, costs \$9.89 a week in Chicago, which is more than any other city in the country. The same standard dietary costs \$9.67 a week in New York city, \$9.25 in New Orleans, \$9.14 in Boston and \$9.12 in San Francisco. The average for 24 cities and towns in the United States was \$9.43.

"The menus provided at these figures are not especially tempting," the report says. "A really palatable dietary will cost approximately 25 per cent more than the price just quoted."

You Don't Have To.

Lumberton Robesonian. You don't have to buy a Liberty bond. You don't have to accept free grace and go to heaven when you die, either. You can hit your chin and stroll hellward, to borrow an expression from the late lamented Erwin Avery, if you are a mind to; but be assured that there is unrest on the way, either hellward or among those who can buy Liberty bonds and will not.

An advertisement in The Gazette reaches more people for the cost than you can reach in any other paper.

NEWS OF THE COUNTY

LATEST FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS

McAdenville Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

McADENVILLE, Oct. 29. — Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Ray and Mr. Ed C. Ray were the guests of Mrs. A. M. Dixon in Gastonia last week.

Mr. J. L. Webb closed his second singing school last Friday night at Kettle Shoals and took up his second singing school at Lander's Chapel Monday night, the 29th.

Mr. Thomas Stafford's child that has been seriously ill with pneumonia is now on foot again.

Mr. I. F. Mabry started on his rounds collecting taxes last week. You had better be ready to pay your taxes.

A large number of our people went to the big show in Charlotte. Misses Beulah and Olo Webb, daughters of Mr. Bob Webb, are working here. Their father was a son of Hughie Webb, deceased.

Mr. W. B. Webb, of Rex Mills, was the guest of his father, J. L. Webb, Sunday. His brother, Gus Webb, accompanied him home.

Mr. Robert Ellington, of Mt. Holly, route one, was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ellington here Sunday.

Rev. William Mosley died about three weeks ago. He was a veteran of the Civil War and was 80 or more years old.

Mr. Luther Ellington, of North Charlotte, visited relatives here Sunday.

A marriage of much interest to the people of McAdenville was solemnized Sunday night at the Dallas Baptist church when our former pastor, Rev. D. E. Vipperman, and Miss Jennie Wright, one of our most popular young ladies, were united in marriage. The ceremony was pronounced just at the close of the evening service by the bridegroom's brother, Rev. J. L. Vipperman. The bride is a daughter of Mrs. Margaret Wright, of McAdenville. Rev. and Mrs. Vipperman left today for their home at Asheboro, where Mr. Vipperman is pastor of the Baptist church.

Mount Holly Matters.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MOUNT HOLLY, Oct. 27. — Real estate, suburban and town, is changing hands with some frequency. Last week a 20-acre tract was bought by Mr. R. G. Rhyme from Mr. Riley. This is improved as is also a piece in town which the same party bought of Mr. J. L. Sipe. Both are desirable pieces. More building is going on also. Mr. A. P. Rhyme is building a commodious and attractive bungalow next to the parsonage of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

In this connection it is legitimate to say that we desire very much to see the great Bankhead National Highway come through Gaston.

The committee on food conservation had its first meeting today to outline and assign work. The cards are to be signed and returned by Wednesday after which, a full report will be made to Mr. Robert N. Page, Raleigh.

The cotton crop is three times as good this year as last, if the record of the local ginnery is a guide. Up to October 26, 1916, only 40 bales had been ginned. This year up to same date, 131. Will the same hold good throughout the country? And the price is pushing 30 cents close.

Target practice at the rifle range up the river is being carried on by a regiment of North Dakota troops. For several days they hike through town each day commanded by a non-commissioned officer. Today they carried rifles. The boys say this damp cold weather is harder on them than zero weather at home. The citizens of the town have been playing host to the soldier boys, who seem to enjoy Sunday dinners and social chats afterwards. We are doing our bit.

Our school continues to grow. It looks as though another building will be needed within a couple of years. Educate!

Found Hoarded Sugar.

Federal secret service agents have reported to Washington the discovery in a Buffalo, N. Y., warehouse of millions of pounds of sugar in bags and barrels, labeled "top crust flour."

Notations on the packages, it was said, indicated the sugar had been coming into the warehouse over a period of several months. A Federal agent who made a survey of the contents of the building, estimated the amount at 150 carloads, or about 10,000,000 pounds.

Around immense piles of sacks containing the sugar, the Federal agent said he found a screen of other articles, while some of the containers marked "top-crust flour" actually had flour sprinkled over the outside.

ONE ESCAPED GERMAN

HAS BEEN RETAKEN.

(By International News Service.)

ATLANT, GA., Oct. 26. — A man arrested in a down-town store here today is believed to be one of the escaped German prisoners.

The fifth annual floral fair of the Colored Betterment Association will be held at Winona Hall on Thursday and Friday of this week, November 1 and 2. The doors will open at 7:30 Thursday evening. Prizes will be awarded for fancy work, fruit, pickles, cakes, biscuits, cranberry sauce, etc.

SPOKE ON "THE POTTER AND THE CLAY"

ALL IS QUIET ON AMERICAN FRONT.

(By International News Service.)

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS, Oct. 29. — All is quiet along the American front. The Americans entered the first line trenches just in time to run into the first snowstorm of the season, which fell Saturday night. The snow soon changed to rain. The trenches had already been prepared for winter and the Americans are not suffering much from the weather. No communique has been issued from headquarters since Saturday noon and the absence of reports from the trenches is taken to indicate that quiet still reigns. In front of the American troops lies a terrain once blasted to atoms by shell fire, but the sector has been quiet so long that the trees have had time to shoot out new foliage and the terrain is now covered with autumn leaves. Another portion of the front a pond lies between the lines where the Americans are now receiving their "baptism of fire."

During the Sunday school hour, just prior to the preaching hour, Dr. Stair talked to the members of the Men's Bible Class and the women's classes, in joint session in the main auditorium of the church. He told of the wonderful work being done in the army camps by the Y. M. C. A. Dr. Stair has been engaged in this work for the past three months and is returning today to his home in Boston to resume his pastoral work. A vigorous and magnetic speaker Dr. Stair found a responsive audience.

At the evening hour Mr. A. S. Bagley, of Lawrence, Mass., in charge of the physical department of the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene, delivered an interesting address before the Christian Endeavor Society of this church on the army Y. M. C. A. work.

HIGHWAY MEETING

FRIDAY MORNING

Not only every member of the Gaston County Bankhead Highway Association, but everyone else as well who is interested in securing this splendid highway for Gastonia and Gaston county, is expected to be present at the chamber of commerce offices Friday morning about 10 o'clock to welcome the party of pathfinders upon whose decision will finally in great measure depend the securing of the highway. Of course this decision will not be announced for some time.

In the party will be Senator Overman and other senators from states along the highway, Secretary J. A. Rountree, of the Bankhead Commission, representatives of the War Department and the American Automobile Association and newspaper correspondents.

Local automobile owners are expected to turn out in force and welcome the party at the Sloan's Ferry crossing of the Catawba. They will form an escort of honor into Gastonia and the stop will be made at the chamber of commerce offices where the visitors will be welcomed and where some of the distinguished guests of the city will speak for a few minutes. Only a 20-minute stop has been allotted Gastonia but this is certain to be extended.

Delegations from all sections of the county are urged to come to Gastonia Friday morning to join in the welcome to the visitors.

Final plans were perfected at a meeting of the officers, President R. K. Davenport, Vice-President T. L. Craig, Treasurer A. G. Myers, Secretary Fred M. Allen, at the chamber of commerce this morning.

NOW IN THE TRENCHES.

Government Makes Official Announcement That American Troops Are in Action on the French Front.

(By International News Service.)

AMERICAN HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE, Oct. 27.

American troops are now in the first line trenches, according to the following official announcement. "In continuation of their training as a nucleus for instruction later, a contingent of some battalions of our first contingents in association with veteran French battalions, are now in the first line trenches on a quiet section of the French front. They are supported by some batteries of our own artillery in association with some French batteries. The sector remains normal. Our men have adapted themselves to actual trench conditions in a most satisfactory manner."

The American artillery took up positions and fired all day long at the German lines before the infantry took their places in the trenches. Under cover of darkness the first shell was fired by a red-headed gunner. A thick fog developed into a down-pour of rain toward night. As the Americans marched into the front line the men spontaneously burst into the song, "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the Boys Are Marching," but they were soon silenced by the officers. At the point where the Americans are stationed the trenches are too far apart for sniping.

MEANS MURDER CASE

REACHES GRAND JURY.

(By International News Service.)

CONCORD, Oct. 29. — Solicitor Hayden Clement today sent to the grand jury evidence charging Gaston Means with the murder of Mrs. Maude King. He states that the case is largely circumstantial. Assistant District Attorney Dooling arrived today from New York to assist in the prosecution if the jury returns an indictment.

WAR BULLETINS

ALLIES ARE GOING TO ITALY'S AID.

(By International News Service.)

LONDON, Oct. 29. — The allies are going to the aid of Italy. The French cabinet sat until late last night considering the situation. The Italians are outnumbered 4 to 1. The first and second armies are in retreat, but the third army is attempting to make a stand.

MICHAELIS' RESIGNATION

HAS BEEN ACCEPTED.

(By International News Service.)

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 29. — The Kaiser has accepted his resignation of Chancellor Michaelis, according to reports received here today from Berlin.

SECRETARY BAKER

HOLDS OPTIMISTIC VIEW.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29. — Important developments are pending on all the fronts, according to Secretary Baker's view of the military situation as expressed in his weekly review. The outstanding features are the sustained British pressure on the German lines in Flanders, French success at the Aisne, and the Italian situation. The latter is grave, but the Secretary states that Austria attempted the same sort of an onslaught at the beginning of the war, which was checked, and they were driven back from the Italian plains after their initial success.

FRENCH USED GAS SHELLS

TO WIN AISNE VICTORY.

(By International News Service.)

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 27. — A German correspondent states that the French won their victory on the Aisne by keeping the German trenches deluged with gas shells for three days. It was impossible to bring up food from the rear.

WILL NOT GIVE NAMES

OF UNITS ENGAGED.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. — Officials of the War Department refused today to give out for publication any information as to what particular units or what officers of the line constituted the forces which have entered the first line trenches on the French front.

CAPITAL CITY WAS

THRILLED BY THE NEWS.

(By International News Service.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 27. — The capital city was thrilled by the news of the American forces having taken their places in the front line. The official report stated that the movement was completed without a hitch.

HUGE GERMAN ARMY

IN THE ITALIAN DRIVE.

(By International News Service.)

ROME, Oct. 27. — Thirty divisions of the Austro-German army are participating in the drive between Rombo and Vipbacho. A division in the German army consists of 15,000 men. General Von Mackensen is in command.

GOVERNMENT REPORT

ON COTTON GINNED.

(By International News Service.)

Number of Bales Falls Nearly Two Million Under Same Date Last Year.

Washington, Oct. 25. — Cotton ginned prior to October 18 amounted to 5,571,624 bales, counting round as half bales, the census bureau today announced. Round bales included numbered 410,632 and sea island as 43,691 bales.

Last year to October 18, ginnings amounted to 7,303,183 bales, including 136,880 round bales and 65,040 bales of sea island.

Ginnings by states this year follows: Alabama 224,198; Arizona 1,391; Arkansas 346,406; California 6,119; Florida 27,502; Georgia 1,043,998; Louisiana 346,349; Mississippi 375,578; Missouri 10,608; North Carolina 151,858; Oklahoma 241,776; South Carolina 580,381; Tennessee 41,072; Texas 2,072,467; Virginia 1,368; and all other states 1,157.

Ginnings of sea islands by states: Florida 20,351; Georgia 22,364; and South Carolina 976.

TODAY'S COTTON MARKET.

NEW YORK, Oct. 29. — The cotton market opened today with January contracts selling at 22 1/2; for 23 1/2

All Bills Against The Big Gaston County Fair

SHOULD BE PRESENTED

At Once

J. M. HOLLAND,
Executive Secretary.