

THE GASTONIA GAZETTE.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 1918.

THE LIBERTY LOANS.

The United States entered the war on April 6, 1917. Eighteen days later by a practically unanimous vote Congress passed the Liberty Loan Bond bill.

On May 2 the First Liberty Loan was announced, on May 14 the details were made public, and on the 15th the campaign began and closed one month later. The issue was for \$2,000,000,000, the bonds bearing 3 1-2 per cent interest and running for 15-30 years. The bonds carried the conversion privilege, entitling the holder, if he chose, to convert them into bonds of a later issue bearing a higher rate of interest. Four and a half million subscribers from every section of the country, representing every condition, race, and class of citizens, subscribed for more than \$3,000,000,000 of the bonds. Only \$2,000,000,000 was allotted.

The outstanding features of the First Liberty Loan were the promptness with which it was arranged and conducted, the patriotism of the newspapers, banks, corporations, organizations, and people generally in working for its success, and the heavy over-subscription of more than 50 per cent. Another notable feature was that there was no interruption to the business of the country occasioned by the unprecedented demand upon its money resources.

The Second Liberty Loan campaign opened on October 1, 1917, and closed on October 27. The bonds of this issue bear 4 per cent interest and run for 10-25 years. They carry the conversion privilege. It was announced that 50 per cent of the over-subscription would be taken. Nine million subscribers subscribed to \$4,617,532,000 of the bonds, an over-subscription of 54 per cent. Only \$3,808,766,150 of the bonds was allotted.

This campaign was marked with the same enthusiastic support of the public as its predecessor. The labor and fraternal organizations were especially active in this campaign, and the women of the country did efficient organized work which greatly contributed to the success of the loan. The men in the Army and Navy worked for and subscribed largely to the loan.

The Third Liberty Loan campaign opened on April 6, 1918, one year exactly after our entrance into the war, and closed on May 4. The bonds of this issue bear 4 1-4 per cent interest and run for 10 years, are not subject to redemption prior to maturity, and carry no conversion privilege. The loan was announced for \$3,000,000,000, but the right was reserved to accept all additional subscriptions. Seventeen million subscribers subscribed for \$4,170,019,650 of the bonds, all of which was allotted.

A great feature of this loan was its very wide distribution among the people and throughout the Union and the fact that the country districts promptly and heavily subscribed to the loan, in a great measure making up their quotas earlier than the cities. Secretary McAdoo pronounced this loan the soundest of national financing.

A little over a year ago there were some 300,000 United States bondholders; there are now somewhere between 20,000,000 and 25,000,000. Awakened patriotism has made the American people a saving people, a bond-buying people. The effect of the Liberty Loans on the national character, on our national life, on the individual citizen and our home life is immeasurable—of incalculable benefit. Not less incalculable is their effect on the destiny of the world as our ships plow the seas and our men and material in Europe beat back the Hun.

The Fourth Liberty Loan campaign will begin Saturday, September 28, and close October 19. No American doubts its success; no good American will fail to contribute to its success. The blood of our men fallen in Europe calls to us; our answer must be and will be worthy of them and our country.

LOANS TO FARMERS.

President Wilson has placed at the disposal of the Treasury and Agricultural Departments \$5,000,000 to enable them to furnish aid to wheat growers in certain sections of the West who have lost two successive crops by winter killing and drought. The Federal land banks will act as financial agents of the Government to make and collect the loans.

This fund is not intended to be lent to farmers who have banking collateral; the action of the War Finance Corporation in urging the banks to finance such farmers and its promise to support them in such financing, it is believed, will amply provide for them.

Loans from this fund will be made to individuals who have no banking collateral, and only where it is necessary to enable a farmer to continue to grow food products. The money will be advanced upon the crop of wheat or substitute grains planted on the land, and no loan will be in excess of \$3 per acre and no applicant financed beyond 100 acres.

The use of the fund will be under the joint control of the Treasury and Department of Agriculture; as the machinery for the work is already in existence, no substantial delay is expected.

The co-operation of local banks and local associations and individuals is looked for.

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THE PRESS AND THE WAR.

The Duty of the Newspapers in This Time of World Strife.

George Creel Before State Press Association.

It is up to the press to see that we do not have to wear gas masks here at home. The press sees, hears and speaks for the nation. No other medium has such power to rally, to interpret and to enthuse, and as the printed word is conceived in truth, courage and patriotism, so will a people grow in understanding, unity and indomitable purpose.

The tremendous necessities of the hour call every newspaper man to the colors no less than the soldier and the sailor. We, too, must search our hearts, gird our loins and make vows of loyalty and sacrifice.

It is a time when only frankness is of use. All business is now the nation's business and every task is a task for a single purpose. As a nation we live into ourselves. As individuals we are merged into a national undertaking imposed upon us by war whose issues for us and for the world involve all mankind for generations to come. It is the test of service to which every one and everything must submit, the press no less than all other professions and kinds of business.

In the light that streams from the battlefields of Europe we must take stock of our methods and ideals, and make sure that the false is replaced by the true.

I have a very real pride in our profession. We are the most powerful in the land today. Not even the President of the United States can be heard from the door of the White House if it were not for the writers that put his messages before the public and send them abroad throughout the world. What of Congress. Its voice would not carry beyond the capitol if it were not for the printed word.

Our duty is to be jealous of our power, and to give it purpose and direction. Make every word count. Cut out the non-essential. That is what we have got to do in manufacturing, what we have got to do in every line of business, and equally must the press prepare to give up the unimportant, and devote its space to the essential. When you know that what you write is going to be read by millions, when you know it is going to have power to mould thought; when you know it is going to have power to bring order out of chaos and clarity out of confusion, I say every one of you should have a thrill of conscious power and great responsibility when you sit down and take your pen in hand.

The press will not be upon a war basis until it takes away its emphasis from tattle and puts it on truth. It is not enough to give columns to war work news. It is one's life that must be consecrated to the war itself.

Rumor must not be permitted to serve for fact, conjecture to take the place of certainty, or gossip parade as an honest investigation.

Idle but destructive criticism, the product of vicious and lying rumors set afloat by our enemies, must be checked if our war efficiency is not to be seriously impaired.

The war-will, the will-to-win, of a democracy depends upon the degree to which each one of all people of that democracy can concentrate and consecrate body, soul, and spirit in the supreme effort of sacrifice and service.

Every vicious rumor, breeding caustic criticism with their train of dissensions and disagreements, takes something from the sum total of that supreme effort.

Little by little the morale of our inner lines may be sapped and undermined by such insidious work; and who shall say when the point of urgent danger has been reached.

This campaign against the German whisper is peculiarly the duty of the press. It is also the case that the press can carry to all the great message of sacrifice and endeavor, making it reach every man, woman and child, teaching them that there is more than one kind of service, that there is a service in the shop, a service in the store, a service in the factory, field and the home, a service in all the innumerable walks of life, both industrial and commercial, that will be accounted as noble and as heroic as service in the trench or on the great gray ships that guard our shores.

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REGISTRATION FOR AUGUST 24TH, 1918.

Presidential proclamation has made all men becoming twenty-one since June 5th, 1918, recruits, and they are ordered to register on August 24th, 1918. There will be but one registration place in the County for this Registration—The City Hall at Gastonia, N. C. This registration must not be confused with the registration in September. Registrars appointed for this registration are as follows: Chief Registrar, Col. C. B. Armstrong, Assistant Registrar, W. B. Morris, E. N. Pogram, M. F. Kirby, Jr., Augustus Fronberger.

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NEEDS WALNUT WOOD

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Washington.—American walnut has proven, under a four-year test in this war, to be the best wood for the manufacture of airplane propellers and gun stocks.

Our government will need all of this wood it can secure during the continuance of the conflict. It cannot buy either logs or trees, as part of the lumber produced by the log is not suitable for either of the above purposes. However, it urgently petitions all owners of trees or logs to sell them to one or more of the sawmills which hold government contracts for gun stocks or propeller lumber. Fight with your trees. Don't let them remain idle snickers. Owing to their inability to purchase sufficient logs the sawmills have not been able to supply the present requirements of the government and its allies, and as our participation in the world hostilities is increasing rapidly our requirements in this wood are steadily growing heavier. Every tree counts. Half a dozen will provide lumber to build a propeller blade and put a gun stock into the hand of each man in the platoon. The lack of one machine in the air or one platoon in the field might turn the tide in a battle.

Make your own son or the son of your neighbor holding on and fighting the most desperate odds until the company or regiment your trees have raised can come to his relief. Make the effort possible. Turn your trees loose. Wake up and get into the fight. This way you will be fighting for and with him as truly as if you stood beside him in battle. And you have no need to do anything else. Act quickly.

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Choose a Wife.

It was Sir John More, father of the more famous Sir Thomas, who said: "I would compare the multitude of women which are to be chosen for wives unto a bag full of snakes having among them a single eel. Now, if a man should put his hand into this bag, he may chance to light on the eel; but it is a hundred to one he shall be stung by a snake." Sir John had evidently lighted on a "snake," which accounts for his lack of chivalry.

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BANKHEAD DIRECTORS TO MEET IN CHARLOTTE.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 8.—Much interest is being manifested in the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Bankhead National Highway Association, that has been called to meet in Charlotte, N. C., in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce on Friday, August 16th, at 10 o'clock.

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Ban on Baseball Pools.

Albany, N. Y.—The operation of baseball pools, prevalent throughout the country, has been held to be book-making by the appellate division of the supreme court, third department of New York state.

SUMMER CHICKS NEED PLENTY OF SHADE.

Special to The Gazette.

WEST RALEIGH, Aug. 16.—Poultry often fails to make satisfactory growth because proper shade is not within the range. Birds suffer greatly from the excessive heat of late summer, advises Dr. B. F. Kaupp of the Agricultural Experiment Station, and to do their best they must be provided with grassy, shady runs, having before them at all times plenty of clean pure water. Good corn and good chicks, for instance, can be grown with success on the same land, one helping in the success of the other.

The birds need a free range. There are lots of bugs, insects and good green feed going to waste on the average farm at this time of the year and the birds thrive well on these. They will also protect to some extent, the crops and fertilize the land.

It must be remembered that lice, mites, and stick-tight fleas thrive well and multiply rapidly during August. These can be controlled by a careful use of kerosene, louse powder, or dips. Dr. Kaupp states that every poultryman should watch closely for these enemies.

State Aid For Fairs Not Available After August 15.

RALEIGH, Aug. 16.—Those communities or counties having in mind putting on a fair this fall should remember that aid from the appropriations made by the State Department of Agriculture is not available unless the application for the fair is made and filed with the Chairman of the Fair Committee, Mr. S. G. Rubinow, before August 15. Mr. Rubinow is at present closing up the lists for the coming fair season and is making plans for supplying judges and lecturers for those fairs which have already made application. To date over 100 fairs have taken advantage of the State's offer of co-operation, most of these being from the piedmont and mountain sections of the State.

NEW HOPE NEWS.

NEW HOPE, Aug. 14.—The New Hope Red Cross Auxiliary gave an ice cream supper Tuesday night and the sum of \$45 was made for the Red Cross.

Mr. Earl Glascock, of Columbia, S. C., spent the past week with his sister, Mrs. L. K. Ratchford.

Mrs. Peter Carpenter is on the sick list this week.

Rev. H. R. Overcash and family spent Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hoffman.

Miss Mary Glover is visiting relatives in Gastonia this week.

Miss Mabel Craig left yesterday for Asheville where she will spend a few days with her sister, Mrs. Jack McLean.

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