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VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN ALL THIS WEEK FOR RED CROSS FUNDS AND MEMBERS

Outcome of Union Church Meeting Sunday Night—Purpose of Auxiliary is to Get Funds to Alleviate Suffering and Distress During this War—Appeal for your Help—No Personal Service Asked.

A veritable religious feast of philo-anthropie and humanitarian endeavor, with the support of the government and the magnificent Red Cross work, characterized the union services which were held at the First Baptist church on Sunday night, as a forerunner of the grand Red Cross War Campaign fund which is being launched this week from 18th to the 25th, throughout the width and breadth of the United States.

This service was in charge of the able ministers of the town, namely: Rev. Lee McB. White, pastor of the First Baptist church; Rev. J. F. Kirk, preaching elder of Shelby District; Rev. T. D. Bateman, of the Presbyterian church, and Rev. Chas. A. Wood of Central Methodist church, for the purpose of arousing interest in Shelby's Red Cross auxiliary, and an enthusiastic and largely attended audience heard these wide-awake, stirring appeals from the lips of these eloquent orators who brought home to the hearts and minds of every one present, as never before, the needs of personal service and self-sacrifice in this time of crisis. The purposes of the society were fully explained and it was made clear that enrollment in the Red Cross auxiliary does not mean enlistment for duty. Each speaker handled a different phase of the subject, making special pleas for the most liberal support in the giving of money and in every other way possible, that \$5,000 might be Shelby's self-organized part in the raising of \$50,000 which has been allocated to North Carolina.

Shelby's Campaign
With this mass meeting as a stimulus to the public at large, the executive committee of our auxiliary will this week conduct a campaign for membership, in which it is hoped every citizen in Shelby may be enlisted as a member. Scores of workers, drawn from the leading business and social circles of the town, will be abroad all during this week soliciting your financial aid. Citizens are urged not to leave their homes without making provision to meet the campaigners. Membership fee is but \$1.00, but it is earnestly hoped that every one may see fit to "do his or her bit" on a more liberal scale, as God has blessed them.

The citizens of this community have done remarkably well in the matter of subscribing to the Liberty Loan bonds. Shall less be done for the Red Cross auxiliary? Let Shelby's slogan be "If you cannot go to the front as a soldier, you can enlist in the work at home". The Liberty Loan issue was not a charitable enterprise; it was an investment. From the Red Cross auxiliary will come no dividends in dollars; but the consciousness of knowing that one has served well.

This organization was founded to aid in the prevention and alleviation of human suffering in times of peace and of war, and it is a sacred obligation that each citizen should join and do "his bit." Let us rejoice that we may give. We know that there are many other demands. We know that our people are not wealthy, but we also know that when they are approached in the name of humanity and succor for the suffering and dying, they will respond to the clarion call for funds. So be generous men, to the gentleman who will call upon you this week, and women, rally around the Red Cross girls who will wait upon you at your homes.

Both the Princess and Grand Theatres are to aid Shelby's Red Cross Auxiliary. They are doing their bit, won't you do yours? "The Girl Philippa" an intense drama based upon the present war, will be shown at the Grand Theatre this week, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, a part of the proceeds of sale from tickets sold by the young girls of the town will go to swell this fund.

This is everybody's war. Those boys are going to fight for everyone of us, so everybody help! Come, be a captain; come, be a worker; come and tell us you will give, but come. Our President of the United States has called on the young men to fight. He has called on the rest of us to give. The men cannot be deserters, neither can we.

Those of us who come to the end of this war without having gone down in our savings, without having suffered ourselves in self-denial, shall be ashamed ever again to walk abroad in a world of men who bared their breasts to battle that we might enjoy life, liberty and the pursuit of

happiness. Tomorrow our own boys will be on the way. They will take their places in the line of battle. What can we do for them?

We must send doctors and nurses, we must provide hospitals and ambulances, bandages and medicines for them. We must provide now. There is but one means of sending this help to the battle line. That is the Red Cross organization. It is authorized by our government. Through many years and many experiences it has earned the confidence of the civilized world. If you have money to send, you must send it through this organization. There is no other way. Not to contribute through the Red Cross is not to contribute at all. It is to fail your own boys in their hour of supreme need. The people of the U. S. have been asked to raise one hundred million dollars for this blessed work of relief for those who fight that we and our children may be secure.

Committee Works Hard
The campaign committee has worked desperately hard assembling the teams and mapping out the city into territories for each to cover.
Following are the names of some of the forces that have been assembled to further the local Red Cross movement and who are at work this week on the membership campaign.
Acting as chairman for Shelby's Auxiliary is Mrs. O. M. Gardner, Miss Selma Webb, secretary; Miss Ora Eskridge, treasurer.
The campaign committee to solicit funds among the men have been divided into two teams, namely:

First Team
J. E. Roberts, chairman; Paul Webb, D. Z. Newton, O. M. Mull.
Second Team
C. C. Blanton, chairman; Rush Hamrick, C. R. Hoey, W. J. Roberts.
Ladies First Team
Miss Selma Webb, captain; Misses Laura Burton Miller, Pattie Roberts, Bertie Lee Suttle, Lila Dover, Margaret McMurry, Lucy Hamrick, Ruth Mundy, Elizabeth McBrayer, Annie Smith, Agnes McBrayer, Emily Roberts, Mildred Hamrick, Fuschia Lackey, and Madeline Miller.

Ladies Second Team
Miss Ora Eskridge, captain; Misses Beth Andrews, Marion Hull, Nell Ligon, Mabel Quinn, Elizabeth Ebeltoft, May Kendall, Ruby McBrayer, Mabel McBrayer, Mayme Hardin, Annie Miller, Lalage Whisnant, Gussie Sisk, Edith Hoyle, and Bettie Green.
An advisory committee has also been appointed to look after and assist in the work, this being as follows: Lee B. Weathers, chairman; Messrs. A. C. Miller, J. F. Jenkins, W. H. Miller, Robt. Carpenter, Z. J. Thompson, J. R. Dover, J. C. Smith, J. H. Quinn, Colin Hull, R. L. Ryburn, Will Lineberger, and Dr. R. C. Ellis.

BUYS STORE ROOM

A. Blanton Grocery Company Buys Store From Mr. Seaton Washburn.

The A. Blanton Grocery Company has purchased the two story brick store and adjoining the present quarters of the grocery company from Mr. Seaton A. Washburn, the purchase price being about \$5,000. For some time this building has been occupied as a warehouse for R. E. Campbell, A. Blanton Grocery Company, J. L. Suttle Company and Mr. James Tiddy's shop. Now that it has been purchased by the Blanton Company it will be used exclusively by them and give three times as much floor space as has formerly been used. In the newly acquired building a larger business office will be fitted up, a private office provided and an elevator installed for transporting goods to and from the second floor. This large grocery company conducts one of the largest wholesale stores in western North Carolina and the new room has been needed for some time to carry the large stock.

Would Send Hubby

Among the thousands of letters reaching the provost general's office in Washington from wives, mothers and sweethearts asking exemption for their men, officials were amused at several of the letters received. One woman said her husband did not want to go to war, but had no good reason for not going, and "tipped" the War Department that it would be just as well to make a soldier out of him.

President Wilson's Proclamation of Red Cross Week

INASMUCH as our thoughts as a nation are now turned in united purpose towards the performance to the utmost of the services and duties which we have assumed in the cause of justice and liberty.

INASMUCH as but a small proportion of our people can have the opportunity to serve upon the actual field of battle, but all men, women and children alike may serve and serve effectively by making it possible to care properly for those who do serve under arms at home and abroad.

AND INASMUCH as the American Red Cross is the official recognized agency for voluntary effort in behalf of the armed forces of the nation and for the administration of relief.

Now, therefore, by virtue of my authority as President of the United States and President of the American Red Cross, I, Woodrow Wilson, do hereby proclaim the week ending June 25, 1917, as Red Cross Week during which the people of the United States will be called upon to give generously and in a spirit of patriotic sacrifice for the support and maintenance of this work of national need.

WOODROW WILSON.

Washington, D. C.

SOCIETY NEWS

Dover-Quinn Nuptials Tomorrow Morning

The event of the week of paramount interest in the social circles of the city is the marriage of Miss Helen Dover and Dr. DeWitt Quinn, which will take place tomorrow morning at 10:30 o'clock, at the First Baptist church, the bride and groom being widely popular and held in affectionate esteem by a large circle of friends. Prior to the ceremony a delightful musical program will be rendered by Misses Mabel Quinn of this city and Ruth Mason of Gastonia. Mrs. Lee White presiding at the organ.

The attendants are as follows: Maid-of-honor, Miss Lila Dover, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids: Misses Beth Andrews, Margaret McMurry, Bertie Lee Suttle, and Margaret Dover, with little Miss Catherine Dover, the attractive little sister of the bride as ring bearer.

Mr. Ben Suttle will be best man; Messrs. John Wynn Doggett, Claude McBrayer, Jack Dover and Forrest Eskridge acting as ushers.
Among the out-of-town guests here for the wedding are: Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Addison of Columbia, S. C.; Miss Mary Pitts of Elk Hill, Va.; Miss Norma Page of Greensboro, N. C.; Miss Ruth Mason of Gastonia; Miss Pat Walsler of Lexington, N. C.

After the rehearsal for the wedding, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dover will entertain the bridal party at their home on South Washington street.

MR. WEBB'S WORK

Has Put Through Many Important Bills for the Administration.

Washington, June 15.—Representative Webb, chairman of the house judiciary committee, has put through more administration bills at the request of President Wilson than any other congressman during the present extra session. At the special request of the President Mr. Webb handled the espionage bill, the bill taking over German interned ships, the export bill, embargo and the neutrality measure. In addition the President has made a special request of Mr. Webb to handle the bill authorizing the chief executive to order certain freight shipments given preference in time of war.

The fact that Webb has put his shoulder to the wheel notwithstanding his opposition to war is interesting. Webb was against the war resolution and has been one of those who thought we should stay out of the European conflict if possible. But as soon as the President declared that a state of war existed Webb has been one of the President's strongest supporters and has done more to uphold the hand of the President and the government than any other man.

State's Contribution to the Wars

The Reidsville Review says that Attorney Jo. Murphy has "ransacked" history to find out how many men North Carolina furnished in the Revolutionary and Civil War and the figures are interesting. In a population of 385,000 the colony contributed 25,000 soldiers to Washington's cause and in a population of 992,000 the State sent 162,000 men to the firing line or the home guards in the War Between the States. Of this number 38,000 never returned. The figures for the Civil War probably are too high, as most historians place the number of troops at 127,000.

FROM OVER THE COUNTRY

Items of Interest About Various Matters.

The A. P. Hill Camp of Confederate Veterans at Petersburg, Va., invested \$600 in Liberty Loan bonds.

Lord Northcliffe, representative of the British government on a special mission to co-ordinate with various war commissions in this country, who arrived in America a few days ago, has opened offices in New York.

Hereafter during the war, women applicants will be given preference in filling clerical positions in the War, Navy and Commerce Departments of the government. The policy may be extended later to cover all branches of the government.

Arthur W. Copp, superintendent of the Southern division of the Associated Press, died in Washington Tuesday, after a lingering illness. He was 48 years old. Mr. Copp entered the service as a telegrapher 25 years ago and had served the Associated Press in many capacities.

Fifty-five persons, mostly members of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective Association, and charged with seditious conspiracy against the United States government in indictments returned by a Federal grand jury at Dallas, Texas. Some of those indicted already are in jail.

The railroad war board, to which Pittsburg coal producers' association reported that the high price of bituminous coal was due primarily to a shortage of transportation facilities, issued a statement saying that during April the 85 principal railroads moved 29 per cent more bituminous from the mines than in the same month of 1916.

A bill drafted by Secretary Daniels designed to deprive any member of the navy of his pay during incapacitation due to injuries received owing to the use of drugs or alcoholic liquor, or other misconduct, has been introduced in the House of Congress. An existing law covers cases where sickness or disease results from these causes.

Two missing boats from the British steamer Southland, torpedoed and sunk on June 4, have been found and the 40 men who were in them safely landed. Edward Rigney of New York, who had been reported missing, is among them. The Southland's captain reports that one American was killed in the sinking of the steamer but he did not know this man's name. Five other Americans on the Southland were rescued.

Going to Jail Now

In New York Tuesday Louis Kramer, self-confessed anarchist, was sentenced to two years in Atlanta penitentiary and ordered to pay a fine of \$10,000 for conspiracy to distribute anti-conscription literature. He also received a year in jail for failing to register.

The same day a penitentiary sentence of 11 months and 29 days for not registering under the selective draft law was imposed by Federal Judge Chatfield in Brooklyn, N. Y., on Herman P. Levine, school teacher and college graduate.

"The Girl Philippa", Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, any day 25c, 15c children afternoon. Everybody 25c at night. adv.

Slogan: "If you can't go to the front as a soldier, you can enlist in the work at home." Join the Red Cross.

IKE'S TALE

Deer Star Folkse:

Hit is but fitting and proper at this time that I shed a little ink fur my country—to show my Patriotism, as they say. Sal wants me to register and jine the army, and shed my BLOOD; but that don't suit me jist now. If I knowed that she'd shed any tears if I wuz to go an shed my blood, hit wud be another thing; but I'm certain she woudn't.

I reckon I'm sum too old to register, but she sez not. I never did zactly know my age fur I can't remember when I wuz born, but it seems like hit wuz a long time ago. The first that I can recollect I wuz a grate big boy and had on ragged clothes and wuz awful hungry. I have been that way hundreds of times since then, both as to clothes and appetite.

Doctor Gold sez I'll be that way as long as I live. Hit seems like that if I wuz Sal, and wuz married to a man, and wanted to get him out of tee way, that I'd hate to ax him to jine the Army, woudn't you? Now suppose I wuz to have to leave Casar and go away over to Germany or sum of them other heathen nations, don't you know hit wud jist be the making of Sal? If I wuz to start I woudn't more than git to Lawndale on my way to Germany, till she'd have her another man and run away!

These fellers up here beats all that I ever seed anyway, and hit don't do a bit of good fur Zero Mull and George Peeler to say a word to them about letting Sal alone, fur both of them wud run away with her at the drop of my hat. These other fellers know hit too. Then sum how, I don't like war much no-way. So I want everybody in Shelby to exempt me, if they please. I never fought a battle yit but what I got defeated more or less—generally more.

One time Geo. Richard had sum big fine watermelons and as good as I ever eat. The patch wuz powerful handy to git to—away back from the road and close to a piece of woods.

Well, them watermillions jist kept gittin' away and disappearing till they won't but a few souls of 'em left. I don't know what made him, but you know how folks is—he laid hit on me.

Every morning soon, he'd go to his watermillion patch, and thar wuz the vine and the place whar a big one had lain, and thar wuz the tracks of a man, leading towards the timber, and thar wuz a pile of fresh rinds—and that wuz all.

The next night and the next morning hit wud be repeated. At last Gus got powerful tired of hit, and got sum other fellers and held anquest over both rinds and tracks! Their verdict was—"that the rinds was the ones that I left the night before and as to the tracks they wuz made by sum feller that went bare-footed and who had not washed his feet for over two weeks!" They put Sal on the stand and she swore that I hadn't washed my feet in 17 years and 23 months; so the case wuz decided in my favor. The following day I declared war on Gus Richard and began to prepare fur action immediately. I knew he wud pass by at a certain hour next day, so I got me up about a bushel of rocks and sum pieces of fence rails and lay concealed behind sum bushes and awaited his coming.

Just as he got even I let drive right straight at his head with a big rock, but I reckon I wuz sorter excited, fur I missed him about 10 feet.

He lit out on me and like to a beat me to death; while Sal and sum other fellers stood thar and watched the battle but remained neutral. Hit might be that way next time, so I want to be exempted. IKE.

Notice to Public School Teachers!
On the 10th and 11th days of July 1917 at Shelby an examination will be held for all new teachers and for all second grade teachers. Under the new law all first grade teachers who attended the teachers' meetings last winter will have one year certificate issued them by the State Board of Examiners, hence they will not have to stand this year. But all new teachers who expect to teach and all 2nd grade teachers who expect to teach must take the examination on the 10th and 11th of July. The new law makes it misdemeanor for the committee to hire any one who does not hold a certificate.

J. Y. IRVIN.
At The Princess—Special Friday
Extra! Extra! Don't miss seeing the Atlanta fire at the leading theatre, 'The Princess' Friday, appearing in the Current Event. No extra charges. adv.

Miss Cranor offers you real bargains in summer hats, white wash skirts, and voile waists at her Style Shop this week. Giver her a call.

LIVE NEWS OF NORTH CAROLINA

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM ALL OVER THE OLD NORTH STATE BOILED OWN FOR BUSY READERS.

Charlotte grocers close every Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock.

The North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association will be in session in Asheville June 19-21.

The 10-year-old son of Luther Dixon of Courtney, Yadkin county, played with a dynamite cap and his hand was nearly torn off, says the Mocksville Record.

Senator Thos. J. Walsh of Montana and ex-Senator Chas. A. Towne of New York will be speakers at the meeting of the State Bar Association in Asheville July 3-5.

Mocksville Record: The wheat crop in Davie county will be among the best in years. Everybody who works will stand a chance of getting biscuits at least once a day and possibly twice.

In the Federal court in Greensboro last week the jury returned a verdict in favor of the Old Nick Williams Company, defendants in a suit in which the government was trying to collect \$15,000.

Watson Davis of Clear Creek township, Mecklenburg county, died in a doctor's office in Charlotte while undergoing X-ray examination. Kidney trouble. Was 50 years old and leaves two children.

Imprisoned over six weeks at Fort Myer, Va., on a charge of desertion, Carl Kilby, 16 years old, of Miller's Creek, Wilkes county, was released through the efforts of Congressman Robinson, who sent him home.

Dr. J. W. Summers of Charlotte, under sentence of three years in the State prison for malpractice, has been granted a second reprieve of 30 days so that he can make application to the Governor for pardon.

The Monroe Journal says that a couple of good citizen of Marshville—C. M. Griffin and Ellis Bailey—good friends—engaged in a friendly wrestling match. Both bones of Mr. Bailey's ankle were broken and he will be laid up for a spell.

Edgar B. Ramsey, 59 years old, son of the late Dr. Jas G. Ramsey of Rowan county, died a few days ago at his home in Seattle, Wash. He is survived by two brothers, James H. Ramsey of Salisbury and Claude C. Ramsey of Seattle.

Mrs. N. Tim Deaton of Concord, apparently in her usual health, complained of headache after supper and lay down across the bed. An hour or two later it was found that he was dead. Was about 35 years old and is survived by her husband and five children.

The Shuford gold mine property in Catawba county, consisting of 13 tracts of land, the mineral interests and the machinery, was sold at auction at Newton Monday, J. A. Chambers of Pennsylvania, representing the heirs of the T. P. Chambers estate, was the successful bidder at the price of \$16,000.

Frank Brown, a private of Company B. Second North Carolina Regiment, National Guard, one of four men on night duty guarding the railroad bridge at Haw River, was struck by a train Monday night and instantly killed. It is supposed that he fell asleep while on duty. Remains taken to Kinston for interment.

A. L. Howell, a patient at the State Hospital at Morganton, committed suicide by hanging. His home was in No. 10 township, Cabarrus county. Was 58 years old and is survived by his wife and ten children. He had been in the hospital about three months. Mr. Howell was formerly jailor of Cabarrus county.

Harriet Allen, 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barna Allen of Troy, Montgomery county, was caught in the shafting of the Troy Knitting Mill, wound around the shaft and killed before the machinery could be stopped. The little girl was in the mill with her father, who is secretary and treasurer of the company.

During a storm on the 9th, lightning set fire to a barn on the old John Finley place, in Wilkes county, and killed two horses. The horses belonged to Misses Annie and Clara Finley and Charles Mitchell. The fire was extinguished before the barn was burned. Paul Craven was rendered unconscious by the lightning but soon recovered.

This community has done nobly in the matter of subscribing to the Liberty Loan bonds; shall less be done for the Red Cross Auxiliary?

Your choice of the latest styles in voile waists, white wash skirts, hats at reduced prices at Miss Cranor's.