

WELFARE OF THE FEDERAL EMPLOYEES IN WASHINGTON

Washington, D. C., Feb. 27.—The Federal Government is not only giving close attention to the matter of the proper housing of its new appointees in Washington, but the general welfare of the employees is now considered in greater measure than ever before. Many of the young people who have come to Washington for war work are hundreds, even thousands, of miles from home for the first time in their lives. They are strangers in a strange land, and it is not to be wondered at that they become homesick and magnify the troubles that they are bound to meet during the period of adjustment to new conditions. The department heads realize that a good clerk must be a contented one, and many offices have appointed welfare workers whose business it is to take an unobtrusive interest in the affairs of the employees and to try to help them with their difficulties. Experiments along this line have had such good results that the number of offices which employ welfare workers is increasing.

Since the war began about 25,000 employees have been added to the civil service in Washington, D. C. The United States Civil Service Commission, whose duty it is to recruit this branch of the service, estimates that this calendar year will add another 20,000. Stenographers are being appointed in great numbers. There is also need for clerks, both men and women, who are trained in certain special or technical lines, ship draftsmen, mechanical draftsmen, and workmen in trades connected with ship-building. The representatives of the civil service commission at the post offices in all cities are prepared to furnish definite information and application blanks.

'REPUBLIC OF IRELAND' KICKS ON APPLICATION OF DRAFT TO THE IRISH

Washington, Feb. 27.—The first diplomatic communication to the United States from the "Republic of Ireland" was in the hands of Secretary of State Lansing today. Copies of the documents were being sent to members of Congress.

The communication is in the form of a memorandum protesting against the inclusion of subjects of Ireland in the reciprocal enlistment treaties by which Great Britain can enlist her subjects in this country. It points out that conscription has not been attempted by England in her self-governing colonies of South Africa nor in Ireland, and that it has been specifically rejected in Australia. Reciprocal conscription of Canadians, it was pointed out, was arranged by separate agreement. It would be illegal to make citizens of the British Empire, who were not subject to draft at home, subject to draft in this country, it is claim-

MONTEREY.

Monterey, Feb. 27.—Monterey school attended the celebration of Washington's Birthday at Warrenton school house Friday afternoon, and enjoyed it very much.

Mr. J. F. Clinkscales spent a few days in Washington, Ga. on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Belton Ammons and children were visitors to the city Saturday.

Mrs. Belton Ammons and pretty little daughter, Sara, spent Friday afternoon the guest of Mrs. J. A. Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson of Oconee County, have moved to our community. We wish them much success in their new home.

Mrs. Ada Milford has returned to her home after a pleasant visit to her sister, Mrs. W. A. McClain.

Miss Sallie Sutherland and brother, Glenn, were visitors to the city Saturday.

Miss Alberta Clinkscales spent the week-end in Calhoun Falls the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Gilliam.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McClain and Messrs. J. A. Sutherland and G. W. Price were among the visitors to the city Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. McClain of Flatwoods, and two little daughters spent Wednesday night and Thursday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. McClain of Abbeville.

Messrs. J. A. Nance, Will Dodson, O. M. Lanier and Marshall Clinkscales were visitors to the city Friday.

Messrs. Alvin McClain and Lucius Ables of Abbeville, passed through here en route to Flatwoods.

Misses Tommie and Bama Campbell of the Burro, spent from Sunday until Wednesday with Miss Ethna Patterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Sutherland, of Abbeville, spent the week-end at the home of Mr. J. A. Sutherland.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Patterson and son, J. T., spent Sunday in Flatwoods with the latter's brother, Mr. Colya Campbell.

Misses Allie and Nora Sutherland spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Price.

Miss Ethna Patterson and brother Grady, spent the week-end at Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell's of the Burro.

Born—to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Sutherland on Feb. 23, a son.

Misses Bessie and Sara Pearman and brother of Flatwoods, spent Sunday with Miss Claudia McClain and brother.

Mrs. J. B. Hall and pretty little baby of Lowndesville, spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Patterson.

Eat more fruit, nuts, peanut butter and other foods containing oil.

AMERICAN LITERARY SOCIETY

The American Literary Society of Bethlehem School, held an open meeting on Thursday afternoon, Feb. 21. A small admission fee was charged and a nice little sum was realized. The proceeds will go to the Red Cross.

The program was patriotic and well carried out.

Song by school—America.

Recitation—Maria Gordon.

Reading—Frances Hagen.

Recitation—By Seven little boys.

Recitation—Katie Hagan.

Speech—Erskine Uldrick.

Reading—Margaret Gordon.

Reading—Claude Moss.

Current Events—Nannie May Milford.

Debate: Resolve: That every man who neglects to vote should be deprived of the right to vote or hold public office.

Negative: Dessie Simpson. Affirmative: Edna Gordon.

Song by school—Bonnie Bright Flag.

Jokes—Mattie Strawhorn.

Song by school—Dixie.

The judges for the debate decided in favor of the affirmative.

Miss Ruth McLane, Teacher.

NEW COMMITTEES WILL MOBILIZE COLLEGES FOR TRAINING OF TROOPS

It is estimated that within the next six months 75,000 to 100,000 men will be given intensive military training in schools and colleges. They will be drawn from the armed forces of the Nation, men now in training camps or about to be called, and registrants under the selective service law.

With a view to mobilizing the educational institutions of the country for this special training there has been created in the War Department a "committee on education and special training." It will encourage and arrange for the technical education of men needed by the several branches of the Army.—The Weekly War Digest.

MRS. C. R. EWDARDS.

In our notice of the death of Mrs. Belle Thompson Edwards, we inadvertently made several errors. We take pleasure in correcting them. Mrs. Edwards' initials are "C. R." instead of "C. E." She came here a year and a half ago in 1916 instead of three years ago. She was a graduate of Chicora College instead of Winthrop. Mrs. B. B. Thompson of Jordan, S. C., her mother, and Miss Cora Thompson, did not arrive until after her death. We omitted the fact that the Camp Fire girls attended the funeral.

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War-Savings Stamps Sell at Rate in Excess of Savings Banks Accumulations.

Treasury receipts from the sale of war-savings stamps are running at the rate of \$11,000,000 a week. Savings banks deposits in the last few years have been increasing at the rate of \$700,000 a business day. Treasury receipts show the American people are putting their small savings at the service of the Nation through war-savings stamps at a rate far in excess of prewar-savings bank accumulations.

Two billion dollars of war-savings securities will be issued. If these are all sold this year the Treasury will receive about \$1,680,000,000, and at the end of five years the gether with \$320,000,000 in interest.—Weekly War Digest. Government will repay the loan to

"OVER THE TOP."

The Press and Banner has secured the right to publish "Over the Top" as a serial. This story is one of the greatest that has ever been written about the war. Arthur Guy Empey, the author, went over to England immediately after the sinking of the Lusitania and enlisted as a Canadian. For a year and a half before he fell in "No Man's Land", he saw more real fighting than any war correspondent who has written about the war.

This is a real live story and is well worth reading. Don't miss a single issue. It will probably begin in our next Tuesday's issue.

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