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SPARBOE COUNTY LOAN CHAIRMAN

H. M. Sparboe Succeeds W. J. Covil as County Chairman in the Next Liberty Loan Drive.

PREPARING FOR CAMPAIGN.

Organization to be a Most Formidable one.—Amount is Still Undetermined.

W. J. Covil, who served as Hamilton county chairman of the first two Liberty Loan campaigns, has resigned and H. M. Sparboe has been appointed to succeed him. The work laid out for country chairmen in the next campaign is too strenuous for a man of Mr. Covil's years to undertake and it was for this reason that he asked to be relieved. Plans for the third Liberty Loan are now being formulated.

To be Strong Organization.

The organization to carry forward the next loan is to be a most formidable one. Chairman Sparboe will name a vice chairman, publicity committee and a chairman for each town and township in the county. The government has made a complete card index of every man in the county. The cards for Hamilton county will be turned over to the county chairman. These cards show a man's wealth and the amounts that he subscribed in the first and second Liberty Loans. Likewise a certain amount will be apportioned to every man for the third loan and this amount he will be expected to take unless he can show good cause why he should not.

County Allotment.

The amount to be asked in the next loan has not yet been announced. It is expected, however, that it will be fully as large as that asked in the second loan. In this event, Hamilton county's allotment will be nearly a million dollars. The exact amount asked in the last loan here was \$994,000 and the amount allotted the county in the first loan was \$410,280.

J. H. McCord of Spencer, chairman of the second district, which includes Hamilton county, writes Chairman Sparboe that Keith Vawter of Cedar Rapids, who is state chairman of the speaking campaign, has arranged to have three speakers in Webster City Saturday, March 23. The campaign for the sale of bonds, however, will not begin until April 6, but a speaking campaign is planned to lay a foundation for the starting of the campaign for the actual sale of bonds. Chairman Sparboe is planning the most effective campaign possible in this county. D. H. Bauman, postmaster, will act as chairman of the county publicity committee.

W.S.S.—

All kinds of clocks at Teed & Teed's.

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Things needed for Belgians.

Julius Bermann, chairman of the Belgian relief drive now on over Hamilton county, is in receipt of a list of clothing which is acceptable. Donors should bear in mind that the gifts should be taken to the Svenson building. Those unable to deliver them, however, should notify Mr. Bermann, who will send a Boy Scout after them.

The exhaustion of cloth, clothing, shoes and leather in occupied Belgium and northern France and the shortage of these necessities in the world's markets are making it increasingly difficult for the commission of relief in Belgium to keep clothed and shod the unfortunate people of these occupied territories. Dire need has made necessary an appeal to the American Red Cross to assist in securing supplies.

Accordingly, the week of March 18 to 25 has been set aside by the American Red Cross for a special campaign for this purpose. As the world is short of so many things, it is short of clothing and raw materials. They cannot be purchased, and therefore it is necessary for us to divide our spare garments to the service of the world.

Following is a list of garments needed:

Men's wear—shirts (preferably of light colored flannels), undershirts, undershirts, trousers, coats, shoes, overalls, suits (2 pieces), work overalls, sweaters, jerseys, socks (sizes 19 1/2 and 21).

Women's wear—shirts, drawers,

corset-slips, petticoats, blouses, overcoats, skirts, suits (2 piece), pinafores, shoes, cloth hats, knitted caps, stockings (sizes 7 and 8), shawls.

Boy's wear—shirts, unionsuits, undershirts, trousers, coats, suits, shoes, overcoats, jerseys socks (sizes 1 to 9). Girl's wear—dresses, overcoats, night dresses, drawers, stockings, (sizes 1 to 6), undergarments, petticoats, suits (2 pieces), blouses, shoes. Boy's and girl's wear—hooded caps, pinafores, woolen union suits.

Infant's wear—Swanskin swaddling clothes, cradle chemises, bodices, cradle dresses, bonnets, bibs, neckerchiefs, diapers, shoes, baby dresses, hooded cloaks, jackets, sweaters, shawls, socks.

Miscellaneous—bed-ticks, bedsheets, pillow cases, blankets, mufflers.

W.S.S.—

FORMER DUNCOMBE YOUNG MAN IS KILLED IN FRANCE.

Lloyd Phillips Killed on Western Front.

Perry Phillips of Duncombe recently received word of the death of his younger brother, Lloyd Phillips, formerly of Duncombe, who was killed in the first line trenches somewhere in France. The exact date of his death is not known, but it was during one of the recent battles on the western front.

Perry Phillips was a young man of some twenty-four or twenty-five years of age and well known in Duncombe and vicinity. He was a farmer and while in Duncombe helped with the work on the Perry Phillips farm. He left there two or three years ago, going to Minnesota.

W.S.S.—

Get \$57.50 per Month.

The Freeman-Journal was in error recently in stating that the \$10,000 government insurance carried by Sergeant James Ernest Wedding would be paid to his parents here at the rate of \$53 per month. The monthly amount is \$57.50, payable for twenty years.

W.S.S.—

The David Miracle family have moved into the residence owned by Geo. W. Lee on Webster street.

W.S.S.—

Trench pillows at Teed's.

W.S.S.—

MRS. JULIA A. RIPLEY CALLED TO REWARD

Mother of Mrs. Wm. Harrison Passes Away at the Home of her Daughter.

Mrs. Julia A. Ripley, aged mother of Mrs. Wm. Harrison, passed away at 1:30 Friday night at the Harrison home, 1015 Third street, following several years of illness. Mrs. Ripley had made her home with her daughter in this city for the past ten years. The deceased had passed her seventy-third year. She was born in Wisconsin Sept. 22, 1844. For the past four years or more her health had been poorly. She underwent a major operation for bladder trouble about four years ago and some two years later submitted to further surgery. Some ten days ago she sustained a slight paralytic stroke and since then had grown weaker day by day.

Mrs. Ripley's death is mourned by three daughters: Mrs. Nellie M. Scott, Sioux Falls, S. D., Mrs. C. M. Mack, Maricopa, Cal., and Mrs. Harrison of this city. Mr. Ripley passed away some eight years ago. The deceased is also survived by the three sisters and a brother, one of the sisters being Miss Clara Aken of Lehigh. The deceased was a sister of Robt. Aken, a former resident of this city, who passed away at his home in Wisconsin two years ago. The funeral will be held at the Harrison home this afternoon at 2:30, conducted by Rev. Chipperfield of the Methodist church.

W.S.S.—

Just a Nickle a Day.

Two billion dollars, the amount of money to be raised during the year 1918 through the sale of War Savings Stamps, seems like a huge sum. Five cents a day, however, from the 110 million people in the United States will turn the trick.

W.S.S.—

Aged Gentleman Breaks Arm.

Paul VanLandshoot of Fremont township fell in some manner in his home Wednesday and broke the large bone of his right wrist. The injury is quite serious, owing to Mr. VanLandshoot's age. He is well along in the eighties.

W.S.S.—

Everything in French Ivory at Teed's.

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SHOT GUN MEN TO MEET AGAIN

Big Meeting at City Hall Attended by Fifty Men.—Organization Planned in Every Town in County.

TO MEET AGAIN NEXT WEEK

Committee Named to Report Plan of Organization.—What Club is For.

(From Friday's Daily.)

At a rousing meeting held at the city hall last evening it was unanimously decided to form a Hamilton county branch of the National Association of Shot Gun Owners, which will act in the nature of a home guard organization. It is planned to have an organization in every town in the county. A committee of three is to be named to report a definite plan of organization and a second meeting will be held next week Thursday evening at the Willson hall.

Was Large Meeting.

The meeting last night was attended by some fifty men, all of whom were enthusiastic. Dr. N. C. A. Berg was selected chairman of the meeting and N. M. O'Connor secretary. The National Association of Shot Gun Owners was formed by John Phillip Sousa, its primary purpose being that of preventing riots and other local uprisings during the progress of the war. The organization in each county acts upon orders of the sheriff and when called upon by him, its members act as deputy sheriffs. It seems likely, however, that in order to be of assistance to selectmen, that drills will be held for those members who wish it.

To Meet Riot Emergencies.

It would be very easy in time of great excitement over the war, to start a riot and in the event one does start, men to quell it are wanted and wanted quick. It is to meet emergencies of this kind that the Shot Gun clubs are being formed. They are to cooperate with town, county, state and national officials. Among the men who spoke last evening were W. F. Cole, C. H. Richeson, V. C. Crosley, Ruben McFerrin, D. E. Rice, A. J. Froning and John Peterson, the latter from Randall.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the meeting next week when it is likely that a definite organization will be formed. These organizations are approved by Adjutant General Logan, Governor Harding and national authorities.

W.S.S.—

County Schools Going Over Top.

Hamilton county schools a hundred per cent Red Cross!

That is the motto of the Junior Red Cross committee and stands every chance of being realized, according to school reports being received by different members of the committee.

W.S.S.—

Des Moines Officer Killed in France has Friends in Webster City Who Mourn Loss.

In the death of Captain Harry McHenry, a Des Moines man, killed in France, a sense of personal loss is laid on the hearts of several Webster City friends, who knew him well.

Lieut. McHenry served under Captain W. A. Graham, husband of Mrs. Ada Houck-Graham, a former Webster City young woman, while the troops were in the Brownsville, Texas, district last year, and with Capt. Graham's resignation he was placed in command of the company. During the time the troops were in the south, Mrs. Graham accompanied Lieut. McHenry's fiancée to Brownsville where a very happy wedding took place. The bereaved little bride is now bearing her great sorrow bravely at their Des Moines home—carrying out the soldier's parting words, "Now remember, no tears!"

Judge McHenry, father of Captain McHenry, has given both a son and a son-in-law to the service. F. L. Williams, an officer of the medical corps, also with the "Rainbow Division," sending home the message—"Harry's work is done." Mrs. Williams has visited Mrs. W. L. Clifton in this city and has many friends and acquaintances here.

W.S.S.—

Trench mirrors at Teed's

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Seven Cars Derailed.

Seven coal cars, all loaded with tile from the Lehigh Clay Products company, were derailed in the interurban yards here Thursday night. Two of them went into the ditch. The derailment was caused while switching. A string of cars "got away" and rolled heavily down the track, crashing into several other cars. A Northwestern car was cut almost in two and the interurban cars pretty much piled up. Luckily, however, it happened on a sidetrack. The loss will be considerable, consisting of several cars and at least two car loads of large sewer tile.

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Trench fountain pens at Teed & Teed's.

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doing Red Cross work. Another rural school to join the honor roll is that in District No. 9, Cass township, with Miss Harriett Niece as teacher. This school has done especially well, having raised a little more than \$30 for Red Cross work and membership dues.

All schools in the county are making every effort to become Red Cross members. While other activities have somewhat delayed the work in the grades of the local schools, the boys of the eighth grade, taught by Miss Grace Bidlack, have not only paid the dues which amounted to \$6.75 but in addition have raised \$18 for the cause. These youngsters are taking up Red Cross work with the vim exhibited in other pursuits and have signified their intention of taking up gardening this season, besides agreeing to run errands for the workers in the Red Cross workroom, or do just anything that will help out. There are twenty-seven of these splendid young patriots.

W.S.S.—

Scouts Will Gather Gifts.

The Boy Scouts have volunteered to gather up old clothing and shoes here for the Belgians in cases where the donors are unable to bring their donations to the Svenson building. All people who have clothing or shoes they are willing to give and who cannot deliver them are asked to call Julius Bermann, who will send a Scout after the donation.

Other Counties Organize.

Similar courts are now being organized in other counties of the state, and the case of any and every kind of slacker will be taken up by these courts, including those who do not contribute their share to the various war funds and who do not subscribe according to their means to the liberty loans.

Committees in Each Township.

In addition to the court of ten in each county, the governor has also authorized the appointment of a marshal for each county who has power to make arrests without warrants under the direction of the court. In each township a committee will be appointed whose duty it will be to report to the court the names of any persons who refuse without reason to contribute to the liberty bonds or to contribute to the duly authorized funds being raised in connection with the prosecution of the war, such as the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., K. of C., and other funds for war work. It is also the duty of the township committees to report to the court any act or commission on the part of any resident of their district, either citizen or alien, which in any way, directly or indirectly, fails to promote the interests of the government in the prosecution of the war, and which in any way could be construed to be a violation of the laws of congress on the suppression of sedition, or which could give aid or comfort to the enemy.

The Method of Procedure.

Persons against whom charges are filed will be summoned to appear by registered mail. If they fail to respond, they will be arrested.

When they appear before the court they will be given a chance to explain their actions. If they satisfy the court that there is no question as to their loyalty, they will be released and their record cleared. But, if they are found disloyal, they will be turned over to the federal authorities. It will be up to all Hamilton county people to get behind the government in all matters pertaining to the war, whether it be liberty loans or any other measures that will promote the successful prosecution of the war. This court is not a farce. It has the power to act and will act in all matters brought before it, as any man brought before it who does not square himself will find out. His actions will either classify him as an American or a traitor. There is no middle course.

W.S.S.—

Less Mud Holes in Webster City.

Mud holes in Webster City streets are soon to be a thing of the remote past, even on unpaved and outlying thoroughfares. With the exception of a very few blocks, all north and south streets are unpaved but during the past few months they have been cindered and even now—the worst season of the year—these streets have a fairly good roadbed.

W.S.S.—

Twenty-five hundred loads of cinders were hauled and spread last winter under the direction of City Manager Long. The cinders were secured from the city electric plant, the school buildings and wherever they were obtainable, and the work done by the city employees and teams usually dismissed with the coming of cold weather.

When weather conditions permitted, the streets were dragged follow-

INQUIRY COURT TO INVESTIGATE

Ten Prominent Hamilton County Men Named to Make up Court of Military Affairs to Report Disloyalty.

INVESTIGATE CASES REPORTED.

Reports of Cases Needing Attention Will be Referred to Federal Officers.

The Hamilton County Court of Military Affairs, composed of ten prominent Hamilton county men, has been organized under authority given.

The purpose and duties of this court will be to investigate and determine all charges made against any persons, either citizens or aliens, touching upon their loyalty to the government in the prosecution of the war. Cases needing further attention will be referred to federal officers at Dubuque. The names of the general committee will not be made public, as their work will proceed better without their names being known.

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Want Any Free Garden Room?

Anybody want any free garden room this summer? H. F. Strachan, agent of the Northwestern railroad in this city, has a strip of railroad right of way on both sides of the track extending from Kamrar to Woolstock, which he has been authorized to parcel out to people who will garden it.

The railroad company prefers to have garden vegetables growing on its right of way, rather than having it grow up in weeds, and high officials have notified agents everywhere to permit people to garden the right of way. No charge will be made for these plots—only the promise exacted that vegetables will be planted and the garden taken care of and kept free from weeds.

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Anyone wanting additional garden space may have it by applying to Agent Strachan.

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(By Owen B. Winters, in Life.)

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ing the rounding up of the roadbed and cinder application. But in many instances this has been impossible owing to the frozen ground, but will be done as soon as the ground dries to some extent.

In addition to north and south streets, several blocks on the west end of east and west streets, between Bank and Division streets have been cindered, as well as work done on Elm street and some on the north side. The work being done takes time, but it is hoped to have it complete in another season when all unpaved streets will be similarly surfaced and outlying roads of the city incorporation either cindered or graveled.

W.S.S.—

CHECKER CLUB DISBANDED; PROCEEDS TO RED CROSS.

Sell Furniture and Donate \$15 to Red Cross.

The Checker club, which has been in existence during the past two or three years, has disbanded and sold the furniture and other fixtures in its club rooms. The proceeds, amounting to \$15, have been donated to the Hamilton county chapter of the Red Cross by the club's secretary, Sheldon Tatham. This organization, composed of some twenty gentlemen, met in a room over the Lehnhard store since its removal recently from a room in the second story of the Freeman-Journal building.

W.S.S.—

Prize Essays in Next Loan.

"Why my Parents Should Purchase More Liberty Bonds." This is to be the subject of a 500 word essay in a contest open to every school child in Hamilton county above the age of six years. The contest is a part of the publicity campaign in the next Liberty Loan drive. Awards of \$5, \$3 and \$2 will be made as first, second and third prizes and the Freeman-Journal will publish the winning essay.

This contest is to be held under the direction of County Superintendent Snow. Prof. Snow will send instructions to every school teacher in the county so that the matter may be explained to students wishing to compete.

W.S.S.—

DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL IS PASSED

Congress Passes Bill to Turn Clocks One Hour Ahead on Sunday, March 31.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Americans are to have one more hour of daylight in which to work and play every day during the warmer half of the year.

Under the terms of the daylight saving bill, passed by congress yesterday, all clocks and watches in the United States will be set forward one hour at 2 a. m. on Sunday, March 31. The new time will prevail until 2 a. m. Sunday, October 27, when chronometers will be set back one hour, thus restoring the present or astronomical time.

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COUNTY CHAIRMEN FOR WOMEN

Mrs. L. A. McMurray of This City Named Chairman of Women's Organizations in County for Third Liberty Loan.

NAMES SEVERAL COMMITTEES

Mrs. Ella Burleson Has Charge in Webster City.—Other Appointments.

Not to rival, but to cooperate, is the motto of the women's organization of Hamilton county, under the leadership of Mrs. L. A. McMurray, who has been appointed chairman of this county by the women's state leader for the raising of the third liberty loan.

The organization in this city has been completed but the appointment of committees in the various townships is still underway. The committee, which will assist Mrs. McMurray as county chairman, follows: Mrs. B. O. Dubois, county secretary; Dr. Eli McCollum Jones, chairman speaker's committee; Mrs. Ella Burleson, Webster City chairman. Names of additional committees throughout the county and in this city will be given out Monday following a committee meeting held this afternoon.

There is nothing of a spirit of rivalry in the organization of the county's women or its relation to that being perfected by leading men for the purpose of securing Hamilton county's quota of the next liberty loan. The movement is a part of the general plan, which provides that women can best solicit funds from women and men from men and financial interests. The spirit of cooperation is marked, the women seeking merely to do their "best" by helping the men do their.

W.S.S.—

From Camp Cody.

The following items are taken from the last issue of the Camp Cody Bulletin, published at Camp Cody, Deming, N. M.:

Mesdames John Hanrahan of Webster City, Iowa, and R. C. Tyler of Fort Dodge, Iowa, are the guests of their son and brother, Private John P. Hanrahan of headquarters detachment.

Private George Merson of Headquarters detachment has returned from California, where he went to make the acquaintance of a baby son, who arrived recently. Private Merson does not take kindly to the suggestion of some of his friends that he name the baby Sandy Cody.

W.S.S.—

Sgt. Charles W. Bushman, assistant director of the Second Iowa band, which left here Thursday for Camp Dodge, Iowa, left Saturday with his wife to join the organization. The sergeant has been ill in the hospital for forty days and could not travel with the band when it left. He has many friends in Deming and vicinity whom he said he hoped to see again in the future.

W.S.S.—

Camp Cody lost two of the bands which have helped make its life pleasant. The old Sixth Nebraska band was ordered to proceed to Camp Funston, Kansas, where it will be stationed. The band has been attached to the 109th Headquarters Train and Military Police for several months. The Second Iowa