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Iowa's Victory Loan Campaign.

The first big mass convention of the War Loan Organization workers of the five states in the seventh federal reserve district was held at the hotel LaSalle in Chicago on Friday, March 21. At this convention about 250 delegates from Iowa were present, including state director of sales C. H. McNider and nearly all of the county chairmen.

Hon. Carter Glass, secretary of the treasury, addressed the workers of the loan organization at a dinner at the Hotel LaSalle in the evening, and outlined his views regarding the coming campaign for the Victory Liberty Loan. At noon on Friday there was a general meeting of all the delegates from the five states, and at this meeting there were addresses by several prominent people.

Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, the principal speaker at this meeting, aroused the workers to great enthusiasm in a brief but pithy speech in which he urged the people of the country to show their appreciation of the work of the army and navy and the government by rallying to the support of the loan.

"It is an act of good faith towards the government of this country to carry the financial burden to the end, and to show the world that this nation not only can and will fight, but will perform its obligations to the last dollar," said Maj. Gen. Wood.

"The faithful performance of this duty will go far towards establishing business confidence and encourage the revival of general business activity. Show that we have the deliberate intention to wind up the affairs of the war. We have more money than any other country, better securities and there could be no better cause."

The session of the Iowa delegation was held in the ball room of the hotel LaSalle, and C. H. McNider, director of sales for Iowa, presided. At this meeting there was a general discussion of plans for the coming campaign for the Victory Liberty Loan, which will start April 21. No set speeches were made, but Mr. McNider outlined the work to be done, and many of the county chairmen made suggestions for improving the organization, and for getting good results.

Plans have been made for an aggressive campaign throughout the state, and the officials of the state or organization were confident the State of Iowa would again be the leader in going over the top as in previous campaigns.

Knights of Columbus Activities.

Members in the service, about one-fifth of the entire membership in this state, Iowa Knights of Columbus, claim to have established a record which is perhaps unequalled by any other fraternal organization. Figures recently compiled by Joe McCormick, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, state secretary, show that each of the fifty-two councils in Iowa furnished a liberal quota of men as defenders of democracy.

Des Moines with a membership of 700 at the time the armistice was signed had 260 knights in the service; Dubuque had 223; Carroll 200; Sioux City 125; Cedar Rapids 110; Cascade 112; Algona 110; LeMars 116 and some of the smaller places sent as many as one-third of the membership to the front. And like the knights of old who went forth to do or die, many of these modern knights, born and reared on Iowa soil now sleep beneath the sod of Picardy and Flanders.

Mr. McCormick has just returned from a trip through the western part of the state and reports a wonderful growth and predicts that it will not be long until the present membership in Iowa of 19,000 will be doubled. Several towns are asking to have new councils established and already plans are under way to institute them. The permanent home movement also is in evidence and several towns have formed K. of C. stock companies to erect buildings.

Rural Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Howard, Iowa, to be held at Cresco on April 26, 1919, to fill the position of rural carrier at Cresco and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the office mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

HOUSE FOR RENT—For particulars enquire of 27-1f M. H. Culbert.

Recognition for Services.

The American Red Cross has arranged a plan for recognition of the service of its home-staying members who have nevertheless given much time in loyal service. All those who have, since April 6, 1917, given at least 800 hours to Red Cross work, and during a minimum period of six months, are entitled to a certificate which in turn entitles them to purchase and wear the insignia decided upon. For men it is a button to be worn in the coat lapel; for women a badge with ribbon, bar and safety catch. These will probably cost about 75c and \$1.00 respectively. For women who have not kept any account of the time spent, a sort of a table has been arranged, allowing so many hours for a sweater, a pair of socks, or a convalescent robe, and so forth. All those of the Cresco Chapter who may be entitled to this certificate will please apply to either Mrs. McHugh or Mrs. Plummer, who are the committee in charge of this matter and who will have questionnaires to be filled out by the applicant.

It may be something of a guide to those estimating the time spent in the work to know that our work room was open 80 weeks, ten hours a week spent there during that time would meet the requirements. Or, outside work according to the following estimate: Sweaters, 20 hours; socks, 18 hours; helmets, 16 hours; scarfs, 12 hours; trench caps, 8 hours; wristlets, 8 hours; bed shirts, 1 1/2 hours; pajamas, 4 1/2 hours; convalescent robes, 3 hours; under drawers, 3 1/2 hours; under shirts, 1 1/2 hours; bed jackets, 2 1/2 hours; bed socks, 1 hour.

An Interesting Address

A large number of our people turned out Monday evening to hear H. C. Evans, the returned Y. M. C. A. worker, at the Congregational church, and were well repaid for their attendance. Mr. Evans spent twelve months in the work, part of the time being in charge of the Y. M. C. A. workers in Italy, and his account of the big Italian drive near the close of the war was new to most of his hearers and most interesting. Concerning the criticisms of the Y. M. C. A., Mr. Evans admitted that some mistakes were made, that some secretaries were unqualified for the work and that some workers went wrong, but asked that judgment be rendered not on the mistakes and misdeeds of the few, but on the work as a whole, feeling that a plain survey of results accomplished would give the organization a high place in the esteem of the soldiers and the citizens of this country. That the criticisms when sifted down mainly concerned the high price charged for cigarettes, a matter beyond the control of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Evans' address was an amplification of the tribute paid in Cresco by Ernest Roth, who said that "As long as I live, my hat is off to the Y. M. C. A."

Mason City Boosters Visit Cresco.

Wednesday afternoon, a special train of three cars brought about 120 Mason City wholesalers, manufacturers, jobbers, and professional men to Cresco on a "get-acquainted" tour they were making. They were accompanied by their High School band which led the delegation up Elm street for a short parade, after which a short talk was made by one of their number, Rev. Dibles, a Congregational minister of Mason City. The visitors scattered about town calling upon their various customers in Cresco, not to sell goods, but to meet and get acquainted, for a fine of \$50 would be assessed against a man who solicited business on the trip. Among the visitors were Chas. Caward of the Mason City Oil and Grease Co., and a director in their Chamber of Commerce, and Mr. Quist, news editor of the Mason City Globe Gazette, a brother of Miss Quist, who teaches in our public schools, who made a call at the Plain Dealer office.

Cresco gave their visitors a hearty welcome, our band being out and joining in the parade.

A Correction.

In our item in last week's PLAIN DEALER concerning the suit of M. H. Culbert vs. Howard County, a slight mis-statement has caused some to get a wrong idea of the result, although we stated correctly the amount awarded, \$1,079. From the record we learn that before the trial commenced the County in open court offered to confess judgment for \$1,085 and costs, but on trial of the case the jury allowed the appraised value of the land condemned, three acres and a fraction, at \$310, and fixed the damage to the balance of the farm at \$10 per acre, or a total of \$1,079.

See M. P. Lydon for big boned Poland China pigs, any age or either sex.

County Agent's Notes.

Now is the time to spray fruit trees. Do it now. Use lime sulphur solution. Get it at your drug store or see your county agent.

Treat your grain for smut. Last year's loss from smut was estimated at eight million dollars. Let us take up part of this waste. The wheat seed in Howard county should be treated for smut. Wheat seed should be soaked for ten minutes in formaldehyde solution, one pint, (40 per cent formaldehyde) to 40 gals of water.

Oats seed—Use one pint, 40 per cent solution of formaldehyde to ten gals. of water. One quart of this mixture will treat a bushel.

Testing oats—Test your seed oats for germination. The heavy rains of last season greatly damaged shock grain. If such grain is to be used for seed, it should be tested.

Testing corn—Make a rag doll tester and test your seed corn. Do it now. Test every ear you plant. If you can raise the average yield two bushels per acre in the county it would pay the county taxes. A five bushel increase per acre would pay state, county, municipal and township taxes. This would be worth while.

E. H. Cunningham,
County Agent.

Another Business Change in Cresco.

Bert Monesmith has sold his produce business to the Northern Iowa Produce Company, a corporation with headquarters in McGregor, and with five other stations in northeastern Iowa in addition to the Cresco plant. Gordon Bowers will do the buying in Cresco for the new company. Mr. Monesmith has not been in the best of health for the past year, and will spend some time in visiting with his mother at Geneseo, Illinois, after which he will decide upon his future location. Mr. Monesmith has made many warm friends among our people and among the farmers with whom he has dealt, and in discontinuing his pleasant relations with his patrons, Mr. Monesmith wishes to thank them for their patronage and good will in the years they have associated together.

Modern Residence for Sale.

A strictly modern residence, eight rooms, located one block from Elm St., and three blocks from postoffice, will be sold right if taken at once. \$2500 will swing the deal. Hot water heat; hard wood finish; never failing cistern; garage. Address XYZ, care of Plain Dealer office. 32-1f

Auto for Sale.

Davis automobile in good condition. Fully equipped. Call at this office.

School Social.

The pupils of the Steinmetz school, three miles east of Cresco, will present a comedy entitled, "The Economical Boomerang" on Friday evening, 8:00 o'clock, March 28th. The cast of characters as follows:

Mr. Dabblinton.....Emery Price
Mrs. Dabblinton.....Grace Fritchard
Mr. Plover.....John Burgess
Mrs. Plover.....Marie Henkes
Maggie.....Gene Walton
Doctor.....Elmer Steinmetz

The program will also consist of patriotic songs, drills and readings. Everyone is cordially invited. Ladies bring untrimmed baskets and gentlemen bring pocketbooks prepared to bid on toes or nose.

GLADYS JOHNSON, Teacher.

Red Cross Attention.

Drive for all cast off clothing is on this week. Bring clothing to Red Cross room, first floor, Saturday only, March 29th. Everything wearable is wanted, except stiff or straw hats and shirt collars. Cresco Chapter must furnish 2 1/2 tons. All this for relief in Europe and Asia. This is imperative. Rush it through this week. Thank you.

REV. H. M. NORMANN, Chairman.

FOR RENT—Six room house, heat and light. Can be occupied by the 1st of April. 32-1f Watts Bros.

Surprise on Rev. Normann.

At a joint meeting of the Ladies' Aids, of the Orleans Lutheran Church and the First Lutheran Church of Cresco, a surprise was pulled off on the pastor and his family. Robert Thomson acted as spokesman. The donors were some of the members of Rev. Normann's two churches and a few others. The present was a stack of new bills amounting to \$670. These people who not only gave their pastor and his time to the different war activities have hereby shown their generosity by also trying to remunerate their pastor for his extra expenses during the war period, and special credit is due them for their thoughtfulness and liberality.

Willard Webber to Make Lecture Trip.

Willard Webber has made arrangements to deliver addresses next week on his experiences on the various battlefronts of France, speaking at Ridgeway, Calmar, Postville, Lawler and Elma. The people of those towns are fortunate in securing him for a talk as he has a most interesting and comprehensive story which he tells extremely well.

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