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"My Country 'Tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty."

More than 10,000,000 young Americans registered thruout the country Tuesday. In Washington Parish the total of 2668 was over 300 more than the government estimate.

Representative Rankin's first essay at legislation, which, we are glad to say, she carried to success, was an amendment to the Food Conservation Bill providing that, "so far as is practicable," women shall be employed by the Secretary of Agriculture in the enforcement of the law. On grounds of strict equality, however, why that qualifying clause?

Call to Meet.

Every man and woman of Franklinton is urged to meet at the court house Monday at 7:30 p. m., when Mr. Frith of New Orleans will fully explain the duties which will devolve upon Franklinton if a responsible Red Cross chapter is to be organized. Representatives from the ten surrounding towns are urged to be present. Demonstrate your patriotism by your presence at this meeting.

The Causes of the War.

The President's amazement, expressed in his letter to Congressman Heflin, that any frank or honest person "could doubt or question" the position of the country with regard to the war and its objects will be shared by most of the country.

Hr. Hearst's newspapers, which were violently pro-German before the war and are still bitterly hostile to England which has barred their correspondents, are printing daily broadsides, charging that we have gone to war without any statement of the cause of the quarrel or of our aims. They are also carrying on a campaign against the loaning of money to the allies, and sending of American troops abroad or the provisioning or munitioning of those with whom we are making common cause.

But in this attitude, bordering closely upon service to the enemy, the Hearst newspapers do not represent American opinion. They represent German opinion. It is a relief to turn from these newspapers to the churches of America, which have boldly proclaimed the justice of our cause and the righteousness of our aims. They need no fresh statement of the causes and objects of the war, and they are standing loyally behind the President who has so illuminatingly presented both to the American people.

President Wilson's historic address to Congress leaves nothing to be added to the reasons for which the nation is now mobilizing its resources against the Prussian warlord.—Daily States.

Enlisting the Women.

Women who want to do war work and have not found a way have one provided for them in Food Administrator Hoover's plan for recruiting housewives

for food conservation. They are urged to ally themselves with the national organization, to sign a written pledge to carry out its recommendations and to follow its instructions in waste elimination and the study of food values.

This is a work of national defense in which every woman who presides over a house hold can co-operate. It is not a spectacular work and it will lack the zest and stimulus of club and society relief activities. But it has the great advantage that it can be taken up by all women, whether or not they are engaged in other forms of war aid. It is no less patriotic, and, after all, only comparatively few of the sex can qualify to drive ambulances or become army nurses or serve as substitutes in industry for the men called to the front.

As Mr. Hoover says: "It may well be that the women of America will play a deciding part in the great war if the legislation now pending in regard to the food administration becomes a law."

Red Cross Work Officially Helped.

Parish Fathers Appropriate \$100

On Monday morning at the opening of the June session of the police jury, Mrs. F. L. Sanford of Zona who is Enlistment Captain of the parish at large, presented the Red Cross work in a fifteen minute address in which her arguments were clear cut, concise and convincing and proved so effective that the body unanimously carried a motion to appropriate \$100 to the Red Cross Organization and in addition each member and the clerk personally donated his salary for the day to the cause.

The patriot at home is never less active and concerned than the soldier on the firing line, and while Washington Parish has done her full part in voluntary enlistment for military service, we are glad to see by this official and personal act on the part of these representative men an evidence that the men, women and children all over our parish are ready and willing to "do their bit" at the country's call.

We Must Pay Teachers More.

Everything that country teachers eat or wear has advanced in price. The value of the small salary paid heretofore has decreased almost one-half. Instead of becoming better paid, as should be the case, they will this year face an actual reduction in salary unless steps are taken to increase their salary in proportion to the increased cost of commodities.

The shoes worn by teachers have doubled in price; the price of cotton clothing has almost doubled; there will be a large increase in the charge for board this year, even in our country districts; wool clothing is almost prohibitive in price and still some country teachers will be called on to teach a four months' school at a salary of \$35 per month or a salary of \$140 per year!

This is grossly unfair, for it has been almost impossible for many teachers to exist on these normal salaries even in normal times. If we are to retain men and women of worth as teachers therefore, we must increase their salaries. The second grade teacher who has been getting \$35 per month should get \$50 or \$60 this year and other teachers an increase accordingly. It is grossly unfair to do less than this; and if the members of any community find that the taxes will not allow such an increase in the local teacher's salary, they should increase it by private subscriptions rather than pay a small salary and accept an inefficient teacher.—P. T. H. in Progressive Farmer.

List of Males Between 21 and 31 Registered in Washington Parish June 5, 1917.

	White.	Colored.	Total.
Falish.....	601		601
Mt. Hermon.....	123	19	142
Franklinton.....	110	77	187
Bogalusa.....	762	712	1504
Rio.....	37	4	41
Varnado.....	42	74	116
Sheridan.....	30		30
Enon.....	96	15	111
Isabel.....	40		40
Angie.....	50	17	67
Popeville.....	65		65
Hackley.....	24	28	52
Warnerton.....	24	31	55
Burkhalter and Magee's Mill.....	74	12	91
Total.....	1581	1087	2668

Make Our Cattle Feed Soldiers Not Ticks.

Faced by the war demand for more meat, let us take advantage of an opportunity which lies close to hand. Let us recognize that it is our definite duty to turn our abundant grasses, our cheap and available concentrated feeds, and our mild climate to good account in the production of beef and milk and butter. And let us realize to do this we must work together to remove the great obstacle—the tick.

Not only will the elimination of the tick make possible the greater and more profitable development of our native cattle. It will make possible also the bringing in of better beef and milk producing stock which now cannot live under the attacks of ticks and the deadly germs of cattle fever which they transmit. Extermination of the tick, therefore, will give us quick direct returns in the form of increased growth of native stock, and it will at the same time lay a firm foundation for the building up of a much more profitable cattle raising industry in a year or two—while the war still may be in progress.

The South's battle against the tick must not lag. It is not work which may be dropped during the course of war, the U. S. Department of Agriculture points out. Rather it must be pushed the more vigorously in order that territory may be rescued from the unsatisfactory and often unprofitable cattle raising which the tick imposes, and devoted to the more efficient and more profitable production of meat and milk which may be carried on in the unquarantined territory.

The tick works for our enemies by keeping down the supply of three of our most important foods. Let us recognize this pest, therefore, as an enemy also. And let us wage against him, from today on, without interruption, a war of extermination.

American Citizens.

In practice there is no such thing as a "citizen of the United States." Such "citizen" is about as mythical as the mermaid. In order to vote, for instance, one must bring his citizenship down to the concrete and become a citizen of New York, or of some one of the other states. You cannot vote in New York unless you are a citizen of New York; and the same is true of all the other states. The "citizen of the United States" is a very vague gentleman.

\$90,000 For Timber Lands.

D. E. Sheridan, local real estate dealer, who represented some capitalists at Crawfordsville, Ind., closed a deal Thursday for 3,800 acres of hardwood timber lands located in the forks of Bogus Chitto and Pearl rivers, on which he had obtained options some weeks ago. The sum paid for these lands was \$90,000 cash.

The title to the property was taken in the name of Charles W. Ames who will be the manager of a new corporation to be organized at once for the purpose of building a box and veneering sawmill plant at Bogalusa, and the mill will get the timber from the lands above mentioned. A site for the new mill has already been bought by the new company.

Bogalusa Organized: Red Cross For Parish.

On Tuesday the Red Cross was put on a permanent basis for Washington Parish with headquarters at Bogalusa and at the same time authorities from New Orleans decided it would be better to have another central chapter at Franklinton so that the burden of the work might be divided, their request being that Franklinton accept the responsibility of the ten surrounding towns and Bogalusa all the rest of the parish.

A good representative crowd from Bogalusa and the parish at large assembled at the Y. W. C. A. at 11 o'clock to meet the representatives from New Orleans headquarters, Mrs. Josie Haswell and Mr. E. H. Frith, and enough enthusiasm was created to make Red Cross stand for something in every town and village of the parish.

Hon. W. H. Sullivan called the meeting to order and after a few remarks showing his interest in the work introduced Mr. Frith, this division secretary. Mr. Frith gave the history and work of the National Red Cross and was followed by Mrs. Haswell who organized the chapter and outlined the definite work for Bogalusa.

Mrs. Wade was made chairman of the chapter and Mrs. J. F. Peters assistant chairman and an executive committee of eight was appointed to represent the different sections of the city.

The meeting then adjourned till after lunch when all details of the organization were worked out and the chapter will make its membership drive and get into active work at once.

LOUISIANA GROWS ONLY ONE-HALF CORN NEEDED

Imperative That Acreage Be Increased—Most Important Food Crop in State—Plant Standard Varieties.

Corn is the most important food crop grown in Louisiana and amounts to about forty-million bushels a year. This great amount, however, is only about one-half of the corn and corn products required to meet the needs of the state. It is imperative, therefore, that the acreage planted to this crop be greatly increased.

As a rule, it is not advisable to plant corn on poor land, but under existing conditions of great need for increased food production, corn should be planted on the poorest grade of land as well as on the best, and a crop of velvet beans should be grown with the corn to help make it profitable.

The season for planting corn will last until about the first of July. It is recommended that the native varieties, such as Calhoun Red Cob, Sentinel's White Dent, Hastings Prolific, Mosby's Prolific, etc., be planted up to the first of June, after which some of the earlier maturing types, such as Lagans and Dwarf Mexican June should be planted.

Corn is a crop that is greatly influenced by soil and by rainfall during the growing season. The only thing that a farmer can do to overcome these difficulties is to prepare the soil thoroughly and give the corn the best possible cultivation.—W. I. Perkins, Extension Division, Louisiana State University.

Notice, Book Lovers—

Anybody may read Waverley Club books by paying ten cents per book. Call at the Era-Leader office and see the collection.

Sunny Hill.

Sunny Hill, La., May 4.—

Dear Era-Leader:

It was only last October we had to tell the sad story of Myra Brumfield's death. yesterday morning her little sister Cleo passed away. Cleo was a bright sprightly little girl of nearly six years. She was taken sick Thursday night but did not seem to be in a dangerous condition at all until the latter part of Saturday night, she was taken suddenly for the worse and passed away in a few hours. She will be laid to rest today beside Myra in the Roberts Cemetery near their home. Rev. W. F. Houston, Pastor of the Sunny Hill Baptist church is to conduct the services. Rev. G. G. Thomas conducted the services at Myra's funeral. It was the last time we ever heard him preach. He was a man too that we greatly loved but his earthly work is finished and we will hear his voice no more. We greatly sympathize with these parents and friends in this their hour of bereavement for we too have drank of the same bitter cup and know their feelings. All else is well around Sunny Hill with best wishes and blessing for all.

Uncle Leslie.

Unveiling of the Monument of J. B. Lancaster.

Announcement has been made that the unveiling of the monument of Judge Jos. B. Lancaster, deceased, will take place at the Covington Cemetery Sunday, June 17, 1917.

Judge Lancaster was born in Brookhaven, Miss., April 10, 1866, and was educated by the Jesuit Brothers. He had occupied various public offices, and at the time of his death, May 30, 1916, was district judge of the 26th Judicial District. He was an active worker of the Knights of Columbus and the Woodmen of the World, Holly Camp No. 90.

The following notice has been issued by the Woodmen of the World:

"The public in general, the Knights of Columbus and all Camps and Groves of the Woodmen of the World of Washington, Tangipahoa and St. Tammy parishes are invited to attend the unveiling of the monument of deceased Sovereign Jos. B. Lancaster, which will take place at the Covington Cemetery Sunday, June 17, 1917, at 3 o'clock p. m.

"Jos. Delery,
"Consul Commander Holly Camp No. 90, W. O. W."
"Robt. H. Dutsch,
"Recorder."

New Courses Offered In Summer School.

Since the publication of the Louisiana State University summer school bulletin the following new courses have been arranged for and will be offered in addition to those previously announced:

Military Training 1.—Classes will be organized for the benefit of the male teachers of Louisiana who desire instruction along this line. Competent instructors will be provided. Hours and credits will be announced later.

Physiology 1.—Red Cross work and advanced hygiene. This course replaces the second course in Physiology 1 outlined in the bulletin. It presupposes a knowledge of Physiology 1 or its equivalent but may be taken in conjunction with Physiology 1.

Poultry 1.—A short course in the principles of breeding, raising, and marketing poultry. The course is designed mainly for teachers who are engaged in poultry club work among the boys and girls, and also for those who intend to raise poultry on a small scale. Discussions will be along the following lines: The breeds, mating and breeding, production and handling of eggs, incubation, brooding, caponizing, diseases, sanitation, marketing and advertising.

In the Matter of the Tutorship of the minors, Lubie and Modess Dubois.

In the 26th Judicial District Court of Louisiana in and for Washington Parish.

Whereas, J. Norman Dubois has produced due proof before this court that he has been appointed Guardian of the minors Lubie and Modess Dubois in the County of Jefferson, State of Texas, and that said minors have property in the state of Louisiana, and that said Guardian desires to remove said property from the state of Louisiana to the state of Texas, the domicile of said minors.

Now, therefore, notice is hereby given to all persons interested to show cause (if any they have or can) within thirty days from the date of the first advertisement hereof why the prayer of the said J. Norman Dubois should not be granted.

Notice is further given to the creditors of said minors and to all persons interested herein to show cause within ten days from the present notification (if any they have or can) why the account presented by J. Norman Dubois, Tutor of said minors, should not be approved and homologated and the funds distributed in accordance therewith.

By order of the Court. This 31st day of May, 1917.

M. A. Thigpen,
Clerk of Court.

Notice—I am applying for pardon.

Ollie Hart.

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Partition Sale.—No. 2893.

Tempy Fortenberry, et als

Vs

Sarah Fortenberry, et als.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a commission of sale issued out of the 26th Judicial District Court of Louisiana, in and for the above entitled cause and to me directed, I will proceed to sell at Public auction to the last and highest bidder on

Saturday, June 9, 1917

at the principal front door of the courthouse at Franklinton, La., between the legal sale hours for judicial sales, the following described property, being and situated in Washington Parish, to-wit:

The nwi of Section 11, Township 1, south, Range 9, east, St. Helena Meridian.

To be sold for the purpose of effecting a partition.

Terms of Sale.—Cash without any praisement.

This the 3rd day of May, 1917.

J. E. Bateman, Sheriff.