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Official Journal Parish of Natchitoches  
" " Parish School Board.  
" " City of Natchitoches.

The Camp Fire Girls are selling Liberty Loan Bonds.

Louisiana registration fell 13,000 below the estimate made by the war department.

Submission to the States of a National prohibition amendment to the constitution, has been approved of and reported favorably by the Senate judiciary committee.

The wool shortage in the United States which was becoming very serious has been relieved by Great Britain releasing 45,000 bales of Australian wool for immediate shipment.

American methods and American ideals will cause the world to move forward, in a few years as ordinarily would require centuries, Schwab, the steel magnate declares as the result of the war.

Natchitoches parish has 3101 eligibles between the ages of 21-31 according to the number that registered on Tuesday, Registration Day, 1450 of whom were whites and 1651 negroes.

The Salmen yard at Slidell is already in operation, the Alchafalaya Shipyards are to be established at once on a forty seven acre plot of land at Derwick and a third at Chalmette just below New Orleans, making at least three shipyards for the building of both wood and steel vessels for the great American merchant fleet.

President Wilson's war message arranged with foot note references and notations to make it available for detailed study by schools, has been issued in pamphlet form which will be sent to schools, libraries, organizations or individuals applying for it. A movement will be started to make it a text book in school curricula.

Judge Paul Leche of Donaldsonville has been appointed to fill the vacancy on the Supreme Bench caused by the death of Mr. Justice Land until the expiration of the term in December 1918. While Judge Leche is a very able man, and fully capable of filling this high position with honor and credit, North Louisiana is entitled to some representation on this bench and she had several capable sons who were eligible, and the fact that this very important section of our commonwealth will be without any representation for this length of time, should have been taken into consideration by the honorable gentlemen who had the appointing within their power.

The value of the rural press is not realized by one farmer in a hundred. By this I mean that the farmer is slow to take advantage of the profits which the publicity of the press place at his command in the disposal of blooded stock and exchange or animals and the disposal of seed grain. There is no reason why the farmer should not avail himself of the advertising columns of the paper as well as the village merchant. By using printer's ink there are many instances where the products of the farm might be sold without loss of time incidental to taking the same to market and there disposing of it at a price named by the other fellow. This is especially true in the sale of blooded stock, as by advertising, buyers are attracted from long distances. The posting of a notice on the fence corner may have its virtues, but few people have the inclination to get out of their automobiles or tie up their teams to read a poorly written ad tacked up on a fence post. The same notice, perhaps at a cost not to exceed 25 cents, might be placed before a thousand farmers who would be permitted to read it while spending the evening around the parlor table. But advertising is a study in which business men have learned but the rudiments, so it should not be expected that the farmer will have taken any advanced ground in reference thereto. — H. C. Hötting, of National Editorial Association.

## Bells and Whistles Stimulate Buying of Liberty Loan Bonds

On Monday the following telegram was sent out by Mrs. N. D. McAdoo Chairman of the Woman's Liberty Loan Committee to Mr. Theo. M. Vail, president A. T. & T. Co., New York.

"The Woman's Liberty Loan Co. is arranging through the service of the Federal Banking District to have all bells in the United States ring at 9 o'clock every night from Monday June 11th to Thursday, June 14th inclusive. The bells will sound 4 strokes on Monday night, 3 on Tuesday night, 2 on Wednesday and one on Thursday night. Old Liberty Bell at Philadelphia to lead in Liberty Loan Bell ringing."

This stirring telegram was sent Mr. Sheppard local manager of the Co., who transmitted it to 200 different stations in his district and at the appointed hour in response to the local call, every church bell, the court house bell and every mill and train whistle in Natchitoches sounded the tocsin for the call to the Liberty Loan.

The last lap is nearing its close, subscription period ending today, and men and women of Natchitoches, it is within the power of nearly everyone of you to do your part. It is not only patriotic, but it is good business and for your country, your President, your democracy, humanity, your pride and your own protection. You must do your part. And now is the accepted time.

## Patriotism of the South.

The following article appeared in a well known magazine and has been copied and commented upon by a number of leading newspapers in the West and East.

Throughout the length and breadth of America the ringing cry of "My Country," has been echoing, and nowhere has the sky reverberated with its fervor more than in the sunny south. In homes where silver-haired veterans who wore the gray still recite in quivering voices the tale of the battles of the sixties—where the women who faced privation and dangers unparalleled in the history of the country during that glorious struggle, still live as feeble reminders of those stirring times, the Stars and Stripes are waving and the youths are buckling on their swords and offering themselves with enthusiasm to the country they worship. The women were among the first to organize, not only for hospital work, but for the manifold duties of the men, that they might be free to respond to the call to arms. And this remarkable rush to the defense of the beloved land and starry banner against which these same hands and those of their sires were raised a half century ago, is one of the things which lifts America above all other lands.

The Civil War was the bitterest and hardest fought struggle in modern history. The fair south, laid waste and devastated, stripped of its fairest fruits, and the flower of its manhood, rose from the ashes bitter with hatred from the conqueror. The Reconstruction period was the most desolate which has befallen any portion of our land. But the perspective which comes from time and understanding, has healed old scars, and now the common cry, "My Country," has completed the eradication of the line drawn between the north and south and in the hour of need, they are again one as they have not been in the past fifty years.

"America!" The magic of that name breathed with the deepest feeling in the heart of man—not respect, nor fear engendered by centuries of repression and inheritance—but of love cradled in liberty! Shoulder to shoulder the north and south stand ready to die in defense of that untarnished name, and the feeling of brotherhood is welded together as never before.

Wynonah Breazeale Johnson.

## The Farmers And The Liberty Loan

One aspect of the \$5,000,000,000 loan, the Liberty Loan of 1917, that the farmers of America may well consider is that a very great portion of the money raised by the bond issue will come directly into the pockets of the farmers of the Nation.

All of the money advanced to our allies will be expended in the United States and as they are making all of their own munitions practically all of the money advanced them will be spent for products of the farms—for cotton for clothing and high explosives, wool for clothing and leather for shoes; but by far the greater part of the money loaned our allies will be expended here for food products.

In a few months the United States will have under arms 1,200,000 men and 500,000 reserves in training; so including the Navy there will be 2,000,000 men that our Government will feed and clothe. This will make the United States Government by far the largest single customer the farmers of America have.

The Secretary of the Treasury is employing such methods in handling the loan that no community will be denied money by reason of Liberty Loan purchases. The money will be left in local banks and as the Government purchases food and supplies the money raised by the bond issue will pass back into the pockets of the people.

The farmers of the country should subscribe liberally to the Liberty Loan Bonds. They get the safest investment in the world and their money supplies their best customer the funds to purchase their products. This is political economy—the wisdom of which is plain to everyone.

## Merchants & Farmers Bank Robbed

The boldest and most sensational event that has ever occurred in the history of Natchitoches, was a bank robbery on Thursday evening about one o'clock, when the town was crowded with people from every section of the parish, and visitors from many sections of the State.

According to custom the cashier of the Merchants & Farmers Bank, Mr. A. E. Bath had just returned from dinner and assistant cashier, Mr. Flowers Hill left for his, and Mr. Bath was busy at the adding machine when he was overpowered from the rear, evidently by a strong man as his throat will bear the impress of fingers for a long time, a heavy piece of canvas saturated with some drug thrown over his face and he was ordered not to make any outcry.

Not being in very good health, Mr. Bath evidently succumbed to the effects immediately as it could not have been very long after, when a couple of patrons entered the bank to transact some business and found him on the floor unconscious and the alarm was given but it was sometime before the doctors could bring him to. In his semi-conscious state he kept trying to say something and finally when the words "vault," "rob" were understood an investigation was made and the money at the cashier's window was untouched, a package of \$250.00 in \$5.00 bills was scattered on the floor of the vault. A hasty examination of books and money was made and about \$3400 or \$3500 was found missing. The Sheriff and his assistants at once went to work, wired and phoned along every possible route, but without the slightest clew. Saturday morning the Southern Surety Co., had a representative here and also the State Bank Examiner's office sent a man, and a careful investigation was made without anything further being discovered.

It was a well laid plot, made by one or more thoroughly familiar with the habits of the officials plan of the building, and other little details necessary to carry it out as perfectly as was the case, but both the local, State and National concerns interested will leave nothing undone to solve the mystery.

## The Louisiana Regiments.

Pride in the fine showing made by their commands in Friday's parade is justifiable in Col. Frank P. Stubbs, of the First Louisiana, and Lieut. Col. Allison Owen, of the Washington Artillery.

To thousands on the streets the showing of the two organizations was something of a revelation. Both exhibited the results of the arduous training they have been doing, marching with a fine and even swing and conducting their evolutions with noticeable precision.

Better set-up troops have not been seen on the streets of New Orleans, and the effects of healthful camp-life and rugged exercise out-of-doors have never been more effectively illustrated. One of the striking features of the parade was the adequacy and smartness of the equipment of both the infantry and the artillery.

The whole State ought to be proud of these young men from city and country who represent the best type of her young manhood. If, before this great war is ended, they are to go to the front the next day, no misgivings as to how they will bear themselves for her honor and glory.—States.

## Farmer Boys' Short Course At L. I. I.

Beginning Wednesday, July 11th, and continuing for three days, the Agricultural Department of the Louisiana Industrial Institute at Ruston will offer to the farmer boys of North Louisiana and other interested in agriculture its First Annual Farmer Boys' Short Course.

A broad and practical course, touching on almost all phases of farm life has been arranged, and well-known agricultural speakers will be on hand to present the various topics. Practical lectures, illustrated talks, demonstrations, etc., will be given, and the model farm, the modern dairy barn, creamery and all other features of the Agricultural Department will be open for inspection and study at all times.

Although the course has been arranged with the interests, mainly, of the boys in mind, it is hoped there will be a good attendance of farmers as well, because the work will be of such a character as to be of benefit to them. Instruction will be entirely without cost. All boys who come will be taken care of at the Institute at the small cost of 75 cents per day for board and room. Parents need not be afraid to let their boys come alone, as they will be carefully taken care of while in Ruston.

A detailed program course has been prepared and will be mailed to anyone interested in the work. Any additional information can be secured by writing to the Department of Agriculture, L. I. I., Ruston, La.



Violet Marseau in "The Honor of Mary Blake," Olympic Theatre Tonight

## District Court

The mills of justice while grinding exceeding small, are grinding exceedingly fast and the temple of justice is about the busiest mart in town. From early morning until late at night, several nights last week until several hours after midnight, court sat with crowds in attendance at each and every session when several very big murder cases were being tried.

The docket which is the heaviest in years is being cleaned quite rapidly and up to date the following cases have been disposed of:

State vs F. M. Hazel, obtaining money under false pretenses, pleaded guilty, 6 mos., sentence suspended during good behavior.

Frank Williams, pleaded guilty to manslaughter, sentence not less than 6 years nor more than 15 years in penitentiary.

May 25th  
Scott Woods and Walter Hill, alias Isaacs, pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary and larceny, remanded for sentence.

Aaron Calhoun, Dink McGee, B. C. Calhoun and Chas. Calhoun pleaded guilty to cutting timber; 10,00 and costs or 30 days.

Crit Murray pleaded guilty to disturbing peaceable assembly; \$100.00 and 10 days in jail, and 3 months additional in default of payment of fine.

Doss Cook pleaded guilty to disturbing peaceable assembly; \$10.00 and 10 days in jail.

May 28th  
Albert Holman and Alex Taylor, pleaded guilty to striking fish; \$25.00 or 30 days on road.

May 29th  
Joe McGough, pleaded guilty to burglary and larceny, not less than 3 nor more than 6 years in penitentiary.

Alex Taylor pleaded guilty to larceny 3 months on road.

May 30th  
Virgil Rogers pleaded guilty to larceny; sentence deferred.

May 31st  
Oscar Gimes pleaded guilty to shooting with intent to murder; not less than 12 nor more than 20 years in penitentiary.

June 1st  
Joe Perot pleaded guilty to larceny; 15 days in jail.

Paul Ocon pleaded guilty to cruelty to animals; \$25.00 and 2 months in jail; and in default of payment of fine 20 days additional.

Lawrence Lorens, pleaded guilty to fishing in Cane River; \$5.00 or 5 days in jail.

Andrew Wilson pleaded guilty to bigamy, sentence deferred.

John Lorens, John Hanson, Phillip Jefferson and Mauer Balthazar pleaded guilty to fishing in Cane River; \$5.00 or 5 days in jail.

A. J. Hertzog, same charge, \$10.00 or 5 days.

E. J. Mahfouz, keeping tipping shop; tried, found guilty; \$50.00 and 6 months, and in default of payment of fine 6 months additional.

June 2nd  
Jonas Jones, liquor, guilty, \$500.00 and 6 mos., 12 mos. additional in default.

Twenie Johnson, liquor, guilty, \$500.00 and 6 mos., and in default of payment of fine 6 mos. additional.

Clara Foster, liquor, guilty, \$500.00 and 6 mos., and in default of payment of fine 6 mos. additional.

June 6th  
First jury trial was Geo. Daniels, negro, charged with shooting Justin Rachal, white, with intent to murder; found guilty of shooting with intent to kill.

Jack Henry, murder, trial by jury, guilty without capital punishment.

State vs Carol Jones, murder, not guilty.

June 8th  
Buck Jones and Teboy Rachal, burglary and larceny. Teboy Rachal, guilty, Burk Jones, not guilty.

## The Part of the Press

Beaumont Enterprise.

Newspapers of the United States are today doing as much or more for the government than any other class of business institutions. Their columns are filled daily with appeals in behalf of the liberty loan bonds, in behalf of recruitment for the army and navy. And for these things they receive no pay.

While providing appropriations to cover every other sort of expense incidental to the war, not a dime was provided for publicity, other than what could be furnished by the government printing office.

It appears to be the expectation of congressmen and senators that such advertising as is necessary for war purposes will be given free by the newspapers. And this expectation is being shown to be correct. Nor are the newspapers complaining. They are patriotic, and are willing to do their bit in any way the government may desire.

But it would seem that these same congressmen and senators, who take the co-operation of the newspapers for granted, should refrain from seeking to handicap the already heavily burdened press by excessive taxed or by insane censorship rules.

## American Red Cross.

The headquarters in the Williams Building is now open every day from 9 to 11 o'clock. The membership fee is one dollar and everyone is asked to join. Becoming a member entails nothing more than paying one dollar unless one desires to take part in the work. Come in any morning between 9 and 11 and be enrolled. Buttons to members only 10cts apiece.

The American Red Cross is the humanitarian arm of the United States government and the only relief agency which would be recognized by our government in time of war. The work that this great order is doing in the world cannot be over-estimated and the task which has been set for us to do is gigantic and many things must be considered seriously, and of the many, the greatest are Service, Efficiency and Output.

The idea of Red Cross is a service-idea that emphasizes that giving is a privilege.

And Red Cross work is not now a fad, but a very essential and important part of the preparedness of our country and one that should be taken up with all our hearts and minds.

## Rich Bond Buyer Shamed by Sacrifice of a Trained Nurse

Mrs. Eloise DeBlieux Has Given Two Stalwart Sons to Army; Will Soon Go Herself.

Mrs. Eloise DeBlieux, who was graduated as a trained nurse at the Charity Hospital on May 11, has returned from her vacation which she was granted just after graduation. She is again at work at the big hospital and is working hard for entry into the army service as a nurse.

And she has a good reason behind her ambition. For she has given two stalwart boys to her country and they are now members of Company A, First Louisiana Infantry and are ready for any orders that may come.

One of the boys, Corporal Earl DeBlieux, is studying hard and hopes to win a commission on the next call for officers. He is just 21 and a fine strapping young soldier. His younger brother, Eric, is 18, a bigger in his brother's company and the mother is just too proud of her boys for anything.

Recently while at her home in Natchitoches, a rich man was bragging about what he had done for his country when he subscribed for a thousand Liberty Loan bonds. He was feeling mighty good over his act and was inclined to be rather puffed up about it.

"You say you have subscribed for a thousand dollar bonds?" asked a man who heard him. "That's fine. But it is as nothing to what this woman has done," he added indicating Mrs. DeBlieux, who was standing by.

"Is that so? Well, what has she done?" inquired the bond buyer again in the thought that he had more money than anybody about.

"Nothing much, only given her two boys to the army and she isn't done yet, for she is trying to fit herself for an army Red Cross nurse. Her two boys are worth more to her country than a hundred bonds and she gave them willingly."

"Did Mrs. DeBlieux swell up with pride when she heard that?" she did. And she admits that every time she thinks of her fine boys and how they are ready to do and die for their country, she swells a little more.

"It would pretty near finish me if anything happened to either of those boys," she admitted last night to the Shreveport Times. "But I'd rather go through that than know they were yellow and unwilling to do their bit. I sure am proud of my fine soldier boys," and she looked it, every bit.—Shreveport Times.

Most people are finding a little difficulty in understanding what "food control" means in the United States. The Department of Justice has attempted frequently, but with almost negative results. However did better work in Belgium than any American in Europe. And now he is being given about as "free a hand" as is conceded to the head of any department of Government work. Hoover made a fortune in mining, and developed a splendid reputation on account of his ability to prevent the control of food by speculators, and to see to it that prices are not boosted out of reason. It is said that the big buyers of food are the ones that are to be looked after most closely, and the intention is to let the producer work out his own problems to a large degree.

## Help Your Country and Make Money for Yourself

Uncle Sam must have the money QUICKLY to build thousands of food and munition-carrying ships, to raise equip and maintain an army of 4,000,000 men, to give us a standing like many. In short, to enable our country to carry on its share of the great war for the FREEDOM OF THE WORLD.

YOU can do YOUR part by lending the Government some of your savings. Invest now in one or more of the Liberty Loan Bonds. You will be helping yourself while you help your country. The bonds pay 3% interest and are as good as gold. There is an easy payment plan. For example, if you want to buy one of the \$50.00 bonds, you can make your payments at this bank, as follows:

2%	when you buy the bond	\$ 1.00
15%	on June 21, 1917	9.00
30%	on July 20, 1917	18.00
30%	on Aug. 18, 1917	15.00
30%	on Aug. 24, 1917	15.00
		\$50.00

The bonds will be dated June 15, 1917, and will run for 30 years, when the Government will repay the principal. Twice a year the owner will receive interest at the rate of 3 1/2% a year.

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