

RED CROSS CHAPTER ORGANIZED IN LEXINGTON

Dr. Josiah Morse Delivers Eloquent Address to Large and Very Enthusiastic Audience

At an enthusiastic and well attended meeting in the Court House here Friday night the people of Lexington County organized themselves into a Red Cross Chapter. Nearly all the Red Cross branches throughout the County had representatives present to assist in the formation of the Chapter and to assure the new officers of their cooperation. An address by Dr. Josiah Morse was the chief feature of the interesting program which had been arranged.

Dr. Morse has been engaged in Red Cross work in this State since obtaining his leave from the University of South Carolina, where he was a valued member of the faculty, and he stated Friday night that the formation of this Chapter privileged the American Red Cross to say that there was not a county in South Carolina which did not have at least one Red Cross Chapter. That the American Red Cross, the speaker said, should have grown in less than a year's time from 25,000 to more than 22,000,000 members was little short of a miracle. There are as many members already in the organization as there are families in our Country, when less than a year ago the vast majority of us had never heard of the Red Cross.

Answering his question as to what there was in the Red Cross that so appealed to American hearts and minds Dr. Morse referred to a statement made by Hon. C. M. Efrid in introducing him that in the beginning God created man and woman very different one from the other, and commented that however true that might be, ever since that time all succeeding human beings had been born of both man and woman, and that bound up within each one are both the female and the male limitations, and therein lies the secret of the Red Cross and of many other things. To understand the rapid rise and growth of this wonderful organization it is necessary to go back to the very ingredients of human nature itself, and there in the soil of the heart we shall find the explanation. In each of us there is the good and the bad, the beast and the human, mixed with the divine, and this great world calamity is bringing out to the utmost all that is within us.

Our minds and imaginations are too weak to take in the awful pain and sorrow and suffer immittance upon the destruction of thousands and tens of thousands and even hundreds of thousands of human lives on the battle fields of Europe, and the hunger and hardships that will result to those who remain at home. And yet, never in the history of the world have the beasts brought about one-half so much suffering; it was man, fearfully and wonderfully made with this God-given mind who had invented these terrible engines of destruction and inflicted all this pain and caused all this sorrow. But happily we are wonderfully made and the divine spark which has lain dormant in human beings all over the world has at last awakened and has a result of this we have the Red Cross—not only in America, but in Italy, in France, in England, in Russia. It doesn't matter, the speaker stressed, whether you are in sympathy with this war for the fact is that human beings are suffering and they need sympathy and kindness, and that is what the Red Cross is for.

It is a purely volunteer organization. No one is forced to join it. Each one of its twenty-two million members has joined voluntarily, and they understood when they joined that they would get nothing material in return for their membership fee. Members do not have to make surgical dressings, they do not have to sew for the Red Cross, they do not have to make hospital supplies unless they so elect.

The head of the Red Cross in this Country is President Wilson, by virtue of this office. The general working head is Henry P. Davis, the part-

ner of J. Pierpont Morgan. He has given up his work, in which he was making millions, to direct the work of the Red Cross at one dollar a year. And there are thousands and tens of thousands of men and women like him all over the country who have laid aside their vocation to work for the alleviation of human suffering at munificent salary of one dollar a year.

The Red Cross is the only organization in this Country which has been chartered by Congress to render assistance to the soldiers and sailors of America, wherever they may be. The closest intimacy exists between the Red Cross and the United States government, and from this fact the question might be suggested why doesn't the government take it over? There are two reasons: one is that never in the annals of history has a government done this kind of work. Their work is to make soldiers and sailors, to fight battles, to win victories. Our Uncle Sam is simply able to finance any kind of an organization, and it was not because of pecuniary embarrassment that the Government refrained those who are the recipients of the aid this organization gives are of our own flesh and bone, and we are not willing for anyone else to do it, even had they offered to.

Dr. Morse told the interesting story of how the Red Cross had been the result of an agitation started in Italy in 1859 by a Swiss tourist who witnessed the terrible scene of thirty thousand wounded and dying soldiers left helpless among the dead on a battlefield near Solferino. He returned from the battlefield to the little city and so stirred its populace by his appeals that he was accompanied back to the scene of the suffering by a handful of its residents, and there they ministered unto those who were still capable of receiving their attention. Upon his return, to his Swiss home, this gentleman wrote pamphlet after pamphlet, and distributed them all over Europe. After a few years this leaven began to work and in 1863 a conference was called at Geneva, Switzerland, to effect ways and means to form an organization to look after the sick and wounded the dying, and the hungering. They decided to go back to their respective countries and try to get their rulers to send delegates the following year to a conference in which to bind their countries to respect the neutrality of this organization in all succeeding wars. In honor to founder of the organization they took the flag of his native Country and reversed it, making a red cross on a white field, and made this their symbol. It has no religious significance, but only typifies what the order stands for. That year fourteen European nations bound themselves together to respect the neutrality of this new organization, and never from that day to this has any nation broken its solemn pledge with the single exception of Germany, which has treated that as it has other treaties—more scraps of paper.

The speaker prophesied that we are now living at the dawn of a new era, an era which will be as different from the great past as the period before the coming of Christ differed from that since, and he pointed to the American Red Cross as the morning star which heralded the dawn; an organization with twenty-two million members who had given of their money and their time and their labor without material profit to themselves or hope of power or political position. It will require all of us for many generations, he said, to replace what has been destroyed in the past four years but, characterized by the spirit of brotherhood and human kindness which will pervade the new era, the task will be sure of accomplishment.

As great and noble and heroic as was the assistance rendered the men of the late Civil war by their women, it would have been a great deal more far-reaching and efficient, Dr. Morse said, had they been organized and their work systematized and regularly conducted along a well-ordered plan. Now the American people mean to see to it that no soldier or sailor, no matter how humble he may be, nor what his religious creed or political party, who wears his Country's uniform, shall die because of

lack of medical attention. In addition to this, there is the welfare work of the organization in which department the needs of those who are made widows and orphans are cared for. No wife nor child in a home where the breadwinner is offering himself on his Country's altar shall suffer unduly therefor.

In closing, Dr. Morse said this was an historic night in this community. There were those present, he felt, who in after life would look back to this occasion and bless the time they were given the opportunity to join such an organization, that in the very first years of the great war they became members of the American Red Cross.

At the conclusion of Dr. Morse's address a business session was held and a permanent organization of the Lexington County Red Cross chapter effected. The following were elected to propose suitable officers and committees for the organization: C. M. Efrid, T. R. Keisler, W. E. Sawyer and Mrs. W. H. Riser. While this committee was retired, Rev. Foster Speer and Senator E. C. Ridgell made interesting and patriotic talks.

Upon the nominating committees report the following officers and committees were elected:

Chairman, Dr. J. J. Wingard; first vice chairman, Ernestine Barre; second vice chairman, Mrs. J. P. Meetze.

Secretary, Ruth Efrid.

Treasurer, Mrs. C. H. Van Ormer.

Extension committee, Mr. T. C. Callison, Miss Annie Martha Meetze, Dr. P. H. Shealy.

Membership committee, Mrs. A. C. Sawyer, Mrs. Reed Addy, Mrs. J. A. Muller, Dr. Rice B. Harman, Mr. W. D. Dent.

Publicity committee, Mr. S. J. Leaphart, Dr. Funderburk, Mr. J. S. Caughman, Rev. W. H. Riser.

Finance committee, Mr. Frank George, Mr. T. P. Meetze, Mr. Rhude Roberts, Mr. K. F. Oswald, Mr. H. N. Kaminier.

Chairman of woman's work, Miss Caro Efrid.

Canteen service committee, Mr. C. E. Taylor, Mrs. Carrie May Wingard, Miss Elvira Harmon, Mr. W. J. McCartha.

Junior membership committee, Mrs. E. G. Dreher, Miss Annie Lou Taylor, Mrs. S. B. George.

Civilian relief committee, Dr. J. H. Mathias, Dr. G. F. Roberts, Mrs. W. P. Roof, Mrs. T. R. Keisler.

ELDRIDGE'S BOOK WINS HIGH PRAISE

Principles Upon Which Successful Advertising is Done.

The second edition of "Making Advertising Pay," by H. F. Eldridge, of the advertising department of The State, is just coming from the press.

A review of Theodore H. Price in the current issue of Commerce and Finance, New York, says: "Making Advertising Pay," by Harold F. Eldridge, contains so many practical hints and suggestions that it proves its right to the title.

It is a compilation of methods and experience records drawn from many sources, with comment on the various phases of advertising by recognized authorities.

Books on advertising frequently deal in an abstract way with the problems of the retail and wholesale merchant. "Making Advertising Pay" gives specific concrete problems and shows logical ways to solve them.

In the foreword Mr. Eldridge says: "This book is an attempt to place before merchants, business men and inexperienced or prospective advertisers the basic principles upon which successful advertising must be built." Most readers will agree that he has accomplished his purpose.

The book is divided into the following sections:

1. The economical and social side of advertising.
2. Advertising for the wholesaler and manufacturer.
3. How successful retailers get results from advertising.
4. Analysis of the physiological task of advertising.

ENTERTAINMENT AT CALVARY SCHOOL

On Friday night March 8th, a play will be given, and during the evening music by the Swansea Male Quartette will be an added attraction. Refreshments will be served Admission 10c and 15c. The public is cordially invited, and an evening of pleasure is promised to all.

TILLMAN IN THE RACE; LEVER MAY ANNOUNCE

Washington, March 5.—Senator B. R. Tillman tonight announced his candidacy for reelection as senator from South Carolina. The senior senator in a prepared statement calls attention to his position as chairman of the committee on naval affairs, his work for the navy in that connection and his influence in official Washington. He declares that the world war has so changed the situation since his announcement in 1914 that he would not be a candidate to succeed himself that he now believes he can best serve his State and the nation by remaining in the senate.

Representative A. F. Lever of the Seventh South Carolina District, chairman of the house agricultural committee, also issued a statement in which he says that although strong representations have been and are being made to him he has no positive announcement to make in regard to his ultimate intention touching on the senatorial race.

The above statements from Senator Tillman and Congressman Lever have been the source of much conjecture in this county as Lexington is Mr. Lever's home county and Senator Tillman has always had a large political following here. It is the general opinion of many that Mr. Lever will be a candidate for the Senate in spite of the above statement of Senator Tillman. There is also another phase of this political talk that makes it interesting to Lexingtonians which is the candidacy of Solicitor George Bell Timmerman for Mr. Lever's seat in Congress in the event that Mr. Lever runs for the senate. Already Solicitor Timmerman has received a large number of letters from different counties in the 7th Congressional District urging him to become a candidate. Mr. Timmerman could not be seen today as he is in Edgefield holding court, but some of his close friends stated that it was an assured fact that he would be a candidate if Mr. Lever ran for the Senate.

BRIGHT LIGHTS

Such as Terven-Childs Electric Co., Columbia, supply you with, or install for you, make sharp eyes. It don't pay to have dim lights in your homes or in business house or office, when the "electric way" may be furnished at reasonable cost. Let us install electric lights in your home. We do all kinds of wiring and sell you supplies at right prices. See advertisement in this issue.

FOUND—Automobile license number 833 Dealer. Owner can have same by calling at the Dispatch-News office and paying for this advertisement.

FLOUR CENSUS WILL CLOSE MARCH 10th.

I have received the following telegram from the State Food Administrator:

"Suggest flour census be closed March 10th so that I may have report for Washington meeting on the 12th.

ELLIOT.

All persons who have more than a thirty day supply of flour on hand are urgently requested to report the same to the County Food Administrator or to their nearest food representative before the 10th day of March.

The reports can be made to the following persons:

- T. C. Callison, Lexington, S. C.
- O. E. Still, New Brookland, S. C.
- S. E. Mathias, Irmo, S. C.
- R. W. Frick, Chapin, S. C.
- W. H. Suber, Peak, S. C.
- Leo Hallman, Gilbert, S. C.
- F. O. Shealy, Summit, S. C.
- John P. Able, Leesville, S. C.
- A. C. Jones, Batesburg, S. C.
- J. P. Copeland, Baxter, S. C.
- Tom R. Quattlebaum, Steedman, S. C.
- D. F. Shumpert, Pelion, S. C.
- James Half Thor, S. C.
- L. O. Rast, Swansea, S. C.
- W. J. Cayce, Cayce, S. C.
- T. C. CALLISON, Co. Food Admr.

ENTERTAINMENT AT RED KNOLL

There will be an entertainment at Red Knoll school house Friday night the 8th, for the benefit of the school. There will also be refreshments served. The public is invited.

REGISTRANTS CLASSIFIED BY MEDICAL ADVISORY BOARD

DEATH OF MRS. PAUL SPIRES.

Mrs. Margaret Elvier Spires was born 1856 April 6. She departed this life March 3, 1918. Making her stay on earth 62 years, 10 months and 29 days. She lived 40 of these years, a happy and lovable wife to Mr. J. Paul Spires.

She leaves two sisters and one brother, one child, 9 grandchildren and many relatives and friends to mourn her departure. She was a kind and loving to all and loved by all who knew her. She was a true member to her church all her days.

The people of the community have been very kind to the bereaved and we wish to extend our sincere thanks to them for their kindness.

J. W. Hudson was her pastor and officiated at her funeral.

JAMES RILEY LUCAS.

James Riley Lucas was born Nov. 12th, 1842 and died February 20th, 1918. Age 76 years, 3 months and 9 days. He is survived by one sister, Mrs. Lizzie Goodwin of Swansea and two brothers, Daniel Lucas of Gaston and Thomas Lucas of Swansea, also 2 sons Henry and A. James and 5 daughters as follows: Mrs. Mary Sturkie, Mrs. Ellen Sturkie, Mrs. Mattie Jefecoat, Mrs. Minnie Mack, and Mrs. Ollie Kirby, and 32 grand children.

JOHN J. REEDER

John J. Reeder, a well known citizen of the Swansea section of this county died in the City hospital at Florence, S. C., February 21st, after being operated on for a violent attack of appendicitis. Mr. Reeder had suffered for sometime but delayed having an operation performed thinking that he would recover without it. However a few days before his death he became worse and was rushed to the hospital in Florence for an operation, but it was too late, death following in a short while.

Mr. Reeder was born and reared and lived the greater part of his life in Lexington county being a son of the late Joseph W. Reeder of near Swansea, going to Florence county sometime ago to engage in the saw mill business, where he resided at the time of his death. He was about 50 years of age and is survived by a wife and seven children, 4 sons and 3 daughters. The funeral services held the following day at New Hope church near Pelion.

Mr. Reeder was a man of many strong traits of character and leaves a large circle of friends to mourn his death. He was generous-hearted and loyal to his friends, ever ready to help those who were in distress sparing neither time nor money.

DEPUTY COLLECTOR HUNTER HERE THIS WEEK.

Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, Jas. H. Hunter will be here this week from Tuesday 5th to Saturday 9th, for the purpose of assisting income taxpayers in making out their returns. The time for filing these returns expires April 1st, and it is very important that all persons liable to this tax make their return. Those who fail to do so will suffer a heavy penalty. Mr. Hunter will occupy the Grand Jury room in the Court House as an office while here.

NEW STORE IN TOWN.

Did you know that we have a new store in town, with a new, fresh stock of groceries, etc. Mr. J. Frank Kleckley, has gone into business here with a nice, select stock of such goods as the public needs. His prices are all right and he will get his share of the general trade. He cordially invites his friends to call and see him, at the Hall-Connelly old stand. See his Advertisement in this paper.

GOVERNOR MANNING ISSUES A PARDON

Governor Manning has issued a pardon to restore citizenship to Warren C. Yonce, of Lexington county, who in June 1915, was convicted of larceny and sentenced to serve thirty days or pay a fine of \$100. Yonce paid the fine. The pardon was granted on request from Solicitor Timmerman of that circuit.

Registrants from Lexington county appearing before the Medical Advisory Board in Columbia last week, were classified as follows:

- ACCEPTED.
- Jesse V. Roof
 - George Harris Winstead
 - Henderson Rowe
 - Raford Donly Crafts
 - Tanance F. Drafts
 - George Kesler
 - P. T. Martin
 - Rosco C. Young
 - Adrian Gunter
 - John L. Neese
 - Thos W. Lybrand
 - William Henry Sox
 - Herschel Lee Shealy
 - Thomas Newton Grandy
 - J. W. Hendrix
 - William Kneece Keisler
 - Willbur Rodgers
 - Willie C. Langford
 - Ollie Bowman
 - Everett Frederick Fox
 - Malcolm Loyd Huffstetler
 - Freddie Anderson
 - Adolphus McGowan
 - Matthew Rawl
 - Abraham Sulton
 - Elliott Lewie
 - Thomas Asbury Warren
 - Lawrence F. Derrick
 - James Roland Swygert
 - Ernest W. Derrick
 - Joe C. Barr
 - Charlie Spearman
 - Callie Columbus Harmon
 - John Glasgow
 - Clifton Perry
 - Jacob Drafts Boozer
 - Frank Lawson
 - Frank H. Cherry
 - Eddie L. Corley
 - William O. Cumalander
 - Simmie Drafts
 - Lafayette McCarty
 - Walter Linard Williams
 - Henry Hay
 - Ocy Etheridge
 - Zeechie O. Glenn

LIMITED SERVICE

- Haskell Unger
- Mike Rawl
- Ernest Leon Frick
- Arthur McDaniel
- Thurston Patrick Sharpe
- esse James Anderson
- Jam Johnson, Jr.
- L. Baker
- Henry B. Craps
- S. Busby
- Lee Sox
- Wis Fartick
- Oscar Slice
- Elmer Erby Seay
- Ross William Hartley
- Killian Loyd Steele
- Winlow D. Burgin
- Elon Monroe Long
- Willie D. Kyzer
- Talmage Tillman Hall
- Johnson Robertson
- Thomas Adam Sox
- Carl L. Thornton
- Nathan B. Wannamaker
- Henry Hampton Shull
- Robert Hilliard Dyches
- Jerry Kern Williams
- Ernest Ambrose Amick
- James L. Keisler.

REJECTED

- Buck Bristow
- Bearden Roof
- Edd Robison
- Joseph Henry Meets
- Thomas Clifton Shumpert
- Cute Ellis King
- Willie C. Mack
- Robert Leaphart
- Barnard Bachman
- Columbus Gunter

RAISE FOODSTUFFS OR STARVE, SOUTH IS TOLD

Memphis, Tenn., March 4.—Raise foodstuffs or starve.

That is what the farmers of the south are being told by agricultural experts and the newspapers. The southern States have never produced enough foodstuffs to feed themselves. Always great stores of food have been moved south from the north and cotton has been sent north in exchange. With the railroads congested and European countries crying for every pound of food America can spare, the south must not draw a sufficient amount at all hazards.

It is pointed out that the world can get along with seven or eight million bales of cotton, against the usual 10 or 15 million bales, and that instead of producing a surplus of cotton the south must produce fully one-third more foodstuff or go hungry."