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The Sumter Watchman was founded in 1850 and the True Southron in 1866. The Watchman and Southron now has the combined circulation and influence of both of the old papers, and is manifestly the best advertising medium in Sumter.

Deferred Classes.
The government draft boards have been putting certain railroad employees, mechanics and certain farm laborers in a deferred class. The idea is that these men would contribute to the support of the government on the railways, in the factories and on the farms. An employe of a railroad was deferred because of his occupation. A month after he was deferred he worked just one-half the time and was not ill. This man or any other man who so acts should be reclassified and put in class one. A story came to one of the draft boards a few days ago about a young man who was deferred for the reason that he was regarded as necessary on the farm for the upkeep of the farm and for the support of his father and mother. In this case the government agent ascertained that the young man had spent most of his time after he was classified loafing in the village. The government agent recommended that he be moved from class three to class one. People who are in deferred classes because of industrial occupation or because of dependents are in danger of going up to class one if they do not contribute to the support of the government. Registrants should remember that their classifications will be changed at any time if it is found that the causes for deferring them do not exist.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

Return Tillman to Senate.
Raleigh News and Observer.
South Carolina Democrats meet in Columbia today to make arrangements for the primary at which they will nominate candidates for the United States senate and for practically every State and county office. Senator Tillman, whose term expires next year is a candidate to succeed himself, other candidates being Nat B. Dial, a banker of Laurens, and Cole L. Blease, former governor. Congressman A. F. Lever, chairman of the house agricultural committee, is considering entering the race for the senate.

South Carolina should return Senator Tillman to the senate. It would take many years for any one else to attain to the position of power and usefulness that he has reached.

The South has great power in both houses of congress because it has sent good men to the national legislature, and kept them there, giving them an opportunity to learn how to be of service to the country and then time enough to put into practice what they have learned. Senator Tillman has been a great power for popular legislation in the senate and his support of the administration has been loyal and powerful. As chairman of the naval affairs committee he has demanded and been decidedly effective in securing adequate appropriations for this great arm of the nation's military forces and on all the great questions which have come before the senate he has been sound and patriotic.

Senator Tillman is not the vigorous fighter perhaps that he was at one time, but if there is any lack of fire that used to mark his activities it is more than made up for by the increased wisdom and the broadened experience which many years in the senate have brought him. It would be a mistake at this time to replace him with a man without congressional experience and who could not in years and probably never make himself as useful as Senator Tillman is.

While crossing the stream is not a time to swap horses, the war is going through its crucial period. Coming will be years when the services of the men and tested legislators will be needed. Men who are standing by registration should be kept in mind.

Never is a very useful word in filling a highly important position. Chairman of the committee and it is his duty to give information to the branch of the committee and to make a record of the work done and suffer if necessary for the sake of the senate.

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AMERICAN RAID SUCCESSFUL.

"SAMMIES" ACCOMPLISH WORK QUICKLY IN MONTDIDIER REGION.

Berlin Telegram States Heavy Losses Were Inflicted Upon American Raiders.

With the American Army in France, May 25, Saturday.—(By the Associated Press): American forces in the Montdidier region carried out a silent raid upon enemy positions yesterday, killing six men and capturing one. Without the assistance of the artillery the Americans slipped into the enemy trenches and quickly accomplished their work.

German Account.

Amsterdam, May 26.—"Heavy losses were inflicted upon the Americans on the Picardy front in the repulse of strong American patrols yesterday west of Montdidier, it is claimed in a semi-official German report received today in a Berlin telegram.

The report in the course of a description of yesterday's military operations says:

"West of Montdidier strong American patrols advanced against our front. One American patrol was entirely cut up by our fire. The others were thrown back by counter-attack. The Americans thereby suffered heavy losses."

Militarists vs. "Yankees."

Amsterdam, May 26.—Regarding the American "hordes" training in the French camps the semi-official North German Gazette, of Berlin, remarks:

"Fresh reinforcements are meanwhile maturing in our recruiting depots behind the front and we will wait and see whether the lightning-trained Yankee will hold his own against the German lads who have had military training from their youth."

Bethel School Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Bethel school, Privateer township, last Wednesday and Thursday evenings were attended by hundreds of ladies and gentlemen, a great many from this city also being present both evenings.

Bethel school, a recognized leader among rural schools, outstripped or exceeded its former commencement exercises this year in the opinion of many of the fortunate guests. The exercises showed artistic, dramatic, musical, and highly trained talent throughout.

The teachers, Miss Dora Jones, principal, Misses Katy Pitts, Alice Pugh, and Mattie Gibson have every right to feel proud of the very creditable exhibition of excellent training by their fully one hundred and fifty pupils, boys and girls.

The patrons of Bethel School are doubtless congratulating themselves also that their teachers have put in a hard but successful year's work intelligently moulding the minds of their charges during the past scholastic year. It would be hard to decide which of the grades did the best—call it a draw. The program was as follows:

Wednesday Evening.

Mother Goose Operetta—By Primary Grades.

Fairy Queen—By Intermediate and Grammar Grades.

Red Cross Talk—By Mr. L. E. Wood.

Thursday Evening.

The Contest of the Nations, a Cantata, by High School girls.

Four minute talk on Thrift Stamps by E. I. Reardon.

Commencement Exercises proper.

Prayer—Rev. Wm. Haynsworth.

Essay—Miss Marie Hodge.

Essay—Mr. Hazel Kolb.

Introduction of speaker—Rev. Wm. Haynsworth.

Address—Mr. A. S. Harby.

Delivering of diplomas—Mr. S. D. Cain.

Delivering of medals—Mr. C. L. Cuttino.

The medals were won by Miss Marie Hodge, Miss Melba Kolb, Aerial Feedings, Olivia Tindal.

Report of school—Miss Dora L. Jones, Principal.

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Paris, May 27.—Lieut. Kiss, reputed to be the leading Austrian aviator, has been killed in an aerial battle, according to dispatch from Berne.

PRESIDENT TO CONGRESS.

A PRACTICAL APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM OF LAWMAKERS.

Woodrow Wilson Asks Congress to Quit Playing Politics and Take up War Tax Problem in Earnest and at Once.

By Associated Press.

Washington, May 27.—President Wilson took charge of the war tax legislation tangle today. Appearing unexpectedly in joint session of congress he declared that it was necessary to proceed immediately with the new war tax laws. He said there was no way to meet the problem of financing the war except for congress to remain in session and go ahead at once. The principal increases in taxation, he said, should be on incomes, war profits and luxuries. It would be manifestly unfair, he said, to wait until 1919 before determining what the new taxes are to be. In specific terms the president warned against lobbying in connection with the new bill. He appealed to congress to approach the great task without selfishness or fear of political consequences. He said there need be no hesitancy in taxing the country if it were taxed justly. At the conclusion President Wilson unexpectedly made a brief extemporaneous statement, saying that he heard as he was leaving the White House that the new German drive had apparently begun, and that it added to the solemnity of his conception of the country's duty.

The Shiloh Commencement.

The Shiloh graded school has kindly extended a general invitation to all of the officers and members of the Sumter Chamber of Commerce to attend the graduating exercises of that large and progressive school at 8.30 next Friday evening, May 31st.

This thoughtfulness on the part of the teachers and pupils of Shiloh school is very highly appreciated by the business men of Sumter, and doubtless quite a number of Sumter ladies and gentlemen will avail themselves of the opportunity to spend a delightful evening with the good people of Shiloh school, because the commencement exercises of this institution of learning are always of an unusually interesting character.

Professor C. B. Epling and Miss Marion Sturkey, the teachers of Shiloh school, are of the modern school educators and in addition to being splendid teachers, they have the happy faculty of making friends for their schools and working towards uniting the people of their school districts and the people of the city and country into close friendship.

The 1918 graduating class is composed of Misses Willie Rebecca Johnson, Neva Juleah Green and Sadi Ruth Green.

Class motto: "Willing to Do." Class colors, purple and red. Class flower pansy.

Coal Saving That Counts.

With the passing of the winter months the coal shortage loses much of its terror, but the vigil over the coal pile should not be relaxed, and every economy should be continued through the summer to prevent a recurrence of this season's famine.

It is estimated that the shortage of coal for every day of the ensuing year amounts to two and one-half pounds for every man, woman and child in the United States. Possibilities of economies by factories and railroads are receiving the most exacting stories, but more attention is needed for the small savings which can be made in each home. These savings can be made to set free thousands of tons of coal for essential industries and for the navy and the many ships needed to carry men and supplies to France.

Heating is not the only home use for coal. Most gas and electricity come from coal, and decreased consumption of either means a proportionate saving in coal. Only the most economical light bulbs should be used, and these should be of as low candle power or wattage as is permissible. All gas fixtures should be in the best condition, and Welsh mantels substituted for the open flame burners. The flat flame burner uses more than twice as much gas as a mantle burner, and gives much less light. Every mantle burner substituted for a flat flame burner saves coal every day.

These substitutions in light may in many cases provide better illumination with a smaller consumption of gas or electricity. All lights should be turned off when not absolutely needed.

Savings in gas and coal can be made in the kitchen by arranging the cooking so that the stoves are heated for the shortest possible time each day and by a more general use of fireless cookers.

Coal is a military essential, and every ounce saved will help.—Dupont Magazine.

TWO MILLION IN ARMY.

DENT TELLS HOUSE OF ARMY'S STRENGTH.

Airplanes in France—Now Nearly Four Thousand Machines Overseas Including Over Three Hundred Combat Planes.

Washington, May 25.—Full strength of the new army, including National Army, National Guard and regulars now is 2,000,000 men. Chairman Dent of the house military committee announced today in his report on the army appropriation bill. The report disclosed that the exact number of American airplanes in France is 1,316 of which 323 are combat planes. There are 3,760 planes in the United States, the report said.

The total number of officers in the army was given in the report at 140,133, while the total of men before the April draft call was 1,506,152. The drafts since that time carry the total of enlisted men slightly above 2,000,000.

There are 504,677 men in the regular army, the report said, 510,963 in the National Army, 411,952 in the National Guard and 78,550 in the reserve corps.

"While some mistakes and delays have occurred" the report said, "on the whole we think the country is to be congratulated that, after a little more than a year from the date of the declaration of war, our country has constructed a wonderful military establishment."

LIFE CRUSHED OUT.

Pile of Lumber Falls on Little Rock Hill Boy.

Rock Hill, May 25.—C. B. McFadden, Jr., the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. McFadden, was killed his morning when some heavy timbers fell from a pile and crushed the little fellow. He was playing in the lumber yard of the Catawba Lumber Company, just across the street from the McFadden home, and the exact time of the accident is not known. Workmen saw his sister and shortly after the timbers fell one of the men shouted to the little girl to be careful or she would get hurt. The boy was not missed until he failed to come home for dinner. Search was then instituted and the body found.

If beards come back there will be a new use for vacuum cleaners.—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

THE SECOND DRAFT.

Young Men Must Register on June 5th.

The registration of the young men who have attained their majority since June 5th last, will be held on June 5th at the Court House, between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m. and all persons are required to present themselves.

Persons required to register—All male persons, citizens of the United States, and all male persons residing in the United States, who have, since the 5th day of June, 1907, and on or before the day set for registration by the president's proclamation, attained the age of 21 years, must register. The only exceptions are persons in the military or naval service of the United States, which includes all officers and enlisted men of the Regular Army, the Navy, the Marine Corps, and the National Guard and Naval Militia, while in the service of the United States, and officers in the Officers' Reserve Corps and enlisted men in the Enlisted Reserve Corps while in active service.

Persons not subject to registration on account of being in the military or naval service of the United States become subject to registration and are required to register immediately upon leaving such military or naval service. An alien who enters the United States for the first time after the date set for registration by the president is not subject to registration, unless he declares his intention to become a citizen of the United States.

Citizens of the United States or persons who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States who do not register on account of absence from the territorial limits of the United States are required to register within five days after their return to the United States.

THREE DERELICTS SIGHTED.

Wrecked Ships Reported Off Virginia Capes.

Washington, May 27.—The presence of derelicts off the Virginia capes was reported to the navy department today. Officers arriving at an Atlantic port yesterday reported that they had sighted three.

With British Army in France, May 27.—The latest reports show that the Germans have made some small progress in places.

ORGANIZING WORKING RESERVES.

Sumter Men Heads Movement to Organize Boys Between 16 and 18 Years.

Columbia, May 26.—The State and county directors of the United States Boys' Working Reserve met in Columbia yesterday noon in the lecture hall of the Chamber of Commerce.

At the beginning of the meeting S. H. Edmunds of Sumter, State director, gave an address, showing the importance of this movement and giving detailed information to the county directors to proceed in the organization with the boys in their counties.

D. R. Coker, chairman of State Council of Defense, the Rev. H. R. Murchison, field secretary of State Council of Defense, and Dr. Reed Smith, executive secretary of State Council of Defense, were present and each gave a very inspiring and instructive address.

The following county directors were present: O. W. Moore, Chesterfield county; J. W. Ballentine, Lexington county; W. W. Dixon, Berkeley County; R. C. Burts, York County; H. O. Strohecker, Charleston County; Hugh T. Shockley, Spartanburg county; W. M. Scott, Lee county; Stanton N. Lott, Edgefield county; C. F. Rizer, Famberg county; Mr. Corbett, Abbeville county; J. West Summers, Orangeburg county; J. M. Eleazer, Saluda county.

Stenographic reports were made of all questions asked and suggestions given and with these as a basis, articles will be prepared for the information of the workers, showing what the organization means and the great good that may be accomplished by it.

Very great enthusiasm was derived from the meeting.

BELGIANS WIN VICTORY.

Three Attacks by Germans Repulsed Saturday Night.

With British Army, May 27.—Belgian troops have recorded fresh victories over the Germans. On Saturday night they repulsed attacks on three sectors of their front.

In a parade firemen make a great show of their hose. But any old day in the week the chicken parade on Main street can show hose that attract a lot more attention, and can't put out a fire, either.—Florida Times-Union.

SUMMER UNDERWEAR!

We are handling the following lines of Underwear this season

Munsing Wear Union Suits,
Varsity Union Suits,
Rocking Chair Union Suits,
Varsity and Scrivens Long Drawers,
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