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PERSONAL

Miss Virginia Saunders has been appointed sponsor for the South for the Confederate Veterans Reunion to be held this year at Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mr. Ferd Levi left Sunday evening for Philadelphia. Miss Mary Talon, of Andrews, and Miss Virginia Galloway, of Lynchburg are visiting Mrs. Roy W. Crouser.

Mr. H. A. Hoyt, Jr., of the Naval Radio service, who has been stationed at Miami, Fla., has been transferred to one of the submarine chasers. Mrs. Ada E. Lowry, formerly of Sumter, but now of Montgomery, Ala., has received a message from her son, Corp. Edward Morgan Lowry, announcing his safe arrival overseas.

Mr. Pierson Dick, of Birmingham, Ala., a son of Mr. D. M. Dick of this city has been selected for special training and transferred from Camp Pike to the artillery school at Louisville, Ky.

Mrs. O. L. Culvyhouse has received a card announcing the safe arrival of her husband overseas. Mr. T. B. Jenkins and family, after a stay in the city of several weeks, have returned to Richmond, Ind.

Miss P. E. Wright has gone to Eastover to spend several weeks. Miss Mary Darr is visiting friends at Deitch, N. C.

Mr. L. B. H. Darr has received a letter from his son Zach, who is with the 118th Infantry, in France, saying that he is well and in active service.

Draftsmen Called for Service.

List of colored men were called by Local Board to report for enrollment for Camp Wadsworth, S. C., at 9 a. m., Friday, Aug. 2nd: Henry Black, Sumter. Pinckney Bradley, Stateburg. Allen Brown, Hagood. Sam Brunson, Mayesville, R. 3. Marion Brunson, Oswego, R. 1. Marion Clarkson, Sumter, R. 1. Eddie Davis, Dalzell. Ansone Goudin, Sumter, R. 5. Price Hodge, Brogdon. David Hooks, Sumter. Edward W. Holleman, Rembert. Charles Howard, Claremont. Ed Jackson, Mayesville. Wilson James, Sumter. Ashby Jenkins, Sumter, R. 1. James Love, Tindal. Mathew McCutchen, Mayesville. Jim Matthews, Lynchburg. Samuel Nathaniel, Sumter, R. 2. Thomas Nelson, Shiloh. Richard Pea, Rembert. Matachi Preston, Sumter. Junius Prince, Sumter, R. 5. West Prince, Mayesville. Luke Ramsey, Sumter, R. 2. Charles Rhame, Cheraw. Walter Ross, Sumter, R. 2. Joe Smith, Stateburg. David Smith, Sumter, R. 1. Oscar P. Tindal, Sumter. Joe Wallace, Sumter. George Washington, Sumter. Sheridan Webb, Dalzell, R. 1. Robert White, Hagood. Charley Williams, Jr., Mayesville. Eddie Williams, Wedgefield, R. 1. Paul M. Williams, Tindal. Jhn H. Wins, Sumter, R. 1.

Food Administration.

To all Retail Grocers in Sumter County: It is sternly necessary for the retailers to supervise the sale of sugar and prevent those who are greedy and unpatriotic from obtaining more than their fair share. The best device to accomplish this is to keep a record of all sugar sales, making a carbon copy of the record and send the copy to the County Food Administrator. He can therefore check on those who are buying more than two pounds per person per month. This record of sugar sales will be required of all retailers in South Carolina. You are also requested to ascertain the number of persons in each family. This will save additional investigation.

The profits on sugar will be strictly watched and the retail profit should not exceed one cent except where the traction of a cent is involved. Sales of sugar should not exceed two pounds at one sale to a customer who lives in town and should not exceed five pounds to a customer who lives in the country. For the vast majority of the retailers the above will be patriotically followed. The unpatriotic few who violate the sugar regulations will incur the sternest penalties the food administration can inflict.

These orders have been sent out by State Food Administrator, William Elliott, to take effect on August 1st. G. A. LEMMON, Food Administrator for Sumter County.

666 contains no alcohol, arsenic, nor other poisonous drugs.—Advt.

A Question of Citizenship.

San Juan, Porto Rico, July 8.—A test case to decide whether the ruling of the Department of State that is land-born sons of Spanish-born parents are included in the operation of the selective draft is valid, is pending in the Federal court.

F. H. Dexter, an attorney acting for Jose Lopez Garcia, has asked that a writ of habeas corpus be issued against an American military officer directing him to produce the plaintiff before the court.

The plaintiff's ground for asking for exemption from military service is that he, as the son of a Spaniard, is a Spanish citizen and that his citizenship is recognized by international law and the constitutional and statutory law of the United States.

666 cures Bilious Fever.—Advt.

DIM YOUR AUTO LIGHTS.

Association Members are Asked to Set Example to Others That the Practice May Become a Habit.

All members of the Sumter Automobile Association have received a letter from the secretary reading in part as follows:

A matter to which all of our members can lend their efforts with profit is that of promoting the practice of dimming our lights at night when approaching another on the road. I do not think there need be any argument for this. We have all experienced the extreme annoyance of being blinded by the other fellow's glare, and we know that beside its being disagreeable it is dangerous, for when a brilliant light is shining in your eyes it is impossible to tell how near the edge of the road you are, nor how near you are to the side of the approaching machine. Lights should be dimmed at least 200 feet before the other car is reached, it does not help much to run right up on the other fellow and then to dim; it may be too late then.

If all of our members make it a regular practice to dim their lights it will not be long before all auto users adopt the habit, and we certainly will have rendered a good service when we have brought about such a result.

A COMPLIMENTARY VOTE.

David R. McCallum Nominated for Councilman.

The municipal primary held Tuesday to nominate a candidate for councilman to fill the vacancy that will be created by the expiration of the term of Councilman C. G. Rowland, who was not a candidate for reelection, passed off as quietly as possible. Mr. D. R. McCallum was the only candidate and his election was assured regardless of the size of the vote, but nevertheless he received quite a complimentary vote.

The total vote cast was 176, as follows: Ward 1 25 Ward 2 109 Ward 3 32 Ward 4 19

Call for Nurses.

The government is calling for 25,000 women between the ages of 18 and 35 to enter the United States' Student Nurse Reserve, and hold themselves in readiness to train for service as nurses.

There has been no call upon the women since the war began which has a stronger appeal than that they enlist in this the noblest service that a woman has to offer, and Sumter county must and will not fail to raise her quota of patriotic women to carry on this work.

Those who enlist for this service are serving their country and their fellow men as patriotically and faithfully from the day they enter the training schools as are the soldiers when they enter the training camps, and will be recognized by their government and their people as fulfilling this high branch of the service.

The big drive for nurses is on, and we have only until August 11th to fill our quota. Only women of good character, good health and some education need apply, as the standard of this work must be high.

There will be an important meeting of the heads of all woman's organizations, all church societies, business women's league, literary societies, civic organizations, and patriotic organizations, and of all women who are interested or will help to organize for this drive, at the Chamber of Commerce at 6 o'clock on Thursday afternoon, and you are urgently asked to attend.

All information which may be wanted will be given out at the meeting. Nina M. Solomons, County Chairman, Woman's Committee.

The Red Cross Canteen Speaks.

The appeal of the Canteen of the Sumter Red Cross for watermelons was answered in the whole-hearted manner, which has made Sumter famous.

The Canteen acknowledges hereby the receipt of many melons, from many people, a lot of whose names we don't even know. A gift of a cartload of melons, from Mr. C. J. Dwyer is also acknowledged. The men on the troop trains are very happy when the train pulls in, and they see truckloads waiting for them, and the Canteen is grateful indeed to all who have sent them in. Mrs. A. C. Phelps.

Can Austria Stand It?

One hears much speculation about how the German people will react to the events on the battle front. It is an interesting question, but there is another that is more interesting. How will the Austrian people take this reverse of the German army?

The morale of the German people is a thing about which little is known outside of Germany. There are many stories but they conflict with one another. One thing, however, is sure and that is that the morale of the Austrian people is bad. It was bad before the defeat on the Piave and it was made much worse by that defeat. The large elements in the Dual Monarchy, which have been more or less antagonistic to the Hohenzollern-Hapsburg combine almost from the beginning are more antagonistic to it now than ever, and all the people of Austria-Hungary are suffering in greater or less degree from the food shortage. The war is more unpopular there than it ever has been. The Austro-Hungarian war machine holds together mainly because the German power holds it together and because the people of Austria-Hungary have been told that this summer the German offensive in France would bring about a victorious peace.—News and Courier.

KILLED IN ACTION.

Dr. Frank B. Sanders, Formerly of Hagood, Killed in France.

Columbia, July 31.—A. K. Sanders, superintendent of the penitentiary, was notified yesterday that his son, Lieut. Frank B. Sanders, was killed in action in France on July 24. Lieut. Sanders enlisted with the Medical Reserve Corps of the Three Hundred and Twentieth Infantry.

Lieut. Sanders joined the medical corps at Camp Lee last May. Lieut. Sanders was about 30 years of age, and last January married Miss Millie Douglas, daughter of Sheriff Douglas of Chesterfield. The cablegram announcing the death of Lieut. Sanders was sent to Chesterfield, the home address of Mrs. Sanders. It was forwarded to Mrs. Sanders, who was visiting at Hagood, and to his father, A. K. Sanders, here.

Dr. Sanders, who was the eldest son of Mr. A. K. Sanders, of Hagood, was practicing his profession at Chesterfield at the time he volunteered for service several months ago. He was commissioned as second lieutenant, but was soon promoted to first lieutenant, and a recent letter from him stated that he had been named for early promotion to captain. He was graduate of the Charleston Medical College in the same class as Drs. T. R. Littlejohn and C. J. Lemmon of this city.

The official telegram from Adjutant General McCain notifying Mrs. Sanders of the death of her husband was received yesterday. It gave no details, stating merely the fact that he had been killed accidentally by a shell.

Dr. Sanders is survived by his wife, a bride of a few months, his father, Hon. A. K. Sanders and two sisters, Mrs. A. L. Jackson of this city and Mrs. R. M. Hildebrand, of Hagood, with whom the entire community is deeply sympathetic.

WOMAN'S COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

Well Attended and Profitable Meeting Held Saturday.

The members of the Woman's Section of the Sumter County Council of Defense present at the meeting in the Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday enjoyed addresses by Mrs. Otey Reid of St. George, State Chairman, and Mrs. James Cathcart, of Columbia, executive secretary. Mrs. Reid, who has a son at the front, spoke interestingly and enthusiastically of the work before the women and complimented Sumter on what had been accomplished here and said she expected great things in the future.

Mrs. Cathcart explained that the women's section in South Carolina had not been organized along the right lines and suggested that Sumter make the few changes necessary to correct matters here. The Council formed by the secretary of war was authorized by an act of Congress making this the first county to officially recognize its woman power. The purpose of the council was to coordinate all the 50,000 women's organizations throughout the country to make use of all of them through the one central council and to bring the unorganized women into that net. The council is not to interfere at all with the work of any organization but to prevent overlapping and to bring all into a closer cooperation. It should be composed of the heads of every organization of women in a county with a few from others to represent those not members of church societies, demonstration clubs, patriotic societies and so forth, and all of these should constitute the executive board which board could elect a smaller executive committee to act. When an order comes from the government such as having food pledges signed or conducting the student nurse reserve campaign which begins this week, each head of a club can say what part of the work her women will do and communicate with them. In this way every organization will have credit for its own work and at the same time have its work reported to the government in the only official way its work can be recorded.

The Sumter County Council will undertake to reorganize at its August meeting. This will not affect any chairman or officer who has accepted office and is at work. The child welfare work being done here with Miss McLean as chairman appointed by the council is a government order, all a part of the campaign for the saving of babies, the death rate among whom is higher than among the soldiers on the battlefield. The Sumter council will, though a little late, do its part in the Student Nurse Reserve campaign to enlist girls from nineteen to twenty-five years to study nursing for home assistance. It will also have a part in the health campaign that will open the third day of August.

Attention, Members of the W. O. W.

Hollywood Camp has started a campaign for new members and we want you to get an application. We are the leading Fraternal Insurance Society. We believe in Protection, Preparedness, Patriotism. When a member places his loved ones under the protection of this Society, the agreement to pay so much to the beneficiary as set forth in his certificate, becomes at once a fraternal and moral obligation, which has never yet been broken.

We are going to have a "Smoker" Wednesday evening, August 7th, at 8:30 and we want as many members present as possible. District Manager, M. W. Bobo, will be with us with a message and we want to greet him with a bunch of applications. A special low fee of \$2.00 will be on for this campaign and you should spread this good news in every direction. Remember you are conferring a favor upon those whom you write, and it is possible, for his widow and children, to thank you. We are counting upon you to make this campaign a great success, so get busy at once. R. S. HOOD, Clerk.

FIRST HEALTH MEETING.

Representatives of National Council of Defense Will Attend Meeting at Providence School.

The Council of National Defense, Washington, D. C., will pay Sumter county and Privateer township quite a compliment next Monday, August 5th, by having Mr. Arthur Mackmahon, chief of the States Section of the National Council of Defense to attend the Community and Public Health meeting at Providence school (Privateer township) which will be an all-day affair with a picnic dinner.

Mr. Mackmahon was sent to South Carolina to gain an idea of how the public health campaign is carried on in this State in order to adopt similar plans for other State Councils of Defense. He attended and delivered a splendid address at the State Council meeting in Columbia yesterday. Dr. Reed Smith, executive secretary of the South Carolina State Council requested the Sumter County Council to arrange for a health meeting in Sumter county tomorrow, but this could not be done, so Mr. Mackmahon leaves for Asheville tonight. Mr. Mackmahon is attending the public health institute in Columbia yesterday and today.

Chairman A. C. Phelps and Secretary Reardon met Mr. Mackmahon at the State Council meeting yesterday, and invited him to spend several days in Sumter next week to attend our community and public health meetings. Mr. Mackmahon decided that he will return to South Carolina on next Monday morning for the special purpose of attending the Providence school meeting as he is anxious to see a typical rural community and public health meeting in this county. He had been keeping in close touch with the Sumter County Council of Defense work and is very much impressed with the organization facilities and good work of Sumter county's council. Chairman Phelps will entertain Mr. Mackmahon during his stay in this county, and will try to prevail upon him to stay here several days and attend other community meetings.

The County Council, and Misses Keels and Martin, home demonstration agents hope sincerely that Privateer township will turn out in full force next Monday as this is a splendid opportunity to show a distinguished visitor and government official the way they do things in Privateer township which is famous for its patriotism, progressiveness and loyalty, and a war and educational work. The entire county of Sumter will be welcomed at the Providence school community and public health meeting.

STATE CAMPAIGN MEETING.

Candidates for Governor and Other State Offices in Sumter Tuesday.

The five candidates for governor and the fifteen candidates for other offices will reach Sumter Tuesday in their tour of the State. The meeting will be held in the court house and at the request of the candidates will be opened promptly at 10.20 o'clock. The order in which the candidates will speak and the time allotted each is arranged by the campaign association, follows:

- Commissioner of Agriculture. (8 minutes.)
- B. Harris.
- H. T. Morrison.
- W. D. Garrison.
- Railroad Commissioner. (8 minutes.)
- J. T. McLaughlin.
- A. A. Richardson.
- D. L. Smith.
- J. T. Vowell.
- H. H. Arnold.
- Lieutenant Governor. (8 minutes.)
- J. T. Lyles.
- G. W. Wightman.
- Superintendent of Education. (8 minutes.)
- Victor E. Rector.
- J. E. Swearingen.
- Attorney General. (8 minutes.)
- R. P. Pearson.
- S. M. Wolf.
- C. N. Sapp.
- Governor. (18 minutes.)
- J. M. DeChamps.
- John T. Duncan.
- John G. Richards.
- A. J. Bethna.
- Robert A. Cooper.

Strict Regulations for Coffee Houses in Vienna.

New York, July 21.—Frequenters of coffee houses in Vienna visited by secret traders in foodstuffs are no longer permitted to sit in their overcoats and hats, or stand together, according to a decree issued by the government Bureau of War Usury, says a Vienna dispatch published in the Berlin Tageblatt of June 18th. The decree forbids also the checking of pieces of baggage and other packages in the coffee houses. The decree was issued because some of the Vienna coffee houses had become veritable storehouses for secret traders and because the "standing or sitting together of persons in their overcoats and hats" facilitated the escape from the coffee house of these persons who had reason to fear the police in case of an official investigation.

Are You Loyal?

If you vote for C. L. Hense you endorse the following declaration made by him at Peculiar four months after the United States entered the war: "I was opposed to this war, and I had been a United States senator and a congressman I would have voted against it, and I believe as bravely as I can, as I believe that there is a God in Heaven, that on the final judgment day every American citizen who is killed in this war of of American soil will be charged against the president of the United States and the members of the congress of the United States who voted for it, as an unpatriotic and traitor in the sight of Almighty God of fresh vomit American manhood."

666 cures Chills and Fever.—Advt.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF DEFENSE.

Mass Meeting Called to Take Action on 1919 Food Crop Campaign.

A meeting of the Sumter County Council of Defense was held Tuesday at 11 o'clock a. m. A majority of the township committees were represented, with several ladies of the Women's Committee of the County Council also present.

Chairman A. C. Phelps read letters from State Council of Defense urging that county campaign to stimulate increased interest in conservation of public health be inaugurated, and stated that the executive committee had met and requested Rev. R. S. Pruesdale, Rev. J. W. Eldkins, Dr. M. L. Parler, Mr. D. D. Moise, Mr. P. G. Bowman, and Mr. E. I. Reardon to attend the public health institute in Columbia, and to address community and public health meetings in this county during August. These gentlemen consented to serve.

It was the consensus of opinion that at least two men or women from every community where these meetings will be held, should attend the public health institute, and the council went on record as favoring this. Those present were requested to try to induce two from each community to attend this health institute on August 1st and 2nd.

The Home Demonstration Department, Misses Annie Keels and Alice Martin having arranged community meetings with demonstrations, their meetings and dates were adopted for the public health campaign speeches also.

The following resolution introduced by Messrs. Dabs and Purdy was unanimously adopted. Whereas, it is of the most vital interest to the public welfare to promote and maintain the health of our citizens, and whereas we are from public necessity, being deprived of the assistance of many of our physicians. Now, be it Resolved by this body, that we do most earnestly urge upon all of our citizens that they not only attend the county health meetings, but they each and all support and further the objects of such campaign.

Resolved further, That this body goes most unreservedly commit itself to the furtherance of the objects of such campaigns, and it is further the sense of this body, that each of its members see to it that our people attend the meetings to be held throughout the county.

Chairman called for volunteers to attend this health institute. Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dabbs, of Salem, having expressed determination to attend and to induce others from Mayesville township to do likewise. Several present said they would attend unless some unexpected thing prevented.

Discussion of importance of putting on a county wide campaign to increase acreage and production of food crops was introduced by the chairman. Mr. Dabbs thought that county should keep up a constant agitation for an abundance of food and feed stuffs, and that we should begin at the very earliest moment the campaign to increase acreage of wheat, oats, winter gardens, and especially for 1919 corn production as Sumter county is short on corn.

On motion of Messrs. H. A. Moses and P. G. Bowman it was decided that a committee of three from each township be appointed, with Chairman Phelps to arrange for a county-wide campaign to carry out Mr. Dabbs suggestion.

Chairman Phelps announced he had recommended Messrs. Perry Moses, H. L. Tisdale, and S. A. Harvin as the community labor board, department of labor, United States employment service. Mr. Perry Moses to be chairman and representative of the government; Mr. H. L. Tisdale to represent the employees; Mr. S. A. Harvin to represent the employers. The council unanimously endorsed the recommendations as made by the chairman.

The following resolution by Mr. H. A. Moses and Mr. P. G. Bowman was unanimously endorsed and adopted, and ordered given the widest possible publicity:

Whereas, it is necessary to the winning of the war that the whole of our people cooperate in all public undertakings loyally, enthusiastically and whole heartedly, and

Whereas the record made thus far by Sumter county in public work is one to be proud of, yet it is a well known fact that many individuals and some communities are not doing their parts but are leaving the burden to be borne by others, therefore,

Be it Resolved by the Council of Defense that in all public matters and all public raising of funds that each and every man and woman is called upon to do his or her part, and further

Be it Resolved that we brand as desolous and unpatriotic any man or woman who leaves his or her share of any public work to fall on others. Furthermore, that we call on all good citizens to give wide publicity to all such acts of slackness that our loyal people may know those for what they are and that the guilty may feel the sting of public disapproval.

Mr. L. D. Jennings suggested that some positive steps be taken looking towards bringing about the desired amount of acreage in food crops, and preventing the planting of more than a safe and reasonable percentage of cotton on any plantation or farm, as compared with the necessary acreage and production of food crops during the war. He moved, with Mr. E. C. Farnsworth, that a joint meeting of the Sumter County Council of Defense be held with other farmers of Sumter county at the court house, at 11 o'clock Tuesday, August 20th, 1918, and that all farmers be invited and urged to attend in order that a definite plan as to the percentage of food crops to be planted for 1919 be agreed upon, and the percentage of acreage of cotton be settled by this joint meeting. That the Sumter County Council of Defense, assisted by all loyal and patriotic farmers then proceed to appoint township and community committees to have placed signed pledges on the stumps agreed upon by this meeting.

This motion was unanimously adopted and the members of the County Council are requested to write

to advertise this meeting and induce as many as possible to attend. It was agreed that provision be made for representative colored farmers to attend this meeting, and participate in this patriotic movement to grow food to help win the war.

To Bugler Stack.

(To Theron F. Stack of Co. L, now with the 118th infantry, somewhere in France):

As I sit alone in the twilight At the close of this perfect day, There comes to my mind a picture Of a camp that is far away.

I can see by the dim reflection Of the camp-fires here and there, Familiar faces, and with fond recollection, Of many hours spent with them here.

I strain my ear and listen To the distant call, as a song, And there comes to my mind another picture Of a bugler with his horn.

As he stands in the twilight calling To his comrades to go to rest, With the night shades around falling, May God love and keep him best. —A Friend.

Since You Went Away.

Since you went away every gay sailor lad, Every khaki-clad soldier I see, Has a place in my heart, and a share in my thoughts, And belongs just a little to me.

He's a comrade of yours, and is bearing his share Of the burden that rests upon you; Both are doing the task which a nation has set For its glorious manhood to do.

Since you went away, I have entered A sisterhood, mystic and great, Of women who've learned the great lesson to give, And are learning another, to wait.

But I strive like the rest, not to doubt or to fear, To murmur, or sigh, or complain, But to trust in His might, and to know in His eye, That the sacrifice cannot be in vain.

Since you went away, every fold of the flag Has a message that's tender and true, It has always meant liberty, freedom and right; It now means my country, and you.

Your honor is part of the deep azure field, Your courage, of each crimson bar, And the soul of you, shining, resplendent, and clear, Is a part of each beautiful star. —Selected.

The State campaign meeting for candidates for governor and other State officers will open promptly at 10.30 o'clock next Tuesday morning, August 6th at the request of the candidates. 666 cures by removing the cause. —Advt.

LOST—Automobile license number, between DuRant and Sumter on July 30th. Return to O. H. Folley & Co., City National Bank Building.

SPECIAL—For one week. Matting art squares at \$5.00 each. The Cherry Co., 18 N. Main St.

FOR SALE—F. O. B. cars. Camp Jackson, stable manure; very little straw. Car load lots only. Chemical and Fertilizer value rated very high by Clemson college. A. A. Strauss, Sumter, S. C.

MILLERS' CERTIFICATES—Can be obtained at Item Office at reasonable prices in lots of 100 or more.

Candidate's Cards.

For Congress. I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election to Congress from the 7th Congressional District, subject to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party. A. F. LEVER.

THOS. G. MLEOD Bishopville, S. C. Candidate for Member of CONGRESS SEVENTH DISTRICT

For Solicitor. I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of Solicitor for the Third Circuit, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary. FRANK A. MLEOD.

For Probate Judge. Thos. E. Richardson is hereby nominated for re-election to the office of Judge of Probate for Sumter county, subject, however, to the wishes of his fellow Democrats.

At the solicitation of many of my friends, I have decided to enter the race for the office of Probate Judge for Sumter county, subject to the rules of the Democratic party. If elected I would discharge the duties of the office faithfully and to the best of my ability. All who enter the office, if I am elected, will be met with a smile and hearty shake of the hand. JOSEPH R. SINGLETON, Sumter, S. C., Route No. 2.