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LOCAL GOOD ROADS BOOSTERS ACHIEVE ANOTHER BIG VICTORY

SUCCEED IN SECURING THE GREAT BURLINGTON HIGHWAY.

WILL TRAVERSE COLUMBUS

Several Prominent Columbians
Attend Meeting Held at
Corinth.

T. J. LOCKE, JR., IS VICE-PRESIDENT

Speeches are Delivered by
Messrs. John F. Frierson and
W. H. Carter.

Enthusiasm over their success in securing the Jackson Highway and over the benefits that have resulted therefrom, local good roads boosters last week went out after another great automobile thoroughfare, the Burlington Highway, which is to extend from the Great Lakes to the Gulf of Mexico, and "brought home the bacon," having been instrumental in securing, at a meeting held in Corinth Friday, the official adoption of the route on which Columbus is located.

The tentative routes through Mississippi were proposed, one going by Aberdeen, Columbus and Meridian and the other by Louisville, Kosciusko and Ackerman, and after a lengthy discussion which was participated in by supporters of both routes, the highway which traverses Columbus and the other cities in Monroe and Lauderdale counties was adopted.

The committee which represented Columbus at the meeting held in Corinth Friday was headed by Hon. D. S. McClanahan, mayor of the city, and included Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., a member of the Lowndes County Highway Commission; I. L. Gaston, president of the local Chamber of Commerce; Messrs. Battle Bell, W. B. Harrington, J. F. Frierson, J. H. Brickell and W. H. Carter. Addresses in support of the claims of the local route were delivered by Mr. Carter and Mr. Frierson, while arguments in the same behalf were presented by representatives of Aberdeen and Meridian.

Hon. T. J. Locke, Jr., was honored by being named as vice-president for Lowndes county. The honor was most worthily bestowed as Mr. Locke has for many years past been an enthusiastic booster for good roads and was instrumental not only in securing the Jackson Highway but in bringing about a material improvement in the condition of public roads throughout the county.

High Masonic Degree Given Mr. Carson.

At the annual meeting of the Thirty-third Degree Masonic Council recently held in Washington the thirty-third degree was conferred upon Mr. E. A. Carson, of this city, he having been one of five Mississippians thus honored.

Mr. Carson has long been prominent in Masonic circles in this section and is a former Grand Master of the Mississippi Grand Lodge. He has now reached the Ultima Thule of Masonry, as thirty-third is the highest degree which the order confers upon any of its members.

Marriage Last Evening.

Mr. Earl Lollar and Miss Johnnie Lee Tanksley, a young couple of this city, were quietly married at 7 o'clock last night at the Central Methodist parsonage, the ceremony having been performed by Rev. W. V. Shearer.

Rev. Boosey to Preach.

Rev. J. H. Boosey, of Meridian, will hold services in St. Paul's Episcopal church, this evening at 7:30 o'clock, to which the public is cordially invited.

Mrs. H. C. Terrell, Mrs. Evans and Mrs. Johnson, of West Point, spent Thursday with Mrs. R. C. Betts. Mrs. Betts accompanied them home and will visit in West Point.

The numerous friends of Col. W. D. Humphries regret to learn of his illness the past ten days, but hope to soon see him on the streets again.

AMERICAN SHIP IS SUNK BY GERMANS

MISSISSIPPI BOY AMONG 70 WHO LOST LIVES ON THE TRANSPORT ANTILLES.

Washington, Oct. 20.—The American army transport Antilles, homeward bound under convoy, was torpedoed in the war zone on Wednesday. About 70 men are missing and probably lost.

All the army and navy offices aboard and the ship's master were among the 167 survivors. The missing are members of the crew, three civilian engineers, some enlisted men of the navy and 1116 or 33 soldiers returning home for various reasons. Neither the submarine nor the torpedo was seen, and the transport, hit squarely amidship, sank in five minutes.

This tragedy of the sea, the first in which an American ship engaged in war duty has been lost, is the first of its magnitude to bring home to the people of the United States the rigors of the war in which they have engaged against Germany. It carries the largest casualty list of the war so far of American lives and marks the first success of German submarine attacks on American transports.

That the loss of life was not greater is due to the safeguards with which the navy has surrounded the transport service, and the quick rescue work of the convoying warships.

The following enlisted naval personnel were lost:

"E. L. KIMZEY, seaman, second class; next of kin, Thomas M. Kimzey, father, Water Valley, Miss.

"J. W. HUNT, seaman, second class; next of kin, Isaac Hunt, father, Mountain Grove, Mo., Route No. 2, Box 44.

"C. L. AUSBURN, radio electrician, first class; next of kin, R. Ausburn, brother, 2800 Louisiana Avenue, New Orleans, La.

"H. F. WATSON, radio electrician, third class; next of kin, Mrs. W. L. Seger, mother, Rutland, Mass.

"There were about 33 of the army enlisted personnel on board, of whom 17 were saved. The names of the missing of the army enlisted personnel and of the merchant crew of the ship cannot be given until the muster roll in France of those on board has been consulted. As soon as the department is in receipt of further details concerning the casualties they will be made public immediately."

County Has Full Quota.

"Unless the district board reverses us in more instances than I think they will," said J. R. Randle, secretary of the local exemption board, the past week, "Lowndes county has secured her full quota of recruits for the national army, and I don't believe we will be forced to call any more registrants before us for examination." Lowndes county's quota is 151 men, with an additional 10 per cent as an allowance for rejections after the registrants have been sent to camp, and the local board has already certified 175 citizens as being qualified for service. In order to secure the county's full quota it was necessary for the board to issue four separate calls for registrants. The total number of men embraced in these calls was 605, but something like 100 failed to appear, and only about 500 were actually examined.

"The local board," said Mr. Randle, "is very well satisfied with its record. The district board has reversed us only twice, in both instances granting claims for exemption which we refused to allow, and not a single man sent to Camp Pike, which is the destination of local registrants, has been turned down by the examining physicians of Uncle Sam's army."

Mr. J. M. Lowe Dies.

After suffering for a long time with general paralysis, Mr. John M. Lowe, who was 68 years of age, died at his home west of the city Tuesday night at 11:25 o'clock. His remains were taken to Egger cemetery for interment, which took place Thursday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Mr. Lowe had for some time past been bridge-keeper of the county bridge over the Tombigbee river. He is survived by his wife and several grandchildren.

LONG SESSION OF W. C. T. U. COMES TO END

ANNUAL CONVENTION UN- USUALLY PLEASANT AND PROFITABLE.

DELEGATES NAMED

Ladies Who Are to Represent Organization at National Convention Selected.

After one of the longest, most profitable and most pleasant sessions in its history, the Mississippi Woman's Christian Temperance Union, which began its thirty-fourth annual convention here Monday, adjourned Thursday. The most important business taken up at the final session, which was held at the First Baptist church Thursday morning, was the selection of delegates to the national convention, which meets at Washington, D. C., in December. Miss Lena Wallace, of Port Gibson and Miss Lucy White, of Starkville, were named as delegates, while Mrs. A. F. Young, of Corinth, Mrs. Maggie Jones, of Corinth, and Mrs. Frank Dille, of Starkville, were selected as alternates.

Another important matter to come before the meeting for consideration was the selection of a city in which to hold the 1918 convention, but after discussing the matter at some length it was decided to leave this question to the executive committee to decide. This plan was adopted last year and proved to be eminently satisfactory, as it gave officers of the organization ample time in which to consider invitations from the various cities and to decide which was the best place to hold the convention. The two most prominent towns being considered are West Point and Blue Mountain, and the next meeting will probably be in one or the other of these places.

A pleasing feature of the Thursday morning session was the introduction to the ladies of the convention of Master Macy Windham, a 12-year old lad of this city, who recently drew an anti-cigarette poster typifying "The Seven Ages of the Cigarette Fiend." The drawing was exhibited to the members of the convention and was highly complimented by them.

The convention here was heartily enjoyed, and nothing brought more pleasure to the delegates than their visit to the Industrial Institute and College. They were favorably impressed with the great work which is being carried on at this splendid institution and at once realized the need for additional facilities. A campaign to secure new buildings for the institution is now in progress, and it is believed that every member of the visiting delegation will prove an enthusiastic booster in behalf of this most laudable undertaking.

Just before leaving here Friday morning, the newly elected officers of the union sent a telegram to Governor Bilbo alleging that the prohibition laws of the state are being violated by the express companies and urging him to take steps to stop these violations. The telegram was dictated by Miss Madge Montgomery, the newly elected president, just before she left for her home in Starkville Friday and was officially signed not only by her but by Miss Juliet Featherston, of Port Gibson, the newly elected recording secretary.

The telegram follows:
"Gov. T. G. Bilbo,

Jackson, Miss.,
The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Mississippi, in session at Columbus, respectfully desires to call your attention to the fact that express companies are delivering liquors within the state, and plead that you will make investigation of same looking to the enforcement of the bone-dry law.
(Signed) Madge Montgomery, Pres.
Juliet Featherston,
Recording Secretary."

Before leaving Columbus Friday, Miss Montgomery, the newly elected president, announced the appointment of the following committees for the ensuing year:

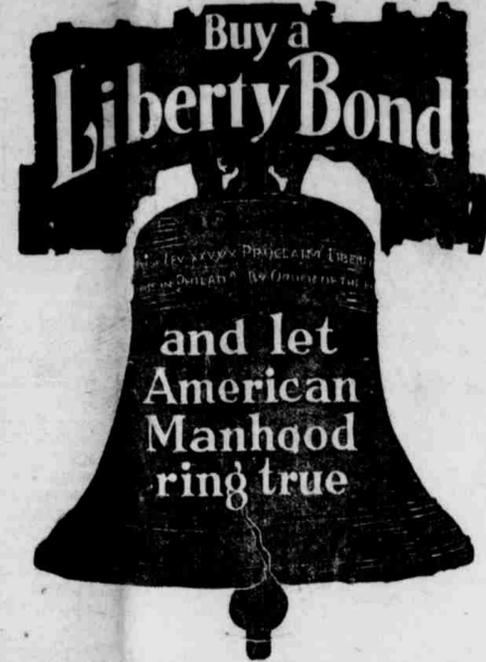
Anti-narcotic—Miss May Russell, Port Gibson.

Christian citizenship—Mrs. J. R. Laws, Columbus.

Evangelistic—Mrs. Mary Ervin, Columbus, Mrs. W. L. Fant, Booneville.

Flower mission—Mrs. Maude Bun-

The Liberty Bell's Message to You!



HELP SOUND THE Tocsin of LIBERTY AROUND THE WORLD!

HULL NOW HEADS COUNTY TEACHERS RATES COMING

ELECTED PRESIDENT OF ASSO- CIATION AT MEETING HELD YESTERDAY.

Prof. B. G. Hull, principal of Rural Hill school, was elected president of the Lowndes County Teachers' Association, at a meeting of the members held at the court house yesterday morning at 11 o'clock. Hon. P. W. Maer appeared before the association in the interest of the Liberty Loan. Mr. Warren M. Cox was also present and spoke on "Food Conservation." The teachers present all pledged themselves to do all in their power to aid in the sale of Liberty Bonds and in the saving of food. Other routine business was transacted.

The next meeting of the association will be held on November 24 at 1:30 o'clock at the court house.

Small Fire Yesterday.

The firemen were called to a house occupied by a negro on South Ninth street about 12:45 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The blaze, which was a small roof fire, was quickly extinguished. The loss was covered by insurance.

Literature—Mrs. J. L. Featherston, Port Gibson.

Mercy—Mrs. M. E. Patterson, Columbus.

Medal Contest—Mrs. Sidney Rodgers.

Prisons and reformatories—Mrs. L. P. Brown, Meridian.

Press and Union Signal reporter—Mrs. E. P. Wilkinson, Columbus.

Purity—Mrs. J. E. Brown, Blue Mountain.

Mothers' meetings—Mrs. Emma Branstater.

Sabbath observance—Mrs. J. E. Tinsley, Newton.

Scientific temperance instruction—Mrs. George Gillespie, Starkville.

Social meetings and red letter days—Mrs. Minnie Watkins, Hattiesburg.

Soldiers and sailors—Mrs. Jennie Standifer, Gulfport.

State and national papers—Mrs. Clyde Hall, New Albany.

Sunday schools—Mrs. Helen Woodward, Starkville.

Work among colored people—Mrs. Adelaide Johnson, West Point.

Legislation—Miss Madge L. Montgomery, Starkville. Chairman; associate member, Mrs. Dunbar Rowland, Jackson.

The following resolutions were adopted:

"The Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Mississippi, assembled in this thirty-fourth convention, with grateful hearts hereby acknowledge our dependence upon God and to Him render thanks for His great mercies throughout this trying year, for divine guidance and for the wonderful advance in the

Some sagacious statesman is said to have once made a remark to the effect that "While many people talk too much, it is often better to spout hot air than to write letters; for the fact that 'While many people talk documentary evidence can not be refuted.'" It is probable that many citizens throughout the country have recently decided to accept the advice of the above quoted savant, and will in future do less writing; for on and after November 2 Uncle Sam will increase the postage rates on letters from two to three cents each.

The increase was provided for in the war revenue bill recently passed by Congress, and the money accruing therefrom will go to the fund which it is necessary to expend in order to subdue the German Kaiser and his beligerent forces.

The government is now having a large quantity of three-cent stamps made, and as soon as they are finished every postoffice throughout the country will be furnished a full supply. In the meantime, commencing November 2, patrons of the postal service will be forced to attach a "two" and a "one" to each letter mailed.

temperance cause everywhere.

"Principles—We stand for total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for state and nation. We call upon all patriotic citizens to use their best endeavors to promote these causes, especially during the war, in order to conserve food and morals.

"Purity—We adopt the Bible standard of purity, the same code of morals for man and woman for its efforts to establish a white zone around cantonments and camps. We pledge our best efforts to secure local co-operation towards the betterment of conditions surrounding our boys.

"We protest against the segregation of vice, since it provides for its perpetuation and experience, has shown that it does not lessen the evil.

"Education—That we continue to emphasize the enforcement of the 'scientific temperance instruction' law and to increase effort in medal contests and essay work in the public schools and colleges.

"We recommend to our local unions that they endeavor to secure curfew laws in each town.

"We urge a campaign of education against tobacco and cigarettes among the children, and respectfully appeal to Secretary of War Baker not to allow rations of tobacco to be issued to the soldiers.

"We rejoice in the progress of the colored branch of our organization.

CITY ELECTION WILL BE HELD HERE TUESDAY

COUNCILMAN FROM THE FOURTH WARD WILL BE NAMED.

THREE ASPIRANTS

Messrs. W. A. Stepp, E. E. Chappell and J. T. Clardy
Seek Office.

A special election will be held here Tuesday to name a councilman from the fourth ward to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Hon. D. S. McClanahan, who was recently elected mayor to fill out the unexpired term of the late Hon. W. C. Gunter.

There are three candidates in the field, Messrs. W. A. Stepp, E. E. Chappell and J. T. Clardy. All these are well known, and the race promises to be close. The campaign, however, has been rather quiet, as the aspirants for office have made no speeches but have confined their activities to individual appeals to voters for support.

The election will be held at the city hall and will be conducted by the following officials: R. E. Mahon, J. D. Lawrence and Homer Kilpatrick, judges; Myrick Cox and I. E. Hatchett, clerks.

Junior-Freshman Wedding Last Night

The first big social event of the autumn at the Mississippi Industrial Institute and College was the wedding of the Junior and Freshman classes last night, and the chapel was crowded with students and Columbus people, who were present to see the marriage of Miss Lurah Holman, of Corinth, who was this year's bride, to Miss Ethel Loham, of Vicksburg, who represented the Junior class in the person of the groom.

The other attendants were: Freshmen, Misses Alice Pate, Starkville; Rebecca McDowell, Meridian; Inez George, Meridian; Quay Cunningham, Booneville; Adelide Hicks, West Point; Lucy Carter, Columbus; Lilla Shannon, Grenada; Martha Waugh, Sallis Bernice; Sarpiece, Hattiesburg; Juniors, Misses Iva Ball, Columbia; Frederika Blankenship, Durant; Leila May Jones, Birmingham, Ala.; May Shackelford, Columbus; Bertha Harralson, Forrest; Pauline Hamrich, Hickory; Anita Crumpton, Starkville; Wilma Simmons, Pontotoc; Madge Spiva, Louisville. Miss Curry, of Laurel, acted as matron of honor, and Misses Mary Street, of Ripley, and Carrie F. Morris, of Hattiesburg, were flower girls.

The wedding march was played by Miss Doris Dickey, of McComb City, and Dr. O. B. Sears, of the College faculty performed the ceremony, which united the classes for the rest of their lives.

The maids were beautiful in tulle and pastel shades and carried pink and white bouquets. The groomsmen were in military dress and wore sabres.

Want Linen, Etc.

The housekeepers of this section are asked to look over cloth that they care to donate to the Red Cross, and send same to the quarters at the City Hall.

Any soft muslin can be used for surgical dressing or for "handkerchief substitutes." Old table linen or sheets will make good hospital cloth. Old bath towels and linen spreads can be used in pads for surgical dressings made according to Red Cross specifications.

Red Cross Meeting.

The annual meeting of the members of the Columbus Red Cross Association will be held at the City Hall next Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock. All members of the chapter and auxiliaries are requested to be present.

Mr. W. N. Puckett has recently been named as chairman of the Red Cross Association for Lowndes county.

Mr. T. W. Lewis, Jr., has returned from a visit to Oxford and Memphis.

Mr. D. S. Cox, Sr., has been ill the past several days.

FINE PROGRESS BEING MADE IN BOND CAMPAIGN

LOCAL SALE OF SECURITIES IS ENTHUSIASTICALLY BOOSTED.

SPEECHES MADE

Chairman Reeves and Hon. P. W. Maer Deliver Addresses
at Franklin Academy.

The local campaign for the sale of Liberty Loan bonds continues to be waged in a most aggressive manner, and members of the Lowndes County Liberty Loan Committee are determined to raise the full amount required by the state committee.

Up to last night the total of Liberty Loan subscriptions in Lowndes county had reached \$60,500; but a large additional sum must be secured before the final goal of \$415,000 is attained. Crawford has subscribed its full allotment of \$8,500, and loyal citizens there expect to materially increase this amount before the campaign closes.

A big open air meeting will be held in the business district Wednesday afternoon to promote the sale of the bonds. The program for this meeting has not yet been completed, but will be announced soon.

Parker Reeves, cashier of the Merchants' and Farmers' Bank, who is chairman of the local committee, has proven himself to be an indefatigable worker and has been tireless in his efforts to promote the sale of the securities. While sub-committees have been appointed for different rural communities, Mr. Reeves has not depended entirely upon them for results, but has visited in person the most important outlying towns. He went to Crawford Saturday, and has also made direct appeals to citizens in other towns throughout his jurisdiction.

The campaign has been carried into the public schools. Mr. Reeves and Hon. P. W. Maer, editor of the Columbus Dispatch having delivered addresses at Franklin Academy, while at other schools members of the faculties have been laboring assiduously to interest their pupils in the sale of the bonds.

Reports Sale of Liberty Bonds.

Mrs. H. F. Simrall, county chairman of the Women's Liberty Loan Organization, at the end of the week reported to Mrs. R. L. McLaurin, State Chairman, of Vicksburg, that she had secured subscriptions for 7 Liberty Loan Bonds of \$50.00 each, and that she had mailed out 50 application blanks to ladies in the city and county.

Tuesday, Mrs. Simrall will go to Artesia to see the ladies personally; Wednesday, she will spend in Crawford; on Thursday, go to Caledonia and meet the ladies of that vicinity.

She is in receipt of a letter of suggestions of how "we women can do much to influence public opinion, and during this week when we are putting forth every effort to increase the total subscription of our own communities. We must leave a stronger feeling of Americanism."

Mr. Jos. Donoghue Returns.

People of Columbus are giving Mr. Joseph Donoghue a cordial welcome back to Columbus. Mr. Donoghue, with his family left Columbus a number of years ago for New York, and for some time past has resided on Long Island. He expects to have his family return to Columbus within the next few weeks and his daughters will attend I. I. and C.

Canvass For Bonds.

The S. A. C. W., of the Industrial Institute and College, under the leadership of Misses Emeth Tuffe and Ellen Crawford, members of the faculty, are canvassing the institution in an effort to place as many Liberty Bonds as possible. Both the faculty and students are buying generously.

Messrs. H. H. Gunter, M. V. Friday and S. B. Johnston have returned from McCoy's Lake, in the delta, where they enjoyed fishing for ten days.

Mr. W. Ryland Prowell, who is now living at Hollywood, is spending several days in Columbus on business.

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