

COUNTY ORGANIZED FOR VICTORY LOAN

Dr. Aiken, County Chairman Appeals for Support—Clinton's Quota \$111,050.

Laurens, S. C., April 23 (Special)—Committeemen have been appointed in every school district of the county to solicit subscriptions to the fifth or Victory Loan of the United States government. Dr. H. K. Aiken is chairman and he is expecting cheerful support of every patriotic citizen in the enterprise in hand. Laurens is asked to subscribe \$425,000 worth of bonds of about half of the amount asked for and oversubscribed in the last loan.

Trophy Train and Tank.
Next Tuesday a trophy train and huge army tank, accompanied by speakers, will arrive in Laurens in the interest of the campaign. The tank will arrive from Greenwood early in the morning to remain all day, giving an exhibition of tank fighting on the western front. The trophy train, named the "Thirtieth Division Special" will arrive from Clinton at 10:25 a. m. and remain until noon when it will start for Newberry. The same train will be in Clinton from 8:00 to 10:00 a. m. of the same day. Clinton's tank will visit it on Monday and will arrive from Newberry that morning to spend the day. It is hoped that people all over the county will take advantage of the opportunity to see these sights.

15 German Helmets.
The local committee has been advised from state headquarters that Laurens has been assigned 15 German helmets to be awarded as prizes in the loan campaign. After discussing the matter Monday, it was decided to give each bank in the county one of these helmets to be awarded to some one buying bonds through those banks. After the campaign has closed, each bank will take the subscription cards on hand and award the helmets by a drawing. Many different ways of awarding the helmet were suggested, but this plan was adopted as the most feasible. It will be remembered that these helmets were captured by the Americans in a storehouse behind the German lines where they were being held ostensibly for use in the Germans' expected triumphal entry into Paris, an expectation which did not materialize.

Do Not Wait on Committees.
Although committees have been appointed for each school district and these committees are expected to get to work immediately, Dr. Aiken stated yesterday that no one should wait to be approached but should go to the banks and subscribe without being called upon. This, he said, would make the campaign easier on the committeemen and at the same time encourage others to subscribe. A payment of 10 per cent will be expected when buyers sign for bonds.

Appeal to Workers.
Dr. Aiken has issued the following appeal to the Victory Loan workers in the county:

As a faithful and valued worker in previous Liberty Loan campaigns, your government calls you once more (and doubtless for the last time) to assist in raising the funds needed to pay for our great and glorious victory. I realize fully the handicaps under which the work will be done this time. Cash may be scarce, but the credit of Laurens county is still good and it is the loan or use of this credit that our government asks for.

If the war had gone on we would have given our all to save the cause. The preparations we had made to outlast our enemy added to the grit and determination of our soldiers, disheartened the enemy and Peace was won before we expected it. Our boys did not halt or hold back at Chateau Thierry, or Belleau Wood or the Argonne because the task was hard.

As we reflect on what those names mean to us and to mankind, there comes the call to return and give thanks for our deliverance. We have an opportunity to show our gratitude to the God to whom we prayed that countless lives were spared and further suffering and bloodshed avoided. We, who have not suffered, are asked out of our abundance to show whether our patriotism is an abiding or a fleeting attribute. Many of our boys are still "over there". These must be supported. The cost of that preparedness that made Peace possible will be paid,

TRAGEDY IN CROSS HILL.

Mrs. Mary Owens Hill Found in Dying Condition in Outhouse near Her Home.

Laurens, S. C., April 23 (Special)—Mrs. Mary Owens Hill is dead at her home in Cross Hill as a result of a bullet wound in her head, thought to have been self-inflicted during the early hours of Monday morning. Irvin Golden Hill, her husband, testifying at the inquest held during the day, said that he discovered his wife in a dying condition in the feed house near their home early that day after he had missed her from their home. She lay on the floor in night attire and slippers, with his pistol on the floor beside her. Neighbors also testifying at the inquest said that they did not see the pistol when they arrived, but Mr. Hill returned to the stand to say that he had picked up the pistol and put it in his pocket. The coroner's jury, presided over by Coroner R. R. Owings, returned a verdict to the effect that she came to her death by gunshot wounds inflicted by parties unknown.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill, a young couple with a six months' old child, lived a short distance from the center of the town and Mr. Hill clerked at Mountville. They had been married about two years and he was recently discharged from the army. They were away Monday night until about 1 o'clock nursing the child. Mr. Hill awoke early in the morning to discover that his wife was not present. Being too early to expect that she had gone to a neighbor's house, he began a search for her and found her in the feed house nearby. Before medical attention could be secured she had passed away.

The feed house was a small frame structure flanked by sheds, according to visitors on the scene. The house itself had an only opening—the front door through which the deceased entered. Evidences were present of two shots being fired—one which entered the left side of the head of Mrs. Hill and another directly into the door, both apparently having been fired from the inside.

ON A VISIT HERE.

Rev. and Mrs. A. S. Winslow of Cherokee, Iowa, have been spending the past week in the city as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bailey. Mr. Winslow was for several years superintendent of the Clinton Cotton Mills and is pleasantly remembered in the city by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. When it became known that he was in the city he was invited to preach at the First Baptist church Sunday morning where a large congregation heard an able and helpful sermon.

Mr. Winslow retired from mill work several years ago and is now giving a large part of his time to social and religious work in his state. He expressed himself as delighted in getting back to Clinton again and spoke enthusiastically of the many improvements to be noted on all sides. He likes Clinton and keeps up with everything that's going on back at his "old home," since he has been a regular subscriber of The Chronicle for the past nine years.

CONGREGATIONS UNITE SUNDAY.

In the absence of its pastor, Dr. Ross Lynn, the congregation of the Thornwell Memorial church will worship next Sunday morning with the First Presbyterian church.

for Uncle Sam has never defaulted on his obligations and never will. The people of your district need to be seen and given the information. Public-spirited men and women must do the work. Let's stand together and pull together until Taps are sounded for you and me. Too many things that "croakers" said could not be done have been put over in the last few years, to make this an excuse for not trying. I will send you literature and supplies as these are sent me and I want you to distribute them. Watch the county papers for notices of meetings and conferences and come to these.

Yours for the Victory Loan,
H. K. AIKEN,
County Chairman.

DIAL WANTS STATE TO BUY VESSELS

Junior Senator Thinks Purchase of Ships from Government Sensible Venture. Relieve Congestion.

Washington, April 20.—One of the best suggestions for stimulating cotton trade in the South and for always having ships at hand to move this valuable crop possibly ever made was put forth here today by N. B. Dial, of South Carolina, who will take his seat in the Senate as the successor to the late Senator Tillman when the extra session of Congress begins.

Mr. Dial pointed to the fact that as the United States Shipping Board is now selling many of the ships which the government owns, nothing better could be done by the different States, especially those of the South which are frequently embarrassed because of a lack of ships to carry the cotton, than to buy some of these. He would have the people of the different States get together and form corporations and thus buy from the government the ships which it is offering at a large financial sacrifice.

"I believe that if the people of the country—take South Carolina for instance—" Mr. Dial said, "would buy some of these ships and operate them from Charleston they would not only have the means on hand to move their cotton whenever they wanted to do so but to whatever port under proper government rules, to which they might wish to send them. We would always have the question of transportation solved.

"The next step would probably be to name these, for instance, 'The South Carolina' and have her home port at Charleston. Or they might be named the Georgia or the Florida, according to the State they would serve. We could thus be certain at all times of having ships ready to move the cotton and other crops which we grow and, at the same time, stimulate shipping interests at Charleston, Savannah and other home ports.

"I view this from a national standpoint. The great States of the West—the wheat and corn growing sections of this country—might also greatly profit by this plan.

"These ships are going to be sold—much cheaper in fact than we may ever expect to purchase them or build them hereafter for the simple reason that the government now has no use for them and finds it more feasible to sell than to hold them.

"There are tremendous opportunities for the South and the whole country to reap great benefits at the present time if they will but take advantage of them. Among other things is the fact that we are not using the Federal Reserve Banks as much as we should do. Here is a government which is begging us to use these institutions freely and liberally and yet we are not doing so.

"There are other countless opportunities lying all around us if we will but use them. Take this ship-owning plan, which I have mentioned—it would solve many of our most vexing problems and open the doors for international trade both by carrying our crops out and bringing in nitrates and other commodities to such an extent that we can scarcely dream of it."

Mr. Dial has had large experience as an organizer most successfully and the plan which he has just suggested is worthy of immediate consideration by the people of this country.

WINS SECOND HONOR.

In the State Oratorical contest held Friday night in Greenwood, Mr. P. W. Wilson, the Presbyterian college's representative, was awarded second honor. He spoke on the subject, "Our Greater Task" and made a highly creditable record for himself as well as the college. The three winners were: Furman, first place; Presbyterian College, second; Wofford, third.

WED THIS MONTH.

Invitations have been received in the city to the marriage of Miss Antoinette Thompson to Joe Hamilton Little, the same to take place in the First Presbyterian church of Abbeville on Wednesday, April 30th, at 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Mr. Little is a Clinton boy and has a wide circle of friends in the city who will be interested in the announcement of this happy event.

COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS MEET.

The board of directors of The Commercial Club met Monday night at the office of the secretary to consider several matters of vital interest to the future work and success of this organization. The officers and directors expressed themselves as highly gratified with the fine showing already made and the interest manifested by the representative business men of the community. The next meeting of the club will be held on the night of May 13th at which time the regular monthly luncheon will be served.

The directors at their meeting Monday night announced the appointment of the following standing committees to serve for a period of one year:

Entertainment Committee: W. P. Jacobs, John T. Young, W. A. Galloway.

Finance Committee: B. H. Boyd, R. L. Bailey, Jas. R. Copeland, W. H. Simpson.

Membership Committee: John Spratt, J. A. Chandler, W. C. Bailey, H. D. Henry, R. H. Hatton.

METHODISTS TO RAISE \$35,000,000 FOR MISSIONS

One Million Dollars Allotted to Upper South Carolina Conference.

Greenville, April 19.—The Upper South Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church, which is composed of Anderson, Cokesbury, Greenville, Rock Hill, Columbia and Spartanburg districts, has set out to raise approximately \$1,000,000 on May 18th. This is the amount allotted to the conference in the Centenary Movement in which the churches of the entire south proposes to raise \$35,000,000 for missions.

L. P. Hollis of this city has been appointed conference campaign director, while the Rev. J. C. Roper of Chester, has been designated as missionary secretary. Rev. Roper will devote all of his time to this work, traveling over the upper part of the state and speaking in the interest of the Centenary.

One minute speeches will be made each Sunday in all the churches of the conference. The opening day of the campaign, May 18th, has also been designated as a day of prayer for all the members. Mr. Hollis and his co-workers confidently believe that the desired amount will be raised on the first day of the campaign, and that it will not be necessary to continue the appeal for the remaining eight days in which the movement lasts.

The combined membership of the conference is 54,096, according to figures compiled in the office of the campaign director. This means that every member will be expected to give an average of \$18.00. "Every member a tither," is the motto for the campaign, this having been suggested by Dr. W. W. Pinson of Nashville, who spoke in Greenville several weeks ago in the interest of the Centenary.

The following district workers have been appointed by Mr. Hollis in the approaching campaign: Anderson district—J. B. Humbert, Anderson, district campaign director; the Rev. C. C. Leonard, Anderson, presiding elder; chairman of minute men, C. G. Good-gion, Williamston, Cokesbury district—C. C. Featherstone, Greenwood, director; the Rev. J. W. Kilgo, Greenwood, presiding elder; chairman of minute men, E. H. Bowen, Greenwood.

Columbia district—L. L. Hardin, Columbia; presiding elder, the Rev. R. E. Stackhouse, Columbia; chairman of minute men, E. D. Easterling, Columbia. Greenville district—C. G. Enead, Greenville, director; the Rev. J. M. Steadman, Greenville, presiding elder; R. E. Babb, Laurens, chairman of minute men. Rock Hill district—J. B. Johnson, Rock Hill, director; Rev. J. R. T. Major, Rock Hill, presiding elder; J. H. Glum, Chester, chairman of minute men. Spartanburg district—C. P. Hammond, Spartanburg, director; Rev. E. S. Jones, Spartanburg, presiding elder; Gabe Cannon, Spartanburg, chairman of minute men.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hipp of Abbeville, spent Easter with Mr. Gus Hipp.

Miss Connie Shannon spent Easter at her home in Whitmire.

CALL ON FARMERS TO SUPPORT LOAN

Governor Cooper Introduces Resolution.

Laurens, S. C., April 23 (Special)—Urgent appeal to the farmers to invest generously in Victory Loan bonds was voiced Tuesday by Charles H. Barron, State chairman, before the South Carolina Cotton Conference delegation which met at the Columbia Chamber of Commerce, with members of the South Carolina delegation in both houses of congress.

Following the address by Mr. Barron, the following resolution was introduced by Governor Cooper, which resolution was unanimously adopted by the members of the conference:

"Whereas the main industry of the South, cotton, has been stagnated upon the markets, because of the manipulation of the markets, and the cotton farmers may not now be in possession of an abundance of ready cash, and,

"Whereas the government needs the money of the farmers of the South and has prepared a loan upon bonds which may be good investment, therefore,

"Be it resolved by this committee, representing the Cotton Association of South Carolina, that the farmers of this State be urged to let no consideration come between them and the purchase of bonds in reasonable number, as many as they can acquire and hold without absolute financial injury to their farming operation.

"Second, that the cotton farmers of this State, along with all others who love chivalry and glorious military achievement, can not at this time humiliate their sons whose valor on the fields of Flanders is a heritage for America as well as for their native state which taught them to die, if need be, that honor, patriotism and virtue might endure forever. To and to the limit, even at great sacrifice, and to limit, even at great sacrifice, would be to dishonor the memory of our sons who endured."

JEWISH RELIEF FUND.

The committee in charge of the local Jewish Relief canvass yesterday reported a total subscription of \$734.10. The town's assessment was \$1,000 and the canvass has been about completed. All parties subscribing who have not yet made their payments are asked to take the matter up at once with Treas. F. M. Boland at the Commercial Bank in order that the account may be closed and forwarded to the proper authorities as soon as possible.

PUPILS RECITAL.

The annual recital given by the pupils of Miss Frances Burgess will occur next Tuesday night, the 29th, at 8:45 p. m. in the graded school auditorium. A very enjoyable program has been prepared and the young musicians who make up the entertainment are hoping for a large audience on the part of their friends and the general public.

A BEAUTIFUL COMFORT.

Attention is called to the beautiful comfort hanging in the Adair-Sumner window. The comfort was made under the direction of the following committee: Mrs. J. A. Bailey, J. T. Robertson and Mrs. Julia Griffin to be sent by the Musgrove Mill chapter to the mountain school at Tomassee, S. C. This school was organized by the Daughters of the American Revolution and much interest is being taken in its progress.

CHANGES HIS POSITION.

Duckett Adair, who has been the accommodating clerk in the local express office for several months past, has accepted a position with E. W. Ferguson as book-keeper and general office manager. He is succeeded at his former position by Mr. Goynne Simpson.

Miss Essie Davidson of Lockhart, spent the Easter holidays at home with relatives.

PROGRESS MADE IN ROAD SURVEY

Commission Has Employed Road Engineer and Actual Work Will Soon Commence.

Laurens, S. C., April 23 (Special)—The county highway commission, having in charge the expenditure of the road bond money in this county, met in the office of the county supervisor yesterday and took note of the progress being made in the survey by the state highway engineer.

A preliminary survey has now been made from the Newberry line to Barksdale station and the engineers are now going over the line places two or more tentative lines again checking up the levels. In some have been surveyed to secure the best and most economical line.

Civil Engineer Hughes, who is now doing road work in Cherokee county, has been employed as road engineer for this county. The road work is to be done by contract but will be done under the supervision of Mr. Hughes, who will give his entire time to this county's work. He is expected to report for work in about six weeks, about which time it is expected that actual operations will begin.

At the meeting yesterday the commission adopted the Princeton road as one next to be improved after the Kinards-Fountain Inn and Enoree-Waterloo lines have been completed.

The board has had this road under consideration since resuming activities several weeks ago, but did not see its way clear to formally adopting it until yesterday. No action was taken on the petition of citizens of the Tylersville section for a road to Yarbrough's Mill, but was given consideration along with the claims of other sections of the county.

The chairman of the commission was authorized to send out questionnaires on rights-of-way along the proposed new lines with a view of ascertaining the attitude of various sections as to granting free passage where new lines have to be projected and old roads widened. The attitude of the landowners along the preliminary lines is expected to have considerable weight in the adoption of the final lines.

TO VISIT CLINTON.

Trophies of war will be exhibited throughout South Carolina, arrangements having been completed for the routing of the "Thirtieth Division Special". This train will be fitted with military equipment and machinery covering every phase of war-time science and activity. Every variety of weapon and every kind of equipment used by the Allies in the successful prosecution of the war will be presented, including rifles, hand grenades, machine guns and even large calibre cannon.

The schedule for the train was prepared in Richmond. It will be parked where the general public may have easy access to inspect the trophies. It will arrive here Tuesday April 29th, at 8 a. m., and leave at 10 a. m. for Laurens.

ELECT K. OF P. DELEGATES.

The grand lodge of the Knights of Pythias will gather in Columbia on Tuesday, May 27th, at the Jefferson Hotel. Clinton Lodge No. 84 has elected the following delegates to the grand lodge: W. P. Jacobs, W. H. Simpson; alternates, F. M. Boland, Wilson W. Harris.

HOME-COMING DAY.

Announcement is made of a Home-Coming Day at Hurricane Baptist church on Sunday, May 4th. Rev. J. D. Pitts of Greenwood, a former pastor of the church, will preach in the morning at 11 o'clock and Rev. Edward Long, the present pastor, in the afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Dinner will be served on the grounds and the public is invited to come and enjoy the day and worship with the congregation.