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WALHALLA, S. C.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1918.

**THRIFT AND WAR SAVINGS.**

"Thrift Stamps" and "War Savings Certificates" have not taken hold of our people as much as we would have liked to see them. Postmaster Fant reports that during December the sales of Thrift and War Savings stamps at the Walhalla post office amounted to a little more than \$100. The sales should have registered a much higher mark, and we hope that the record for this month will far exceed that of the last month of the old year.

Probably it is not realized what an opportunity the purchasing of these stamps affords for saving, especially among children and young people. While only a hundred dollars was put aside through this means of patriotic saving, we doubt not many hundreds of dollars were wasted by the children and young people on useless things. And then the spirit of helpfulness should appeal to our young people even if the "thrift" and "saving" features of the scheme have escaped them. Every twenty-five cents invested in a Thrift Stamp, every five dollars invested in a War Savings Certificate is just that much help to Uncle Sam in winning the war, for the funds accumulated through the sale of these stamps are gathered into the U. S. Treasury to be used in financing the war and bringing to a successful and speedy conclusion the momentous struggle that is being waged in Europe for freedom and democracy.

Help the young people to realize that the aid of each one of the children of the United States, when massed into one great effort, is going to work wonders in the great enterprise of financing the war. They will want to have a part therein if they understand the importance of the little part each can take in accomplishing a great work for their country.

And we older people can aid the children in their work. Let us set them the example of wasting nothing; and we, too, can very profitably and patriotically drop our quarters and dimes that would ordinarily go for non-essential trifles into Uncle Sam's treasure vaults, receiving therefor Thrift Stamps and War Savings Certificates. Let's push these features just as we pushed the sale of Liberty Bonds. It is all a work to the same end—the insuring of freedom and democracy for the peoples of the earth, and the avoiding of the iron heel of Prussian autocracy.

**NEW LOCAL OFFICIALS.**

The recently-elected municipal officers for Walhalla have been inducted into office and are now in charge of local affairs. That they will make good officers and will perform their duties with credit to themselves and with beneficial results to the town as a whole we feel sure.

They will need co-operation, however, in order that they may accomplish the greatest good for the greatest number of citizens of the town. Ex-Mayor Brown has written a letter to the people of Walhalla, and this will be found elsewhere in this issue. We commend most heartily his spirit of co-operation, and we hope that all of the citizens of the town will join in with him in endeavoring to build up the town in every respect. These new officials will, we feel sure, have the solid backing of the citizens of Walhalla. With it they can accomplish much; without it they can accomplish nothing worth while. If we will all follow Ex-Mayor Brown's advice and admonition much good can and will result.

**A LONG SERVICE.**

With our issue of to-day is severed a relationship existing between The Courier and its Seneca correspondent Mrs. Mattie Verner Stribling. To say that we regret the severance of this long and pleasant relation that has existed for a period of some thirty years—we know we will be pardoned for this open statement—does not

fully express out feelings in the matter. Somehow we feel that, though the personal acquaintance of our esteemed correspondent and the present editor of The Courier is rather limited, we are losing from our force a personal friend as well as able co-worker. And these are regrets—deeper, doubtless, than one not associated with the newspaper business would imagine. There is that something—call it comradeship, fellowship or what you will—that springs up in the newspaper's grinding work to inspire a kindred feeling among the workers whose labors combine to bring forth "The Sheet." That the labors of our long-time correspondent at Seneca have been efficient is better evidenced by the length of her service than by any words that we might write.

Then, too, there is in the present instance a circumstance that brings a peculiar feeling of the losing of comradeship in the severance of relations with this correspondent, whose services have covered a period in excess of a quarter of a century. Counting from June next, we will have rounded out thirty years of service in the office of The Courier, we having then taken up the arduous duties of "devil" in the "shop." It so happens, therefore, that the labors of our Seneca correspondent and the present editor began almost simultaneously, though in a markedly different sphere of activity. These facts operate to make the severance of relations in the newspaper work more than ordinarily regrettable. And during those thirty years the relationship of newspaper and correspondent have been uniformly pleasant.

There is a sadness about such breaking of business relations that cannot be expressed. And yet we do not feel that, though the initials "M. V. S." will no longer appear at the end of each letter from Seneca, the owner of those initials will be altogether lost to The Courier's readers. A short time only will intervene, if we mistake not "the call of the shop," between the severance as Seneca correspondent and the reappearance of the familiar initials at the end of very interesting letters along other lines that will interest Oconee people. The "call" will surely come, and "M. V. S." will as surely answer. And we, and the readers of The Courier, will welcome the time.

Mrs. Stribling will hereafter be located in Greenville, and we hope that her sojourn there will be as pleasant as has been her residence among the good people of our sister town of Seneca. Wherever "M. V. S." may in future years reside, there will the good wishes of The Courier and the people of Oconee, so many of whom have long read after her, be always present. The most that she can wish for herself is the least that we wish for her.

**MANY WILL PAY INCOME TAX.**

Income Figures for 1917 Must Be Filed on or Before March 1. In a communication received by The Courier from D. C. Heyward, Collector of Internal Revenue, Columbia, it is announced that a Federal income tax officer will be sent into this county on January 21, 1918, and will be here until January 28, 1918. Information as to where this officer will have his headquarters can be obtained from the postmaster or any of the bankers. He will be willing to help persons subject to the income tax make out their returns, without any cost to them for his services.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms provided for the purpose before March 1st, 1918. Because a good many people do not understand the law, and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this expert to do it for them. But the duty is on the tax-payer to make himself known to the government. If a person does not make return on or before March 1st, 1918, penalties as provided by law will be incurred. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax you had better see the income tax man while he is here, and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not you must make return if subject to the tax.

Persons resident in other counties may, if they want to, come and see the income tax man who will be here. D. C. Heyward, Collector of Internal Revenue, suggests that everybody start figuring up at once his income and expenses so as to be ready with the figures when the expert arrives. Expenses, however, do not mean family expenses, money used to pay off the principal of a debt, new machinery, buildings, or anything like that. They mean what you spend in making your money—interest, taxes paid, hired help, amount paid for goods sold, seed, stock bought for feeding, rent (except for your dwelling), etc. Income includes about every dollar you get.

Thirteen Boys Perish in Blaze. Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 12.—Thirteen Indian boys were burned to death early this morning in a fire which destroyed the boys' dormitory of the Dwight Indian Training School at Marble City, Okla., 40 miles southeast of here. Over 100 boys escaped scantly clad in the bitter cold.

The Federal Trade Commission has granted to three American firms licenses to manufacture and sell two drugs which heretofore have been controlled by enemy aliens under certain American patents.

**OCONEE'S PROSPECTIVE SOLDIERS BEING CLASSIFIED**

List Below Represents Classifications Completed by Local Board for Oconee to January 14th.

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| <b>Class 1-A.</b><br>Arthur Tarrant.<br>Robt. McKinney, col.<br>Frank Y. Langston.<br>James S. Dalton.<br>John W. Richey.<br>S. A. Herd, col.<br>Clarence Grier, col.<br>Vickery Binton.<br>John Quinn Sears.<br>David Sidney Davis.<br>Benj. Henry Harbert.<br>Wm. Spencer Stegall.<br>Ralph Wando Mize.<br>Cromer Isbell.<br>Clarence Holland, col.<br>Henry Simpson, col.<br>Grafton W. Jenkins, col.<br>Robt. McD. Morgan.<br>Geo. Guy Watt.<br>Thornwell M. Dillard.<br>Melvin R. Peoples.<br>Chas. R. Cobb.<br>J. P. Kraft, col.<br>Wilbert O. Davis.<br>Homer Tannery.<br>Clarence Gaut, col.<br>Lewis H. Ridley.<br>Frank E. McAllister.<br>John Thos. Ables.<br>Charlie Moore.<br>Henry Trimmer, col.<br>Bob Carver.<br>Edgar Crow.<br>Jordie Addis.<br>Laland Harbin, col.<br>Wade Earle, col.<br>Major Lee.<br>Lewis Cannon.<br>Frank Strickland, col.<br>Joe Lewis, col. | <b>Class 1-B.</b><br>Thad. Maxwell, col.<br>Wallace Sloan, col.<br>Lauden Johnson, col.<br>Henry Keith, col.<br>Micaiah Alexander.<br>Robert Wilson, col.<br>George S. Eaton.<br>Sam Ferguson, col.<br>John Thos. Collins.<br><b>Class 3-A.</b><br>Robert Stewart, col.<br><b>Class 3-B.</b><br>Richard Sloan Hood.<br>Thos. Rupert Nimmons.<br>Roy Marshall Abbott. | <b>Class 1-C.</b><br>Dedrick O. Williams.<br><b>Class 1-A.</b><br>James S. Burton.<br>James E. Dickard.<br>Major P. Wright, col.<br>Ozie Williams, col.<br>Clark Walker, col.<br>Garvin L. Barker.<br>John W. Thompson.<br>Burt Frank Dute.<br>Geo. W. R. Dandy, col.<br>Wm. H. Smith.<br>Warren C. Pitts.<br>Hutis Webb, col.<br>Stafford Grant, Jr., col.<br>Tillman Thos. Smith.<br>Thos. Frank Murgengill.<br>Geo. D. Schunaber.<br>Luther Jones, col.<br>Marlon A. Adderhold.<br>Wm. Russell Deak.<br>Claude Grier, col.<br>Julius J. Terry.<br>Thos. Stuart Garrett.<br>Edran Gary Peart.<br>Wm. Alexander Sheriff.<br>C. DuRoi Peart.<br>Thos. Baylis Shuler.<br>Charles Roy Sheriff.<br>James Harrison, col.<br>Carl Stanton Pisman.<br>Wm. John Henny.<br>Thos. Jeff. Wright, col.<br>Geo. Anderson Peague.<br>Henry Blackwell.<br>Bee Thomas.<br>Clarence E. Vernon.<br>Chas. E. Brouha Cobb.<br>Freddie G. Pickett.<br>Jas. Andrew King.<br>Hissie Vauzou.<br>Jas. H. Tannery.<br>Lloyd Preston Avey.<br>Hayden Dickson.<br>James Cantrell.<br>Will H. Harrison, col.<br>Victor J. Martin.<br>Eli Moore.<br>Andy Elliott.<br>Geo. Wilber Alexander.<br>Andrew B. Adams.<br>Henry Hopkins.<br>Burt E. Hunt.<br>Robert Goudy, col.<br>Chas. C. Brown.<br>Claude V. Wilson. | <b>Class 1-C.</b><br>Frank Johnson, col.<br>Charlie Ellis, col.<br>Chas. Ed. Matheson.<br>Freeman Kelley.<br>John Elmickel.<br>Benj. F. Cleland.<br>Warren A. Graham.<br>Henry W. Crumpton.<br>Laurens B. Mitchell.<br>Kirby E. Smith.<br>Walter L. Landreth.<br>Miles W. Gibson.<br>Aldridge B. Owens.<br>Geo. G. Crenshaw.<br>Tugaloo Durham.<br>Charlie Smith.<br>Walker Swift.<br>David A. Webb, col.<br>Harrison West.<br>Rufus Rholetter.<br>Wm. A. K. Moore.<br>Wm. Edward Dyar.<br>Burt R. Watson.<br>DeWitt Bryson.<br>Wm. Ramsay Rutledge.<br>Jas. Worthy Smith.<br>Emmett H. Southerland.<br>Keels Cobb.<br>Geo. Wash. Smith.<br>Jno. B. G. Williams, col.<br>J. B. Gilden.<br>John A. Hanvey.<br>L. T. Sloan, col.<br>James Tow.<br>Marler F. Chappell.<br>John Gus Phillips.<br>John Ab. Roach.<br>Ira Winfred Sloan, col.<br>Jas. F. Nicholson.<br>Ethbert Mathis.<br>James C. Johnson, col.<br>Luther Perry, col.<br>Dock Washington, col.<br>Harry Hauser.<br>Will C. Williams, col.<br>John Robertson.<br>Doctor T. Vaughn.<br>Oscar Hill, col.<br>Bruce Sizemore, col.<br>Victor Wilburn Eldrod.<br>Jas. Oscar Logan.<br>Julius P. Thrasher.<br>Bebb Cobb. |
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**EX-MAYOR W. M. BROWN TAKES WORK DRAWING TO CLOSE.**

Of Loyalty to and Co-Operation With Local Officials.

Editor Keowee Courier: I feel that just at this time a few lines from me would not be amiss. With the passing of 1917 my thoughts go back over the past years of my association with the people of the town of Walhalla. On the 12th of January, 1912, I was elected Mayor of Walhalla, and have been twice elected since that time, serving you for six years. I wish to thank the people for the trust and confidence placed in me. It has been my desire to serve you fairly and impartially during this time. What has been done in the way of public improvements, such as street building, electric lights and sanitation, you are to be the judges. If my actions have met with your approval I will feel repaid for the time and thought given to the duties of the office. I have possibly made some mistakes (who has not?), but I have been sincere. I realize that the people have been with me in almost all of my undertakings for the development of the town, both morally and commercially.

The Ladies' Civic League has in the past done a great deal to assist in the work of civic improvement, for which they have my most profound thanks; but for whatever has been done, due credit must be given to the six Councilmen who were always ready to help in the putting forward of anything that would be for the interest of the town.

But we are not living in the past. Sixteen hundred seventeen is forever gone, and what has been done or left undone is and will be a matter of history, and we must now look to the future. We are face to face with 1918, and the question that we must ask ourselves is, Will we measure up to our responsibilities as citizens of Walhalla? On the 8th instant we elected another Mayor and Council to serve us for the next two years. They have taken over the official business of the town, and the question naturally arises, "What is my duty?" I wish to say to you, if you want efficiency, if you want a good town, if you want service from the newly elected Mayor and Council, STAND BY THEM. Division of vital, and just at this crisis in the history of our country the watchword should be, "Loyalty and Co-operation." No man can be loyal to his country, to the President of the United States, or to himself, who is not loyal to his town. Loyalty must begin at home, and the man who would try to hold his town back in its onward march because the man that he voted for was not elected has not the true ring of loyalty; and as I retire from the office of Mayor, I want to ask you to stand by the Mayor and Council recently elected, and with our help and push make them the most efficient the town has ever had. Be democratic—let the majority rule, and those in the minority obey.

My desire is that 1918-1919 may be the best years in the history of Walhalla. If you have ideas as to the upbuilding of Walhalla, don't keep them in your own head; don't tell some one out of town. Tell the Mayor or some one of his Council; co-operate with them in their work, and we may yet see Walhalla, as one of our recent candidates said, should be, "The Garden of the Gods."

W. M. Brown.  
Walhalla, Jan. 14, 1918.

**HELPING WITH QUESTIONNAIRES—2,011 QUESTIONNAIRES WERE MAILED OUT.**

Editor Keowee Courier: I take this method of making acknowledgment of the hearty appreciation of the people of the able corps of workers who have registered in Oconee county, for the arduous labors begun on December 15 and are just now drawing to a close. The performance of this task has required time, patience and constant perseverance. The enlistment has been voluntary and the service rendered from patriotic motive. The bulk of this work was done at Walhalla, but we had able assistants both at Seneca and Westminster.

At Walhalla the Legal Advisory Board had the hearty co-operation and help of every member of the bar, together with the following capable assistants: T. B. Shelor, Mrs. Geraldine Rankin, Mrs. W. A. Grant, Mrs. John Maxwell, Mrs. E. L. Herndon, Misses Eunice Macaulay, Annie Stratton, Carolyn Rogers, Mildred Carter, Edith Carter, Frances Carter, Sue Maxwell, Julia Maxwell, Ruth Brown, Myrtle Brown, Eunice White, Lucille White, Florence Hetrick, Marlon Hetrick, Cornelia Burton, Kate J. Stool, Leonie G. K. Htman, Lola Kaufmann, Elizabeth Stribling, Sallie Stribling, Anna Stribling.

At Seneca, J. Eustace Hopkins was appointed Assistant Member of the Legal Advisory Board, and he was assisted in his work by the following: J. N. Hopkins, R. M. Tribble, M. S. Stribling, Mrs. Mary Myers, Misses Stella Pincannon and Carrie Beath.

At Westminster, Supt. W. C. Taylor was appointed Assistant Member of the Legal Advisory Board, and in his work he had helpers as follows: Rev. W. R. McMillan, Rev. J. W. Lewis, Rev. J. G. Martin, Marshall S. Stribling, J. M. Singleton, Burt Singleton, Edwin Gaines, Misses Eleanor Keese, Lillian Breazeale and Mary Singleton.

There were 2,011 questionnaires mailed by the Local Exemption Board. Each questionnaire contained 15 pages, 9 by 12 inches of printed matter to be read and numerous questions to be answered. From this some idea of the magnitude of the task can be formed.

On behalf of these registrants in Oconee county, I wish to thank all of these willing and capable helpers.

Respectfully,  
R. T. Jaynes, Co. Chairman.  
Walhalla, Jan. 14, 1918.

**Building Material.**

We have anticipated and stocked up on  
**Doors, - Windows, - Locks,  
Hinges, - Nails,  
Roofing, Etc.**

You, no doubt, will be doing some building soon. We have the goods and the price and will be glad to figure with you on your bill. Good stock of Paints, Oils, etc. Now is the time to paint and preserve the building for the winter time.

**Ballenger Hdw & Furn Co.,  
Seneca, S. C.**

P. S.—Don't forget that we are headquarters for Stoves, Ranges and Furniture.

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**NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT AND DISCHARGE.**

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will make application to V. F. Martin, Judge of Probate for Oconee County, in the State of South Carolina, at his office at Walhalla Court House, on Monday, the 28th day of January, 1918, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, or as soon thereafter as said application can be heard, for leave to make final settlement of the Estate of R. O. Richardson, deceased, and obtain final discharge as Executors of said Estate.

D. F. RICHARDSON,  
J. M. RICHARDSON,  
Executors of the Estate of R. O. Richardson, deceased.  
Dec. 26, 1917. 52-3\*

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(MRS.) R. M. RANKIN,  
Administratrix of the Estate of R. N. Rankin, Deceased.  
Jan. 16, 1918. 3-6

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**PEOPLE'S PRESSING CLUB**

I have purchased Gillespie's Pressing Club, and will continue the same at the present stand—over Bischoff's Cafe.

All work will be called for and delivered promptly, and satisfaction is guaranteed in every particular. All goods damaged or lost at the club will be paid for. Will make a specialty of Ladies' Skirts and Coats. Phone us and we will call for your work.

HARRY FAYONSKY,  
Walhalla, S. C.

**SPECIAL TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.**

A special examination for County Teachers will be held at the Court House in Walhalla on SATURDAY, January 19th, 1918. All teachers in the county as well as prospective teachers should take due notice of this examination and govern themselves accordingly. The usual rules governing County Teachers' Examinations will apply.

THOS. A. SMITH,  
County Supt. of Education.  
Jan. 2, 1918. 1-3

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC.**

All persons are hereby warned against hiring, harboring or feeding Luther White, nicknamed "Jake," aged 16 years, colored, as he has run away from home and is under age. He is slender; ginger-bread color; weight about 130 pounds; scar just above left eye. Legal action will be taken against any one found to be hiring, harboring or feeding said minor.

WILL J. WHITE,  
Walhalla, S. C., Dec. 24, 1917.  
Dec. 26, 1917. 52-3\*