

**SALE OF RED CROSS SEALS.**

Over 14,000 Sold in Laurens County. Weather Retarded Sale.

The sale of Red Cross Christmas Seals in South Carolina has been a great success. All reports are not yet in but those so far received show that over \$50,000 seals have been sold; it is thought the number will reach 900,000 when all reports are in. Had it not been for the weather conditions the sale would have reached 1,000,000. 14,168 seals were sold in Laurens county as follows: Laurens, 7,719; Clinton, 1,305; Cross Hill, 1,200; Goldville, 1,000; Mountville, 1,000; Gray Court, 666; Gray Court R. F. D., 500; Waterloo, 55; Owings, 75; and 618 sold by letter from the Columbia office. In justice to Waterloo it should be stated that more seals were sold there but the number cannot be stated as the sales were made by agents from other territories.

The success of the campaign is due to the faithful efforts of the enthusiastic workers throughout the state. In Laurens county the following had charge in their respective communities and they were assisted in most places by the school children: Miss Julia Ivey, Mrs. D. J. Drhum, Dr. J. H. Miller, Miss Mattie B. Browning, Mrs. J. M. Summers, Mrs. R. L. Gray, Miss Genie B. Alton, Mrs. J. C. Smith, Mrs. J. C. DePre.

Dr. L. A. Riser, who had charge of the campaign throughout the state, takes this means of thanking the editors, ministers, school teachers and children, moving picture shows and the above named men and women and their assistants for the valuable aid given; he also thanks those who sent in contributions through the "dollar letters" sent out from the main office.

Pamphlets on tuberculosis for use in the public schools will be distributed, public health nurses will be put on to visit and instruct in homes where tuberculosis exists, charts will be given to schools which have sold as many as 500 seals, and many other plans are on foot to aid in the fight against the "Great White Plague".

**OBITUARY.**  
1897-1918.

Youth does not carry with it immunity from sickness or death.

On January second, the death angel entered 119th U. S. Training Station in Norfolk, Va., and carried the spirit of Lummie Hughes into the beautiful home beyond. Lummie was the very picture of health, apparently, robust and strong. It is natural for us sometimes to wonder, why it is that Providence sees fit to take the young. We cannot correctly solve such a question but this we know, that God moves in a mysterious way, and all things work together for good of them that love Him.

Lummie had only been away from home one month, going at his country's call to battle for the right. He was a member of Harmony Baptist church, and faithful worker in the Sunday school. In the work of the R. Y's, he was especially enthusiastic and rendered a service of which the church is justly proud. At this place he fills a loyal soldier's grave.

The funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. A. Brock. Sorrowing friends and loved ones have the assurance of a happy reunion, for he had the faith which robs death of its terror and the grave of its gloom. A former Sunday school teacher.

Mrs. Mittie Hellams.

**SENDS MEN TO GET REPORT.**

Fuel Administrator Wants Information From Mines.

Washington, Feb. 27.—Rembrandt Pearle, representative of operators in the fuel administration, and John P. White, representative of labor, were sent tonight to Birmingham, Ala., by Fuel Administrator Garfield to report on the differences between operators and miners there.

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**Filling Out Questionnaires.**

For some time the writer has been one of many citizens engaged in the work of helping registered men fill out their questionnaires. The formidable looking pamphlet of sixteen pages floored most men when it was first received and to the man who could not read it was almost like sudden death and destruction. When once into the thing it was found that it was not so complicated but time was certainly an essence of the job in the legal phrase and it took time above all else. To average two an hour was pretty fair work. Now and then a man would be found who would not require so much time, especially in cases where exemption was waived or deferred classification was not claimed. There was not much work to do in such cases. But these cases were not frequent, not with the applicants handled by the writer.

In this connection the writer wants to pay a tribute to the patriotism of the boys in the cotton mills. These young men in most cases were making good pay, better than some in other lines of work but in cases where there were no dependences in every case, save one, they said very frankly and without any show of regret that they did not wish to claim any exemption. The one exception was a young man who said he had no ground for exemption save that he did not want to go! He was frank about that but did not seem to mind it very much. But it was a striking thing that in all the other cases the answer was usually, "Well, if I am needed I am ready to go when called." It is something that made an impression on the writer and he feels that the young men in the mills, certainly in this section, deserve commendation for their broad patriotism.

There was humor and pathos in the work of helping fill out the questions. The colored registrant, as a rule, was

always a hard job. Naturally slow to comprehend the registered man was more than apt to make conflicting statements and it took care, and patience to steer him in a safe course through the sixteen pages of information about himself which the government wants.

The first question as to name and age was easy. So also the next about nearest relative, name of employer and the kind of work done for the past ten years. Now and then it took time to figure out all the different kinds of jobs, but in most cases the information was easily given. Things would go swimmingly until the questioner and informant came to the question, "Would you be willing to take free evening school instruction in case you were called to camp." This was a poser. Applicants hesitated over it as if the answer would commit them to going to camp right then and there. Upon assurance that the question was not loaded, the answer would be "Yes". In the whole list only one man made the reservation that he would "if it did not cost him anything." Knowing his father it was taken as simply a faulty trait to be on the lookout for anything that cost money.

The applicant's face would brighten at the next question, "What military experience have you had?" And the answer "None" would be good and strong. But the next question seemed to dash all hopes to the ground, "What branch of the army do you prefer in case you should be called to service" with a list of the branches, artillery, aviation, engineer corps, medical corps ordnance and quartermaster corps. Here the applicant had all sorts of visions and the prospect seemed not an alluring one for there would be a long period of hesitation. The helpers always stated that this was entirely optional, it could be answered or not

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as the applicant preferred. Most of them wanted the different branches explained and when it was done, using "big guns" for artillery and "single guns" for the infantry, the applicant would express a preference. The quartermaster corps was the most popular, though the artillery came a close second.

One amusing word and one that seemed to be generally used among the colored men was "reddish" for registered. He would say "I reddish" for "I registered." The word seemed to be one in which there was an insurmountable obstacle in pronunciation.—Greenwood Index.

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