

BOOKS FOR SOLDIERS.

American Library Association Starts Campaign to Supply Books and Magazines.

Mr. R. M. Kennedy, in charge of South Carolina Division of the American Library Association campaign to furnish books and magazines and libraries for cantonments will address a meeting of Sumter men and women at Sumter Chamber of Commerce, tomorrow, Friday, September 14th, at 11.30 o'clock A. M.

Mrs. I. A. Ryttenberg, chairman of the Library Department of the South Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs requests a large attendance of Sumter's citizens at the meeting tomorrow morning.

The citizens of Sumter should be interested in doing everything within their power to contribute to the comfort, pleasure, and educational advantages of the brave men, hundreds of whom are our own boys, our own flesh and blood, from Sumter county.

In the meantime every household in Sumter county which has magazines that are to be contributed are requested to send same immediately if convenient, if not, at their leisure to the Red Cross chapter headquarters, Y. M. C. A. building.

The magazines and libraries will prove a great source of recreation and mental benefit to our soldiers.

The people of our city and county are urged to co-operate in the following:

To Librarians in South Carolina:

You are doubtless aware that the American Library Association has been entrusted by the government with the vastly important task of providing books and magazines for all our soldiers in cantonments and other groups.

The association proposes establishing a library of about 10,000 volumes in each of the 32 cantonments, and, to this end, a fund of \$1,000,000 is to be raised by popular subscription during the week beginning September 24th.

Meantime each State is asked to organize its library forces for the purpose of securing gifts of good reading matter for immediate use, as well as to assist in the whirlwind campaign to raise funds. I have been appointed State agent of the War Service Committee of the A. L. A. to get books and magazines at once, to meet the demand of troops now (or soon to be) in cantonments, and to assist with the raising of the \$1,000,000 fund.

I therefore appeal to the librarians of the State to undertake this work in the respective counties. In towns where there are no libraries, some other provision must be made.

Use the local newspapers, organize personal appeals, if necessary a house to house canvass, and collect all the readable books and magazines (the latter not over two months old) at your libraries, notifying me when you are ready to ship.

Do not be afraid of getting too much or of duplication, as there will be a demand much greater than we can hope to supply, with the thousands of young men in the camps. Make clear, however, that poorly printed, uninteresting or out-of-date books are not worth shipping to the men. Type should be good and clear and the books in fair condition.

Donors might, if they choose, write their names in their books for the personal touch, but do not attach strings. Leave to the A. L. A. the best method of distribution.

A committee in Columbia headed by Dr. Thornton Whaling is collecting in this city for Camp Jackson, and similar committees are doubtless at work in Greenville and Spartanburg for their respective cantonments. Our State camps will be looked after primarily you may rest assured.

Owing to lack of clerical force and as this is a patriotic service without remuneration will you not consider this, please, a personal letter and let me have an immediate response accepting service? If there be two or more librarians in any county act together.

This is the finest war service that we can render the boys that will do the fighting for us and a self-sacrificing donation of patriotism is asked of you.

At at once! Books are needed now.

Very truly yours,
R. M. Kennedy,
Librarian University of South Carolina.

Through the kindness of the chairman of the local Red Cross, magazines and books will be received at the Red Cross headquarters, Y. M. C. A. building.

Frost Hurts Late Crops.

Lancaster, Pa., Sept. 12.—Another frost this morning damaged late crops, tobacco being most seriously affected. The frost was not as heavy as yesterday and the damage will not be as extensive. First reports of great damage yesterday were inaccurate.

MEETING AT DALZELL.

Council of Defense Campaigners Address Community Meeting.

The County Council of Defense community meeting of Providence township, at Dalzell last night had a very small number of Providence to listen to the speakers, and only for the presence of about a half dozen ladies of Dalzell, and a couple of gentlemen from the same place, supplemented by four gentlemen from Stateburg and Rafting Creek townships the speakers would have addressed empty seats or not have addressed at all if we excuse the presence of several children.

The audience however, while small in numbers, was above the average in intelligence and progressiveness, and gave the speakers a cordial welcome, liberal applause, close attention, and the ladies added to the cordiality of the welcome to Dalzell, by serving delicious hot chocolate and cake after the meeting, in the Domestic Science room of the magnificent and modern school building.

Chairman J. C. Dunbar, of Providence township committee of the Sumter County Council of Defense, presided. He delivered a short but very patriotic address of welcome.

Mr. J. Frank Williams, Farm Demonstrator for this county opened up for the battery of speakers and touched interestingly upon the various economic problems confronting the farmers. He pointed out in practical style just what the farmers should do towards diversification and marketing of products and how to prepare produce for market. He stressed the importance of better and more permanent public highways, the necessity for the rural districts taking steps to safeguard individual and public health, both from humane and financial points of view. He explained the objects of the Tri-County Farmers' Cotton Marketing Association, requested the hearty cooperation of Providence township in the approaching 1917 Sumter County Fair. He paid his respects to those who are indifferent to their country's call as commercial and agricultural slackers.

Mr. C. J. Jackson, of Horatio, delivered a very interesting talk about what the Sumter County Boll Weevil Commission saw and learned while touring the weevil infested districts of Georgia and Alabama. His remarks opened the eyes of his hearers, and Mr. Jackson left no room for doubts about what the cotton boll weevil will do for any county unprepared for this very intelligent and tireless insect. He took occasion also to pay his respects to the "slackers" of Sumter and other counties; commercial, agricultural, manufacturing, financial, and industrial slackers, hundreds of whom can be found doing absolutely nothing for their country, either in time or money to help win this war. Slackers who are benefiting from the public spirit and patriotism of their comparatively few patriotic fellow citizens and are acting as drones themselves while thousands of South Carolina's brave sons are going away to die for their country.

Secretary E. I. Reardon followed Mr. Jackson in a scathing denunciation of the numerous slackers of Sumter county, in the city of Sumter as well as elsewhere. He said that Sumter city and county in diversification and Red Cross work and Liberty bond contributions were said to have done as well in proportion to population as any county in South Carolina, better than some, but when that was admitted and even if Sumter county had done better than any other county in this State, it wasn't anything worth bragging about. There was much to be done yet, and this county and other South Carolina counties are not measuring up in public spirit and patriotism to what the country has the right to expect of Sumter county and South Carolina. He advocated planting of tobacco on every farm, explained the proposed cooperative produce marketing association, and called on the men and women of Providence township to send in all of their spare magazines to Red Cross chapter, at Y. M. C. A. building in Sumter to be forwarded to the brave men who are training at the cantonments of this and other States.

Mr. P. G. Bowman of Sumter aroused the enthusiasm of his audience and touched the hearts of all present by his masterful presentation of the reasons why the United States had to enter this war in the interest of humanity and democracy. His talk was a complete exposition of German barbarism, ruthless destruction of the lives of innocent and helpless children and women in Belgium, France and Poland. His touching illustration of how starving little children hold up their hands to the cruel and mocking Prussian soldiers for small pieces of bread only to have these barbarians cut off the hands and arms of the helpless little starving petitioners stirred the hearts of men and women present last night.

He pointed out interestingly what

Prussianism is and what it does. He showed what this country stands in danger of, what the women and girls will have to stand for if the men behind the guns are not backed by the men behind plow, behind the counters, banks, manufacturing and other industrial establishments of this country.

His explanation of the Red Cross as "the mother of the boys at the front," and what the thousands of "Red Cross Mothers" are doing and will do for the maimed, and dying sons of America, France, England, and other soldiers of our allies brought tears to some eyes. He too went for the "slackers" with gloves off, and did not mince his words.

While the audience was small it was a very appreciative one. It is quite certain that the ladies and gentlemen present will get busy doing good work yet in Providence township for the country and for the protection of womanhood in America.

MEETING AT HAGOOD.

Large and Enthusiastic Audience Attended Community Meeting.

The people of Hagood are aroused to the necessity of every section of the United States contributing its share toward winning the war and the duty of each individual to loyally support the government. They realize that each section and each individual can best help to make the world safe for democracy by doing the duty that lies nearest at hand.

This was demonstrated by the earnest and interested crowd that filled the school house Wednesday evening when the community meeting was held under the auspices of the Council of Defense.

Mr. C. J. Jackson who has been one of the most earnest workers of the County Committee of Public Safety and of the Council of Defense since that body was organized early in the year, acted as chairman of the meeting and explained the purpose for which the series of meetings are being held throughout the county.

Brief talks were made by Mr. J. Frank Williams, Mr. G. T. Brooks, Mr. E. I. Reardon, Dr. S. H. Edmunds and Mr. Harold Langtry.

Mr. Williams explained the necessity of planting more small grain, especially wheat, and stressed the importance of proper preparation of the land for seeding small grain. He did not deal in generalities, but told how and when to plant, how to treat wheat and oats to prevent smut and gave other practical directions that, if followed will result in larger and more profitable yields of small grain in Sumter county. He also discussed Tri-County Cotton Marketing Association, the proposed Produce Marketing Association, and good roads. In respect to the road situation he said that better roads are the most greatly needed improvement that Sumter county people could demand. He took the position that to have good roads the people must pay for them and that they should make up their minds to have better roads at the earliest possible day, since the bad roads that we now have are the most burdensome tax that the people are paying. He concluded by urging the people to make good use of the money that they will receive this fall. They should pay their debts first of all, then save every dollar possible for future needs. He told the people that it was their patriotic duty to invest some of their saving in Liberty bonds, that by doing this they would be helping themselves financially by making a safe and profitable investment and would be aiding the government in a patriotic and substantial manner.

Mr. Brooks, the government cotton grader stationed here to cooperate with the Tri-County Cotton Marketing Association, explained the methods of classing cotton and the advantages the establishment of the cotton association would be to the farmers, both in standardizing grades and in marketing cotton in large lots. He was asked a number of questions and gave a good deal of useful information relative to the objects of the Federal Bureau of Markets in placing cotton graders on selected markets to assist marketing associations.

Mr. Reardon devoted the greater part of his time to a discussion of tobacco as a money crop in the present condition of the world's tobacco markets. He advised all farmers to plant a limited acreage in tobacco next year.

Dr. Edmunds made a ringing patriotic speech dealing with the causes of the war and the solemn responsibility that rests upon America, the world's greatest democracy, to save the world from the Prussian autocracy, whose ideal is brute force.

The last speaker was Mr. Harold Langtry who also made a talk along patriotic lines.

Rosh-Hashanah—The Jewish New Year.

The Jewish people will on Sunday

evening, September the sixteenth, enter their houses of worship, to usher in their Rosh Hashanah, or New Year, 5678, which marks the beginning of the cycle of sacred observances held during the month of Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish calendar. While every New Moon, in ancient times, was greeted by the sounds of the Shofar (trumpet), the seventh month or New Moon, coming after six months of work in the field, was welcomed with religious exercises as a month of rest and recreation by the agricultural inhabitants of Palestine. (Numbers X 10.)

The Jewish New Year is known by different names, and each expresses something of its spiritual significance. Numbers XXIX. I, designates it as "The Day of Blowing the Trumpet (Shofar)." New Year occurs in the autumn, when the falling leaf and fading flower turn man's mind to serious reflection, and sounds the admonitory message: "Awake, and ponder your deeds; remember your creator, return to Him in penitence. Be not of those who reach out after shadows, and waste years seeking vain things which cannot profit or deliver. Look well to your souls and consider your acts; forsake each of you his evil ways and thoughts, and return to God, that He may have mercy upon you."

Rosh Hashanah is also known as The Day of Memorial, The Day of Judgment, of self-examination. Tradition tells us that on this Day the Ruler of Life weighs the doings of man, and allots to each his destiny, as it were, for the coming year, for weal or woe, for life or death. "Shall a trumpet be blown in the city, and the people not tremble?" (Amos, III, 6) "For the Lord is our judge; the Lord is our law-giver; the Lord is our king; He will say us."

Its message to man is threefold. (1) to contemplate all experiences of the year—joyful and sorrowful—in the light of discipline, by the ruler of human destiny, and to renew our trust in Him; (2) to scrutinize our conduct, conscious that God, the Just Judge of the world, searches the heart, and to consecrate the new year to a nobler life; (3) and to look upon the life story of Israel as of one's self in the light of God's revelations on Sinai, Moriah and Zion. Special music and prayers mark the observance of the Feast, which though solemn is nevertheless replete with the spirit of joy and optimism. While Orthodox Jewry devotes two days, Reform Judaism observes only one day.

News From Wisacky.

Wisacky, Sept. 12.—Everything is putting on new life. Cotton is opening rapidly. The pickers are on the job. The gins are in operation. The harvest is plentiful but I am glad to say the laborers are not few. Owing to the hot dry weather cotton, late corn, peas, potatoes and gardens are failing. Old corn is about ready to house. The yield is fine. We will make a full average crop of cotton.

Our dear old St. Luke's church has been torn down and carried to Elliotts. Oh! how some of us grieve in our hearts, when we pass by the old site, and find it gone, and see so many of our precious dead left alone.

Rev. and Mrs. Watson, of Bishopville, Misses Mary Hill and Elizabeth Stuckey from same place were visitors at home of H. W. Scott this week.

Mr. Lawrence Scott, who soon expects to leave for cantonment, is at his father's home on a visit.

The Misses McCutchen and Minnie Green of Wisacky, and the Misses Manning and Rogers of Bishopville leave tonight for the Flora McDonald college at Red Springs, S. C.

Our public schools opened Monday of last week. I hear they have a full attendance. Most of the teachers have been changed. I hope the new school law will be enforced, as some of the parents are very indifferent as to the education of their children. In order to make effective our county superintendents should be very careful as to the selection of school trustees for on them devolve the success of the compulsory law.

Miss Marguerite Scott of Wisacky and Mr. Burkett of St. Charles will be married September 26th. I wish for them a long and happy life together.

We have had fine rains which were badly needed. Everything is greatly revived.

One of our colored men attempted to punish his 15 year old son. The boy pulled his pistol and shot at his father, but missed his mark. He ran away and has not been heard from since.

I visited your beautiful city yesterday and was delighted to find the wonderful improvements that have been made and are still being made. Hope it will continue to grow in size and prosperity.

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REX THEATRE

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — SUMTER, S. C.

"THE FALL OF A NATION"

Bigger than the "Birth of a Nation," by Thomas Dixon.

THE MIGHTY MESSAGE

Special music by Victor Herbert. This tremendous production is booked for one day only. The talk of photoplay today. Not man, woman or child should miss this mighty message. They are plotting the overthrow of America. Let our audience see the danger that lurks in our midst. Morning show at eleven o'clock, admission 20c. Matinee at 2 o'clock, admission 20c. A continuous performance all day, with big six piece orchestra. Worth miles to me and see. When you see this production you will never regret your son when he goes to defend our country.

BOY SHOOTS HIS SISTER.

Accidental Discharge of Shotgun by Eight Year old Child Costs Little Girl's Life.

Port Mill, Sept. 12.—Frank Stammer, eight year old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stammer, who live on the plantation of Dr. T. S. Kirkpatrick about two miles from Port Mill, accidentally shot and almost instantly killed his sister, Flora Stammer, aged about 12 years, the accident happening about 9 o'clock yesterday morning. It appears that the boy was trying to breach the gun to unload it when the weapon discharged, the charge entering the body of the girl. Coroner J. H. McManus came over from Rock Hill at noon and empaneled a jury whose verdict was in accordance with the facts given herewith.

QUEEN OF BULGARIA DEAD.

End Had Been Expected for Some Time.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Sept. 21—(Via London).—Queen Eleanore, of Bulgaria, died here this evening. She had been ill some time and recently King Ferdinand and Crown Prince Boris and Prince Cyril were summoned to her bedside.

Queen Eleanore was the daughter of Prince Henry IV of Reuss-Kostrix. She was born in 1860 and married Prince Ferdinand, of Bulgaria, who later ascended the throne in 1908. Since the outbreak of the war the Queen had done considerable Red Cross work, and at one time it was reported she intended to come to the United States to collect funds for the sufferers in Bulgaria and to study the hospital system in this country.

BOMB CONSPIRATORS ARRESTED.

Government Officials Capture Schooner With I. W. W. Members Aboard.

San Diego, Cal., Sept. 12.—That United States government officials expected with the capture of the gasoline schooner Anvil by an American warship off the lower California coast to secure the men implicated in the recent destruction of the black powder magazine at the Mare Island navy yard, was permitted to become known today.

Four hours after the Anvil had been docked only six of the thirty-five men aboard the vessel had been examined.

Under escort of the warship which captured her last Saturday afternoon off the lower California coast, the Anvil arrived in port.

Two well-known Industrial Workers of the World members, said one of the federal officials, had been found on the Anvil. One of these, Chas. Miller, recently crossed the border at Tijuana, Miller and the second alleged I. W. W., John Grit, are said to have played a prominent part in the recent labor troubles in Montana.

It was said no further information would be given out until the examination of all the men is completed.

DREADED PEST IN TEXAS.

Steps Taken to Stamp Out Pink Boll Weevil.

Washington, Sept. 12.—Discovery of the dreaded pink boll weevil near Hearn, Texas, and prompt measures to confine and eradicate the pest were announced today by the Department of Agriculture. The Texas Department of Agriculture and the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas have been asked to send representatives to join the department's expert, who has been ordered to Hearn.

FEW WHITES FOR NEXT DRAFT.

War Department Advised of Predicament.

Columbia, Sept. 13.—E. H. Crowder, provost marshal general, was advised by W. W. Moore, adjutant general, yesterday that it will be impossible for the State to comply with recent orders by the war department to mobilize only white men September 19 for the 40 per cent. of the State's quota under the selective draft act. By a compilation of figures from all local boards it is shown that the total certification of negroes was 5,753 or 63 per cent. and only 3,365 or 37 per cent. whites. Of the latter, 5 per cent or 500 have already been mobilized. General Moore asks, "Shall we order all available whites, including temporary exemptions for all causes, or send 40 per cent. whites and colored?"

WOMEN WORKERS WANTED.

A Call to Charleston and South Carolina Women for Help.

Will the women of Charleston and South Carolina let the men who have volunteered to fight on the seas for their country, suffer from lack of clothing? Pneumonia and other diseases will increase the ravages among our soldiers and sailors unless there is sufficient clothing and bedding. It is up to South Carolina women to see that there is no shortage in sailors' garments because of a shortage of woman labor at the Charleston Navy Yard factories. If our country is to be successfully defended against enemies, it must have enough women workers to clothe its men, just as it must have enough sailors on the seas and enough soldiers at the front.

The huge task of making all cotton outer garments for the sailors of our fleet has been entrusted to the Charleston Navy Yard factory. The Navy Department has built a splendid breeze-swept addition to its old factory at the Navy Yard. It has equipped this factory with sewing machines; but many machines cannot fill the call from all our naval stations for sailors' garments, because they are without operators. There is an urgent need for 1,000 women to sew on sailors' uniforms for ten hours a day at the Navy Yard. They will be paid on the basis of an eight-hour day, two of the ten hours being paid for as overtime.

The South Carolina division of the National League for Woman's Service, operating in connection with Mr. W. Vaughan Howard, director of employment for South Carolina, representative of the secretary of labor, is starting a campaign to recruit the women for the country's work. All women who are free to leave their homes during the day are urged to offer for the service. Other women, who must stay at home to take care of small children, will be rendering a truly patriotic service, says Mr. Howard, who has charge of the registering in South Carolina, if they will undertake to do their own sewing for the next few months, in order that their seamstresses may be free to work at the Navy Yard.

All women wishing information about this service or desiring to register, may call at or write to the office of W. Vaughan Howard, U. S. Director of Employment, Room 30 Custom House, Charleston, S. C.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Knox Corbett, of Tuscon, Arizona, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Rowland.

Beeswax Wanted. See me before you sell your wax. I will buy it for cash at the best current price.

N. G. OSTEEEN.