

The Watchman and Southron.

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PERSONAL.

Miss Marie Rotholz has returned from the West after a lengthy trip of several weeks duration.

Mrs. A. L. Cuiyhouse and little daughter, Mary, have returned from a visit to her husband at Camp Jackson.

Miss Bernie Elsie Ramsey has returned from Lynchburg where she has been teaching for the past term. Dr. W. E. Thayer has gone to Hot Springs, Ark., to attend the Southern Baptist convention in session at that place.

Sergt. R. E. Pace, of Camp Jackson, is here visiting his father, Mr. T. W. Pace, on Harvin St.

Mrs. C. W. McGrew has returned from a visit to her son, Mr. Charley McGrew, who is managing the Western Union office at Raeford, N. C.

Misses Lucile Ryttenberg and Florence Nuenzer, of New York, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ryttenberg on Church St.

Married.

At the Salem Baptist parsonage on Saturday, May 11th at 4 o'clock p. m. Miss Jewell Graham and Mr. E. W. Geddings were united in marriage. Rev. E. W. Reynolds officiating. We wish for this young couple a world of happiness and success all along life's journey.

Death.

From the Daily Item, May 14. Mr. James A. Chandler, son of Mrs. Maggie H. Chandler, died today at the tuberculosis camp, Columbia. Funeral tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the cemetery. Besides his mother, Mr. Chandler leaves four brothers and three sisters. They are Messrs. Julian D., Chas. M., Harry, Hazel, and Mrs. Ida Raffield and Misses Ethel and Marguerite Chandler.

Mayesville School Commencement.

The senior class of the Mayesville graded school has issued invitations to the commencement exercises of the school on Tuesday, May 28th, at 8.30 o'clock. The members of the class are:

Robert Carlisle Cooper, Frances Merial Keels, Lesta Molynne Weldon, Mary Louise Witherspoon.

Lightning Kills Mules.

From the Daily Item, May 14. The large barn and stables on Mr. L. D. Jennings' Anderson place, near Loring's mill, was struck by lightning last night and five mules killed. The building was set afire by the lightning, but was extinguished before much damage was done. A section of one side wall of the stable was knocked out, but the damage, apart from the loss of the mules, was not great.

Westminster Church Thrift Stamp Club.

Rev. W. M. Caldwell, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Concord township, is working energetically to promote the sale of War Savings stamps and Thrift stamps among his congregation and quite a number have already bought stamps and are buying a stated amount each week. Rev. Caldwell has adopted the plan of buying a supply of stamps every week and having them at the church on Sunday for sale to his congregation. He is doing a good work and other preachers would do well to follow his example.

SUMTER COTTON MARKET.

(Corrected daily at 12 o'clock Noon.)
P. G. BOWMAN, Cotton Buyer.
Good Middling 27
Strict Middling 26 3-4.
Middling 26 1-2.
Strict Low Middling 25 1-2.

NEW YORK COTTON MARKET.

	Open	High	Low	Close	Yes'dys
July	25.30	25.75	25.23	25.50	25.95
Oct	24.45	24.85	24.33	24.56	24.20
Dec	24.24	24.75	24.22	24.35	24.10

Health Officer W. J. McKagen has resigned and will go to Hartsville, having accepted a similar position in that place. Mr. McKagen has made an efficient and faithful official and his removal from Sumter will be regretted by his many friends and the public generally.

In anticipation of the approaching visit of the Earl of Dunmore to Sumter, under the auspices of the State Council of Defense, the Sumter Council of Defense is arranging for his entertainment and for a reception in his honor, if his stay in the city permits. His itinerary in South Carolina has not been announced as yet and the date of his visit to Sumter and the duration of his stay in the city are not known.

Community Councils.

The following letter to Mrs. Nina Solomons, County Chairman, explains the plan of organizing community councils to work through the National Council of Defense:

Dear County Chairman:
Enclosed find plan of organization. I am going to attend the conference in Washington, D. C., May 13, 14, 15 of the Woman's Committee and will send you additional information, but thought you might look this plan over and select your representatives.

Your committee or unit of the Woman's Division should be composed of the president or representative from each organization in your town. This should include all clubs, benefit societies, social organizations, suffrage bodies, women's labor organizations, school and home associations, library associations. None should be omitted.

The prime motive of the Woman's Committee is to coordinate all organizations in existence and have them cooperate, through the Woman's Division Council of Defense, women who are not members of any organization, who should be invited to join.

This body of women becomes the local committee representing the State Division and the National Committee.

This committee selects a chairman, secretary and treasurer and heads of such departments of war work as it decides to take up.

The National Committee has ten departments of war work, namely: Registration for Service, Food Production, Food Conservation, Women in Industry, Child Welfare, Maintaining Existing Social Service Agencies, Safeguarding Moral and Spiritual Forces, Educational Propaganda, Liberty Loans, Red Cross and Allied Relief.

Each State Division has these departments of work, but it is not expected that every community will find it advisable to create so many committees but adapt itself to local conditions.

These officers and heads of departments of work should constitute the executive committee of the local division and is the active representative in that community of the State Division and the National Council of Defense.

This kind of local and State organization helps the government because it enables it to reach all women of the country with word of what it wants them to do and because it permits uniformity of method and object.

I hope you have been able to appoint a publicity chairman who will send me weekly reports. I want the good work you are doing to reach the people and the national committee. With best wishes,

Mrs. W. C. Cathcart,

Executive and Publicity Chairman.

How all The People Can Help All The Time to Win the War.

To establish closer contact between the people and the State Council of Defense and the Woman's Divisions the best working plan has been found the Community Council, a small unit established in each school district.

The Council of National Defense reaches the State Council, the State Council reaches the County Councils and the County Councils, through the Community Councils establish direct contact with every city, town and hamlet—almost into every home in the country.

According to the plan for Community Councils, each school district, each township or each precinct is made a working member of a nation fighting for a noble cause. The task of the war needs the whole energy of every man, woman and child in this country. The Community Council makes personal contact with every citizen possible, and its development means the effective mobilization of the nation behind the war.

The State Councils are operating under the direct supervision of the War Department and the National Council and individuals working in Community Councils under the direction of County Councils are as much in the service of the country as the soldiers in uniform and may feel that the government appreciates all they do.

The main purpose of the entire organization of the Council of Defense is to cooperate with the government. The demands on the State's resources agencies and institutions become greater each day. To meet these demands it is necessary to prepare in the most comprehensive way and to the last detail.

Local emergencies can best be met by local action. The Community Councils make it practical to carry out the nation's war policy based on local needs.

The conditions are favorable for reports from the farming districts that Gen. Green has invaded the State and that the forces of the untutored yeomanry of Carolina are rallying to repel the invader. This report is all ways in season when a rainy spell occurs in the month of May.

THRIFT AND ECONOMY.

A Message Direct From The National Council of Defense.

To The People of Sumter County:

The following has just been received direct from the Council of National Defense and the Advisory Committee of the Council at Washington:

Thrift and Economy.

The Council of National Defense and the Advisory Commission of the Council believe that a concerted effort for economy by the people of the nation will not only go far toward paying America's expense in the war, but will also reduce consumption of raw and manufactured materials essential to the conduct of the war.

The Council urges all to refrain from unnecessary expenditures of every kind, and to bear constantly in mind that only one thing is now of real importance, and that is the winning of the war.

The nation's resources in man-power, money, transportation, food stuffs, raw materials and fuel, have already been subjected to heavy strain, and it is the clear duty of every citizen to guard against increasing this strain by a single wasteful act.

It is most creditable for everyone—man and woman, boy and girl—to be economical in dress, food and manner of living. Every evidence of helpful self-denial on the part of all in a time like this is most commendable.

This war is more than a conflict between armies; it is a contest in which every man, woman and child can and should render real assistance. Thrift and economy are not only a patriotic privilege, they are a duty.

COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

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The Secretary of the Interior,
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The County Council is giving this publicity, and the warning should be heeded by everyone. A united effort should be made by all the people to cut out the non-essentials and to keep this one thought before us all the

time: "The business of our country today is war."

Every man, woman, boy and girl should be engaged in some useful occupation. Thrift, economy, efficiency, should be the watch-words. Idleness and loafing is a national crime today, and all true and loyal Americans should at once place the stamp of disapproval upon it. Let our slogan be:

"No slackers on the battle-front,
No slackers in the rear;
A united people on all lines
Working loyally without fear."
Sumter County Council of Defense.

A Card.

F. K. Holman, M. D., wishes to notify his patients that he will be away from his practice from May 15th until further notice. While away he expects to take a post-graduate course.—Adv't.

The County Exemption Board was engaged today in examining some of the draftsmen who were recently reclassified and placed in Class I, having been given deferred classification originally.

But Mr. McAdoo's 'half-soled' briches propaganda won't pay war taxes.—Greensboro News.

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