

BOYS' WORKING RESERVE.

An Open Letter from Federal State Director for South Carolina.

To the Editor of The Sumter Daily Item:

The State Council of Defense several months ago was gracious enough to select me as Federal State Director for South Carolina in the United States Boys' Working Reserve. Headquarters were established in Sumter and with the indispensable assistance of a stenographer provided by the State Council of Defense, the office in Sumter has been busily engaged in organizing the counties of the State in this very important work. By this time forty counties have been organized and many of them are already at work. On the 25th of last month a conference was held in the city of Columbia which proved to be a distinct success in every way. The county directors who attended this meeting were full of enthusiasm and determined to see to it that South Carolina is not behind the other States in this very important work.

Let me, at the outset, state the purpose of this organization. The administration at Washington, realizing how acute the labor situation was going to be on account of the war, organized, through the department of labor, with William E. Hall as National Director, the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve. With the co-operation of the State Councils of Defense, Mr. Hall appoints the Federal State Director for each State in the union. These State directors appoint county directors and the county directors appoint a cabinet, consisting of from 15 to 20 men and in this way cover the whole county. The government is calling upon all boys between the ages of 16 and 21 years to volunteer for some productive activity. As soon as the boy volunteers he is issued a certificate showing that he is a qualified member of the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve. This does not mean that he has to give up the work that he is doing, but it does mean that he is shown by this enlisting that he is willing to serve his government in any emergency call. If he works on the farm or in a factory making material for the war for a period of 6 or 8 weeks he is given a Service Button by the United States government showing that he has been faithful to his trust. If a boy is working on his father's farm he is, of course, entitled to enrollment.

Boys are naturally and disinterestedly patriotic and if they are made to feel that they are working for their government at home while their big brothers are fighting for their country abroad, there will be no hesitation upon their part about voluntarily enlisting. As soon as the parents and their sons grasp this idea, there will be a unanimous enlistment of all the boys in this State.

The direct benefit of this organization is very great and its importance will grow upon the people as it progresses. One of the most telling incidental benefits is the consideration of the fact that in making a census of the 80,000 boys in South Carolina between the ages of 16 and 21 it will be ascertained how many of these boys are not engaged in some productive activity. Idleness has always been pernicious; in this crisis in the world's history it is a crime. If, therefore, this census should reveal the fact that there are many boys between these two ages who are spending their time in idleness, means may be found to put them to work. It is perfectly clear to my mind that, since the government has the right to take young men between the ages of 21 and 31 and force them to fight at the peril of their lives for those at home, it certainly has at least an equal right to make boys between the ages of 16 and 21 engage in some useful activity that will sustain our men in the field and maintain our government at home.

There should be no anxiety on the part of any parent about the disposition that shall be made of his son that enlists. All questions will be settled by the county directors subject to appeal to the Federal State Director, and all these county directors have been selected with scrupulous care. They are men not only of intelligence and ability, but also of broad sympathies. There will be no question as to their appreciation of the whole situation in our State. As a matter of general interest and as a matter of special interest to the Boys' Working Reserve of South Carolina, we append the list of these directors:

- Abbeville—Rev. H. D. Corbett, Abbeville.
- Alben—Rev. Hamlin Etheredge, North Augusta.
- Anderson—Mr. T. L. Celey, Anderson.
- Bamberg—Mr. C. R. Rizer, Olar.
- Barnwell—Mr. H. G. Boylston, Blackville.
- Beaufort—Mr. C. S. Adams, Beaufort.
- Berkeley—Mr. W. W. Dixon, St. Stephen.

Calhoun—Rev. Daniel Iverson, St. Matthews.

Charleston—Mr. H. O. Strohecker, Jr., Charleston.

Cherokee—(Should like to have a suitable man suggested.)

Chester—Supt. W. H. McNairy, Chester.

Chesterfield—Mr. O. Wallace Moore, Cheraw.

Clarendon—Mr. S. W. Farron, Manning.

Colleton—Rev. George K. Way, Cottageville.

Darlington—Mr. LaCoste Evans, Hartsville.

Dillon—Mr. W. C. Moore, Dillon.

Dorchester—Mr. J. Otey Reed, St. George.

Edgefield—Mr. Staunton Lott, Johnston.

Fairfield—(Should like to have a suitable man suggested.)

Florence—Dr. J. G. McMaster, Florence.

Georgetown—Prof. O. M. Mitchell, Hemingway.

Greenville—Prof. M. E. Brookman, Greenville.

Greenwood—Mr. S. Brooks Marshall, Jr., Greenwood.

Hampton—(Should like to have a suitable man suggested.)

Horry—Mr. F. A. Burroughs, Conway.

Jasper—(Should like to have a suitable man suggested.)

Kershaw—Mr. V. A. McCaskill, Camden.

Lancaster—Mr. V. A. Lingle, Lancaster.

Laurens—Mr. H. L. Lewis, Laurens.

Lee—Prof. Marion Scott, Bishopville.

Lexington—Mr. John W. Ballentine, Leesville.

McCormick—Mr. N. G. Thomas, McCormick.

Marion—Mr. C. McLaurin, Mullins.

Marlboro—Rev. J. A. McMillan, McColl.

Newberry—Supt. C. M. Wilson, Newberry.

Oconee—Mr. G. M. Barnett, Westminster.

Orangeburg—Mr. J. West Summers, Orangeburg.

Pickens—(Should like to have suitable man suggested.)

Richland—Mr. T. Keith Legare, Columbia.

Saluda—Mr. J. M. Eleazer, Saluda. (Has been freed since his appointment to resign. New director not yet selected.)

Spartanburg—Prof. H. T. Shockley, Hastoc School, Spartanburg.

Sumter—Mr. P. G. Bowman, Sumter.

Union—Prof. Davis Jeffries, Union.

Williamsburg—Mr. George A. McElveen, Kingstree.

York—Supt. R. C. Burts, Rock Hill.

Since I have been engaged in this work I have been impressed more and more each day with the great possibilities of the U. S. Boys' Working Reserve. I do not know how I can better express this appreciation than by quoting a sentence from a letter recently received from National Director W. E. Hall of Washington, D. C.

"I hope that you and all your workers feel, and I am sure that you and they do feel, that there is no work in which you and they could be engaged that has a bearing more direct and powerful upon the future of this country than the work that you and they are doing as officials of the United States Boys' Working Reserve."

Respectfully and cordially,
S. H. EDMUNDS,
Federal State Director for South Carolina.

CHARLESTON AERIAL STATION.

Selected as One of Places to Be Provided With Defense Equipment Against Hun Raiders.

Charleston, June 6.—An appropriation of \$16,000,000 for the establishment of 16 airplane and balloon stations on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts for protection against aerial and submarine attacks was asked of the fortifications committee of the house today by Newton D. Baker, secretary of war.

THE SECOND DRAFT.

List of Men Who Registered June 5.

Richard Preston, R. F. D. 4 Sumter. William Curtis, R. 1, Box 25, Dalzell.

Walter Cotter, R. 3, Sumter. Clinton Brown, 20 Franklin St., Charleston.

*Dudley Jackson, R. 3, Sumter. Harvey Fleming, Jr., Mayesville. Joseph Burroughs, Council St., Sumter.

Joseph Johnson, R. 1, Mayesville. Julius Singleton, R. 2, Sumter. John Glover, Providence.

Willie Gardner, R. 1, Dalzell. *Richard Bryan Griffin, R. 2, Sumter.

*Harman Oxindine, Dalzell. *Johnnie Ardis, R. 3, Mayesville. *Thomas Baker Spann, 25 E. Calhoun St., Sumter.

*Eldon D. McKagen, 118 S. Sumter St., Sumter.

*Julius A. Stubbs, 11 N. Washington St., Sumter.

Newton Lowry, R. F. D. Shiloh. Stephen Evans, Wedgefield. Frank Wilson, Mayesville.

*Talmage W. Mitchell, 517 W. Liberty St., Sumter.

Dillie Fronberger, R. 3, Mayesville.

Lawrence Rembert, Mayesville. Willie Johnson, W. Liberty St., Sumter.

*Edward P. Sanders, Dalzell.

*James R. Mayes, Jr., Mayesville. *Ernest C. Kolb, R. 2, Sumter.

*Johnnie Barrett, 302 W. Liberty St., Sumter.

*Charles H. Curtis, 205 Sumter St., Sumter.

*William E. Burkett, Sumter.

*Troy E. Turner, R. 3, Sumter.

*William B. Grover, N. Main St., Sumter.

*James A. Brogdon, R. F. D., Sumter.

*William T. Atkinson, R. 1, Turbeville.

*Frank DeL. Jordan, Lynchburg. Robert L. Dinkins, Horatio.

Joe Benjamin, R. 1, Mayesville. Ollie Louder, R. 5, Sumter. John Anderson, R. 2, Sumter.

Amon P. Hastie, R. 2, Sumter. Tobie Johnson, R. 2, Sumter. William McK. Muldrow, R. 1, Shiloh.

Willie Nelson, Mayesville. Robert James, R. 5, Sumter.

*William H. Shaw, R. 5, Sumter. Wesley Willis, Jr., R. 4, Sumter. LaFayette McFaddin, R. 2, Mayesville.

Cye Brunson, R. 3, Sumter. Frank James, Mayesville.

Tonnie Cooper, R. 2, Mayesville. *Henry McL. Sanders, Hagood.

*William K. Wright, 19 Levi St., Sumter.

*Pelton Welch, R. 1, Lynchburg. Matthew Jennings, Dalzell.

*John T. Truluck, Lynchburg. Frank Kibler, R. 2, Sumter. Richard Rembert, 35 W. Liberty St., Sumter.

Ernest Ford, Tindal. Hubert Atkins, R. 1, Sumter. Abie Bradfords, 420 Main St., Sumter.

Hannibal Weston, R. F. D., Oswego. Josh Ballard, Sumter. John Olden, Wedgefield.

*Robert C. Richardson, 220 East Mary St., Sumter.

*George Cutter, 10 E. Hampton, Sumter.

*Lesley L. Boney, 217 Church St., Sumter.

*Tyrle O. Reynolds, 336 W. Liberty, Sumter.

*Bernard A. Siddall, 30 Harby Ave., Sumter.

*James B. Madray, 121 S. Main St., Sumter.

David Pitts, Walker Ave., Sumter. Lee Wilson, Brogdon. Elijah Jones, Brogdon.

Eric Brown, 666 W. Liberty St., Sumter.

Willie Roach, R. 3, Sumter. Thomas Wright, Hudson St., Sumter.

Thomas Ramsey, R. 3, Sumter. Thomas Green, 205 Canal St., Sumter.

Alva Jackson, R. 1, Tindal. John C. Fleming, 116 N. Washington St., Sumter.

Clarence Ford, R. 1, Tindal. William Jones, R. 1, Wedgefield. McCaw Colclough, R. 3, Sumter. Solomon Spencer, 523 S. Harvin St., Sumter.

Bernit Dinkins, Hagood. Pinkney Thompson, 523 W. Liberty St., Sumter. Samuel Phillips, R. 1, Wedgefield. Barton White, Sumter. Samuel Robinson, Horatio. Willis Nelson, Tindal. Paul McMichael, Sumter. Harmon Sinkler, Wedgefield. Paul Western, DuBose Siding. Marion H. Brown, Wedgefield. Willie Williams, Wedgefield. Harry Butler, R. 1, Wedgefield. William Holliday, R. 2, Rembert. Peter Nelson, R. 4, Sumter. Cronwell Pollard, Sumter. Harvey James, R. 3, Sumter. Lowry Burns, R. 2, Privateer. John A. Gallagher, 218 E. Liberty St., Sumter.

Hammite Gallashat, R. 1, Oswego. *James M. Benenhaly, R. 3, Sumter.

*Myra M. Edens, R. 4, Sumter. Job Jackson, R. 1, Oswego. Alexander Hooks, Hoyt Heights, Sumter.

*Thomas R. Mims, Shiloh. *David M. Brunson, R. 4, Sumter. Eugene Billups, R. 1, Tindal. Wilson Dow, R. 1, Oswego. Sol Reese, R. 2, Sumter. James H. Davis, R. 1, Sumter. *John P. Booth, Jr., 16 S. Salem Ave., Sumter.

*Thomas E. Brogdon, R. 1, Manning. Robert Mellette, R. 3, Mayesville. *Marion M. Brown, R. 1, Mayesville.

DeLoach Vaughn, 603 W. Liberty St., Sumter.

Isalah Brown, 228 Manning Ave., Sumter.

Freddie Kennedy, 710 Harvin St., Sumter.

*Aubrey C. Webster, 293 S. Sumter St., Sumter.

*Bishop J. Willis, 336 W. Liberty St., Sumter.

*John Carraway, Lynchburg. Charles Muldrow, R. 5, Sumter. McKinley Thompson, R. 1, Claremont.

Charles Carolina, Mayesville. Charlie Andrews, Jr., Lynchburg. *Clarence E. Locklair, Lynchburg. *Collin F. Scherwin, 24 S. Magnolia St., Sumter. Augustus Wrights, Shannontown, Sumter.

*Daniel Chandler, R. 1, Olanta. *Wiley M. Brazier, Jr., 529 Oakland Ave., Sumter.

*Charles D. Bradham, 10 N. Harvin St., Sumter.

*Ansley L. Yates, 15 W. Calhoun St., Sumter.

John Jenkins, Oswego. Marion Mathers, R. 1, Dalzell. Alfred Knox, R. 1, Rembert. *Richard P. Ganley, Sumter. *Horace A. Prescott, R. 1, Sumter. *Ben E. Furse, Y. M. C. A., Sumter. Aaron Jackson, Dalzell. Clarence McDaniel, 255 Broad St., Sumter.

Moses Prince, R. 1, Mayesville. Willie Lude, R. 3, Sumter. Roland Williams, Dalzell. Milton James, Hoyt Heights, Sumter.

Joe Davis, R. 4, Sumter. Francis Vaughn, Dalzell. Isalah Washington, Sumter. Sandy Cantey, R. 3, Sumter. Calhoun Pinckney, R. 4, Sumter. Charlie H. Brown, R. 1, Dalzell. Willie Hunter, R. 3, Sumter. George Robinson, 10 Sampson St., Sumter.

Ivory White, R. 1, Lynchburg. James Swinton, R. 5, Sumter. Richard Nelson, Sumter. Colin Austin, R. 3, Sumter. Dook Cato, R. 2, Mayesville. Lauren Conyers, Jr., R. 2, Sumter. Murray Nelson, R. 1, Sumter. Josep Frierson, Sumter. Major James, 107 N. Sumter St., Sumter.

Richard Gregg, R. 5, Sumter. Richard Pringle, R. 2, Sumter. Maliciah Vaughn, 10 Bradford St., Sumter.

Charlie McKnight, R. 1, Lynchburg. Robert James, R. 3, Sumter. Marion Withers, R. 1, Sumter. Henry Dickey, R. 1, Lynchburg. L. A. Tindal, R. 2, Sumter. Thomas Moody, Horatio. Jackson Nixon, Horatio. John Ludd, R. 2, Sumter. Vanderbilt Jones, R. 1, Rembert. Richard Coleman, R. 5, Sumter. Theo. Ford, R. 1, Brogdon. James Mickens, R. 2, Rembert. Daniel Taylor, R. 2, Rembert. Frank Hunter, Dalzell. Harry Wells, Sumter. Willie Smith, R. 1, Dalzell. Jervey Rembert, Borden. John H. Evans, 334 S. Sumter St., Sumter.

Charlie Mack, Green St., Sumter. Wallace Steadman, Tindal. Eugene Potts, R. 1, Sumter. Ambrose Danner, R. 1, Olanta. Willie McKiever, Broad St., Sumter.

James Johnson, R. 3, Sumter. Sannie Smith, Claremont. Emanuel Miller, R. 1, Shiloh. Edward Nixon, Hagood. Eddie McKnight, Lynchburg. Eugene Brown, Borden. Willie Bradley, Borden. Isaac Lewis, Henry St., Sumter. Holly Thompson, Jr., Faxville. Samuel Little, Hagood. Andrew McDowell, Shiloh. Martin Haynsworth, Dalzell. John Kendrick, Horatio. James Grant, R. 1, Dalzell. Jerry Ford, 556 S. Main St., Sumter. Edward James, Mayesville. Joe Goodlow, Sumter. General Sumter, R. 1, Rembert. *Hugh G. Brown, 337 W. Liberty St., Sumter.

*Robert L. Grier, Jr., Mayesville. *Clarence H. Haynsworth, Sumter. *Edward C. McLeod, 31; Dingle St., Sumter.

*Thomas G. Keels, Mayesville. *James A. Edens, Dalzell. *Johnnie McElveen, Shiloh. William McBride, R. 2, Sumter.

Sylvester McDowell, R. 1, Olanta. Bowman Pack, R. 2, Sumter. Edmund Jones, R. 2, Sumter. *W. Henry Evans, R. 3, Mayesville.

Benjamin Montgomery, Shiloh. *George D. Pritchard, R. 2, Sumter.

Sink Blair, Tindal. Luke Richardson, Oswego. Joseph Wilson, R. 2, Sumter. Raphael Stokes, R. 1, Oswego. William Dicks, R. 3, Sumter. Eddie Richardson, R. 2, Sumter. Abram Tomlin, Brogdon. Peter Gayman, R. 1, Sumter. James A. Frierson, R. 5, Sumter. Preston Willis, Sumter. John W. McElveen, Lynchburg. Richard Mitchell, R. 1, Mayesville. Lewis Burgess, Jr., R. 1, Tindal. McKinley Lewis, 603 W. Liberty St., Sumter. James Weston, DuBose Siding. *James H. Whitehead, R. 1, Lynchburg. *Horace M. Bradford, 15 Levi St., Sumter. *Wayne W. Browder, 110 S. Magnolia St., Sumter. *Willie M. Truluck, Shiloh. *Lucius L. Brunson, 424 N. Main St., Sumter. *Simson C. Truluck, R. F. D. Olanta. Walter Hickman, Oswego. John Hunt, Oswego. Shuvine Laney, R. 1, Dalzell. Robert Holland, Oswego. *Charles Ingram, Tindal. (*) Indicates white registrants.

Our Backs Against the Wall.

(By Alvin M. Higgins.)

Your heart chilled when the British leader told the Anglo lines that their backs were against the wall. It seemed to spell the end of strategy. It meant that muscle and steel must clash and win, or clash and die.

But, the Allies have had their backs against the wall for months. And America's millions of men and billions of money should have put their backs against the wall four months ago, when tiny Belgium was outraged and anti-Christ began his bloody march.

If Ludendorff's wolves, swelled by the million loosed from debauched Russia break through the few French miles to the sea (and the trenches are only as far from Calais as Chicago is from Joliet, or Washington from Baltimore); if a German u-boat base on the open ocean, riveted by rails to Kiel, stops the flow of armies into France; if Krupp and Skodas, by sheer overweight, push the Allies from Paris and cut our supply lines so that our Atlantic and Gulf coast is the front, have you stopped to think what might happen?

This war might end on the Hudson, if America fails to win it on the Rhine. The Kaiser's whelp might be crowned in Chicago, if not beaten back to Berlin. Not an Allied soldier stands as near to Potsdam today as the Allied armies stood two years ago. Plans for the subjugation of Boston, and Charleston, of Detroit and New Orleans, the seizing of our rulers, the looting of our treasuries, the imposition of staggering billions of indemnities are as much in the files of the German general staff as their plans for taking Warsaw and Brussels. Don't sneer. You sneered at the Boche as an impotent enemy months ago, and you have had to eat your words. He smashed altars and homes as many and as pure as your altars and your homes.

Close your eyes and see what the Kaiser and his Gott will do, if the struggle is on American soil. No Liberty bonds for your cash then. You will give your all to a German hauptman at a threat. You will walk bowed in the street while Prussian lieutenants strut on the sidewalk. Your wife or your mother will be insulted with impunity, and your protest will mean deportation or jail. English language will be verboten. Junker kultur will regulate our cities, our factories and our schools. Enforcement of the law—kriegerrecht—will be swift, sure and bloody. Sweet revenge the cowardly German spies will have, when they can betray you to the Boche governors. They will be known to von Hinenburg, who will despise them but spare them, while you will be shot or hanged for condemning rape and baby-killing by the Huns.

Shall America wait until the Teuton butchers make New England a No Man's Land, and their battle planes destroy the Brooklyn bridges and the Pittsburgh mills?

Strike! America, strike! With all the power of a continent! Strike to kill the Beast of Berlin!

Our backs are against the wall! Strike now, and strike to ill!

Kin by Marriage.

The Sinn Feiners and Bolshevik may not be any blood relation, but they act very much as if they were kin by marriage.—Greenwood Journal.

WADE HAMPTON COBB FOR CONGRESS.

Wade Hampton Cobb has announced his candidacy for congress from the Seventh Congressional District and his first expression in doing so was to pledge his unstinted faith in the wisdom of President Wilson and congress in declaring a state of war with Germany and Austria-Hungary. He states that the preservation of the American ideals of freedom, liberty and democracy, and the respect and honor of the nation on land and sea could not have been otherwise guarded and maintained. To the end that the autocratic Kaiser of Germany might be more quickly brought to his knees, which alone will result in a lasting peace to us and our posterity, he favors the prompt and aggressive



support by congress of all war measures looking to the further organizations of a powerful army and navy to act in co-operation with our Allies.

Mr. Cobb, in the event of his election, promises to attend to, and look after, with fairness and impartiality the interests of each county in the Seventh Congressional District, as well as the interests of the District as a whole, and those who are acquainted with his work as a public official know that he can be relied upon to make an aggressive, painstaking and faithful public servant.

Mr. Cobb who is now forty-one years of age, was born in Richland county, and there obtained his primary education in the rural schools, afterwards attending the University of S. C., for a short while. He then taught in the rural districts, following this line of endeavor for five years, during which time he pursued the study of law under the direction of Jno. P. Thomas, Jr., Esq., who is now Dean of the Law School of the University. After being admitted to the Bar in 1900 he worked in the office of his preceptor until 1902, when he was elected Judge of Probate for Richland county. He filled that office successfully and without opposition until 1908, when he was elected Solicitor of the Fifth Judicial Circuit, which office he still holds, having been twice re-elected without opposition.

Mr. Cobb invites the voters of the Seventh District to investigate his standing and his sixteen years of service as a public official, with the minutest care and scrutiny, and by that record he is willing for the yard stick to be applied in testing his fitness and merit to represent the Seventh District in Congress.—Adv't.

Italy Making More War Munitions.

Headquarters Italian Army, June 5.—(By Associated Press)—General Crozier of the American ordnance department and member of the Advisory War board has spent a week of observation along the Italian front and at the various large centers where artillery and munitions are produced.

Besides seeing General Diaz and the Duke of Aosta he visited a number of the corps and division commanders along the mountain and Piave fronts, going into the trenches and among the men, discussing the many questions of equipment and supplies and specially observing the resources in guns. His impressions on the general condition of affairs were entirely favorable.

The production of artillery in Italy has been greatly intensified within recent months and the present equipment of light, field and heavy guns is probably as good or better now than it was before the reverse of last fall. The great industrial plants of Genoa and Milan have doubled and quadrupled their output in guns, trench mortars, rifles, machine guns, the production of mortars increasing seven fold during the year.

Similar extensive development has been going on in the production of mines and armor for naval construction and in the output of airplanes, ninety establishments being now equipped to turn out complete airplanes.

The things a man wants the most are seldom good for him.