

Okeechobee

(Special to The Herald.)

Okeechobee, June 13.—The war savings committee of Okeechobee county held a meeting at the Red Cross work room Tuesday afternoon in response to a call of Chairman R. E. Hamrick.

The meeting was called to permit T. W. Lawton District Organizer for the fourth congressional district to meet the members and discuss plans for the war savings campaign which closes June 28. Mr. Lawton made an earnest and interesting talk on war savings and went somewhat into details in methods and plans worked out by government authorities and pursued successfully elsewhere.

Chairman Hamrick explained that

the work was confined largely to the teachers and pupils in the public schools, aided by Mrs. D. E. Austin on the outside. He read a report from the post master showing that stamps had been sold in Okeechobee to the amount of eight hundred and sixty-one dollars; but that the reports have been made through the post office at Fort Pierce, hence, St. Lucie county had received credit for these sales in the official bulletins. Mr. Lawton called attention to the fact that, at that rate it would take just thirty years to raise the county's quota of sixty thousand dollars when the government expects it to be raised within the next two weeks.

Mr. Lawton stressed the importance of getting the ladies to take a leading part in the movement, and suggested dividing the county into districts with a committee of organizers and workers to canvass each district.

The estimate of Okeechobee county's population was brought up and discussed, and it was the consensus of opinion that the estimate of three thousand people in the county is about fifty per cent of the actual population, and Mr. Lawton was requested to take this matter up with State Director Griggs with a view of having the estimate and quota reduced accordingly.

Okeechobee county subscribed nearly 50 per cent over the top in both the Third Liberty Loan and the Red Cross campaign, but our people do not like the idea of being assessed on a basis of 50 per cent over their actual population because just now the potato market will have a great deal to do with the amount of war savings stamps our people are able to take.

Mr. Lawton expressed a very sanguine belief that our county would live up to the fine record it has made for itself in both Liberty Loans and Red Cross. He listed the name of J. E. Lovvorn as a member of the state speakers committee, and recommended him to the state director for speaking engagements in other counties.

Judge H. H. Hancock was appointed organizer for the east side and Judge J. E. Lovvorn organizer for Okeechobee, and Chairman Hamrick announced that he would appoint assistant organizers to assist the regular organizers in all the districts of the county as soon as these are announced and ready for business.

A publicity committee was also named at this meeting to have general charge of all publicity and advertising in the county. This committee consists of T. B. Owens chairman, G. F. Parker, C. E. Simmons, C. R. Alderman, Williford Underhill, Edgar Lovvorn, of Okeechobee; V. G. Collis, of Utopia; C. W. Hilliard, of Bassenger; W. W. Beecher, of Fort Drum, and S. L. Gray, of Opal.

Those present at the meeting were: District Organizer T. W. Lawton, County Chairman R. E. Hamrick, Messrs. H. H. Hancock, T. B. Owens, C. R. Alderman, C. E. Simmons, J. E. Lovvorn, and J. E. Lovvorn, Jr., Mesdames. Bird, Owens, Bibb, and Hamrick, and Misses Marie Benedict, Florence Cason, Margaret Thomason, Ruth French, and Beryl Lovvorn.