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COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

WASHINGTON

Woman's Committee  
1814 N Street N.W.

September 18, 1918.

TO THE CHAIRMEN OF THE  
STATE DIVISIONS OF THE WOMAN'S COMMITTEE:

For some time it has been apparent to the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense that some plan should be devised by which the war service of the whole people might be coordinated; that it is impossible to separate the work of men from that of women, and that it is illogical that the one should be sanctioned, directed, and financed by the State, while the other is sanctioned and directed by the Government at Washington, although obliged to look to the State for financial support, or failing that, to depend upon voluntary contribution from private sources.

This fact has become evident in many States, where already the State Council of Defense and the State Division of the Woman's Committee have been amalgamated and now constitute one committee directing all war work in the State.

This thought of joint committees of men and women formed the basis of the resolution passed by our Conference held in Washington last May, for a closer union between the State Councils of Defense and the State Divisions of the Woman's Committee; ever since which time the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense has been seeking such a solution as would bring about the desired result, with the least disturbance to the success of the work which has been so admirably planned and carried forward in many States.

After numerous conferences between the Council of National Defense and the Woman's Committee, the following plan was unanimously approved by the Woman's Committee at its executive session in September:

"That a joint committee known as the Field Division shall be created by the Council of National Defense, to be presided over by the Honorable Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior and a member of the Council. Said Division to consist of twelve members, six of whom shall be men and six women, including a Director and an Associate Director. That this Division shall have joint direction of the State Councils of Defense and the State Divisions of the Woman's Committee in their relation to the war measures of the Government; that the chief functions of the Woman's Committee and all of its departments, shall pass over to the Field Division, and the State Councils and Woman's Divisions shall carry on jointly all the war work formerly conducted by both groups. That the



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Woman's Committee shall remain for the present as an Advisory Committee of the Council of National Defense, to meet any emergency which may arise in connection with women's war work, and shall continue until the Government finds that its services are no longer required."

The advantages of this arrangement are obvious: It is a co-ordination which is fundamental, logical, and vital, and the fact that the messages of the Government will come to both men and women from one source and through one channel, will result in a conservation of time, thought, and effort. Since a member of the cabinet and of the Council is Chairman of the Division, the work in the States will be brought into close and intimate touch with the Government, and strength and authority will be added to the State Councils; while the fact that both men and women form the governing board will assure the people of the States that their individual, as well as their united needs will be considered; and that the war measures proposed will be adapted to the capacity and the requirements of both men and women. The change effected originated with the Woman's Committee and is heartily approved by all its members who recognize it as a distinct step forward.

In expressing its gratification at the success of its efforts toward this real and fundamental coordination, the Woman's Committee does not by any means imply that a mistake was made in the original appointment of a Woman's Committee and the organization of women thus far effected. On the contrary, it is convinced that it is only upon this foundation already laid, that a useful and effective union can be built; and that because of it the women of the State Divisions will bring to the joint committee, an organization fully equipped, with leaders and directors of their own selection, enjoying the confidence of the women of their respective States, and possessing valuable experience of the needs of the hour and the best way in which these needs can be met.

The Lesson of the Day is Union, and in a deeper sense than we have ever realized before. All the old catch-words and shop-worn phrases about cooperation and combination become quick and vital, burned into our consciousness by the fire through which we are passing and by which we are being tried. At last our soldiers are united into one body and fighting under one leader in France; our industries and our public utilities are combined into weapons of offense, not less effective than the guns which thunder so close to the German border; all of our available man power is listed and pledged, and the time is over ripe when the civilian men and women of the Nation should join hands in one vast reserve to stand invincibly back of our battle lines.

The personnel of the Field Division will be as follows:

Hon. Franklin K. Lane, Chairman,  
Dr. Anna Howard Shaw,  
Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar,







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Mrs. Stanley McCormick,  
Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
Miss Agnes Nestor,  
Miss Hannah J. Patterson,  
Daniel Willard,  
Fuller Callaway,  
George L. Berry,  
H. M. Robinson,  
R. M. Bissell,  
Grosvenor B. Clarkson.

Faithfully yours,

*Anna Howard Shaw*

Chairman, Woman's Committee,  
Council of National Defense.

Committee:

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
Mrs. Philip N. Moore,  
Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles,  
Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt,  
Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar,  
Miss Maude Wetmore,  
Mrs. Stanley McCormick,  
Mrs. Antoinette Funk,  
Miss Agnes Nestor,  
Miss Hannah J. Patterson.



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COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

STATE COUNCILS SECTION

September 18, 1918.

TO THE SEVERAL STATE COUNCILS OF DEFENSE:

For your information we are sending you further details concerning the creation of the Field Division of the Council of National Defense, of which we notified you by telegram yesterday. The enclosed statement will be released to the press to-morrow.

Very truly yours,

*Arthur H. Fleming*

Chief of Section.

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For release in morning newspapers  
of Thursday, September 19th.

The Council of National Defense authorizes the following statement

The Council of National Defense today created a Field Division of the Council, merging the State Councils Section and the greater part of the machinery of the Woman's Committee of the Council. The Field Division of the Council will be headed by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior, and a member of the Council of National Defense, and there will act with him a Governing Committee of six men and six women, composed as follows:

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw,  
Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar,  
Mrs. Stanley McCormick,  
Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
Miss Agnes Nestor,  
Miss Hannah J. Patterson - all of the Woman's Committee of the

Council,

Daniel Willard, Chairman of the Advisory Commission of the Council  
of National Defense,  
Fuller Callaway, a business man of La Grange, Georgia,

George L. Berry of Pressman's Home, Tennessee, President of the  
International Printing Pressmen and  
Assistants' Union of North America,

H. M. Robinson of Pasadena, California, former Assistant Chief  
of the State Councils Section and a  
Director of the Southern California  
Edison Company, The Union Oil Company,  
and various banks in California,

R. M. Bissell, Chairman of the Connecticut State Council of Defense  
Grosvenor B. Clarkson, Secretary of the Council and of the  
Advisory Commission.

Mr. Clarkson, in addition to his present duties as Secretary of the Council, will act as Director of the Field Division, and Miss Hannah J. Patterson, who has been Resident Director of the Woman's Committee, is appointed Associate Director of the Field Division.

The Woman's Committee of the Council will be held together to meet whatever emergencies may arise in connection with woman's part in the prosecution of the war that may fall outside the province of the Field Division.



For release in morning newspaper  
of Thursday, September 17th.

The Council of National Defense has authorized the following statement:

The Council of National Defense today created a Field Division

of the Council, merging the State Council, Section and the War Relocation

Commission of the Council's Committee of the Council. The Field Division

of the Council will be headed by Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior,

and a member of the Council of National Defense, and will act as

the Government's Committee of the Council and the Council, composed as follows:

Mr. James Howard Smith

Mr. Joe M. R. Lane

Mr. William J. Donovan

Miss L. M. G. Smith

Miss Anna H. Smith

Miss Hannah J. Smith

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This amalgamation of two of the most highly organized federal war agencies has grown out of the need and desirability of bringing the women of the country more closely into the Government's war work and at the same time causing a more efficient guidance from Washington of the state defense activities. Already in many states the state divisions of the Woman's Committee and the State Councils of Defense have joined hands to the end of better coordinating the war service of the whole people, women as well as men. Hence the reorganization now announced follows logically the amalgamation taking place throughout the states.

From the first month of America's entry into the war the Council of National Defense, through the State Councils Section, has coordinated and guided the work of the great system made up of the State Councils of Defense, which are now organized by counties or towns in every state, with community organizations in the majority of the states. President Wilson has urged the general use of the State Defense Councils through the agency of the Council of National Defense to carry out as far as possible the local work of the federal agencies. The War Industries Board recently put the local control of building operations during the war in the hands of the State Councils.

The Woman's Committee was formed shortly after America entered the war and has performed a remarkable work in organizing the woman-power of the country for the Nation's defense. There will be merged into the Field Division the 15,732 units which the Woman's Committee has built up throughout the United States. The present amalgamation is in effect a tribute to the contribution of the Woman's Committee to the war.







WAR DEPARTMENT.  
WASHINGTON.

September 23, 1918.

Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson,  
Care Woman's Committee,  
Council of National Defense,  
Washington, D. C.

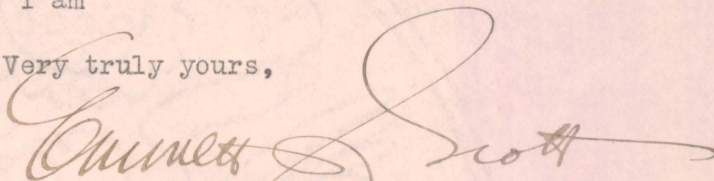
My dear Mrs. Dunbar:--

I am forwarding herewith the application of Mrs. Samantha Crook Wright, of Shirley, Illinois, who is desirous of being appointed as a speaker in the campaign inaugurated among the colored women of the country. I am also enclosing a number of endorsements submitted by her with reference to her fitness for the work she seeks.

I trust the representations made in behalf of Mrs. Wright will have your very best consideration.

With all good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,



Special Assistant,  
Office of The Secretary of War,  
Room 131.

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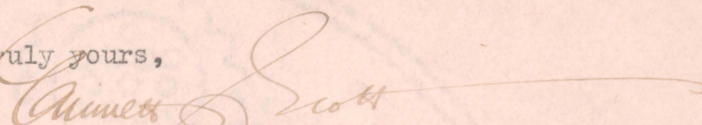
September 24, 1918.

Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson,  
Care Woman's Committee,  
Council of National Defense,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Nelson:--

I am referring to you for your consideration the enclosed letter from Miss Elizabeth B. Hogan, 420 McAllister Street, Cincinnati, Ohio, who is desirous of serving as a speaker in the "four-minute campaign service," etc.

Very truly yours,



Special Assistant,  
Office of the Secretary of War,  
Room 131.

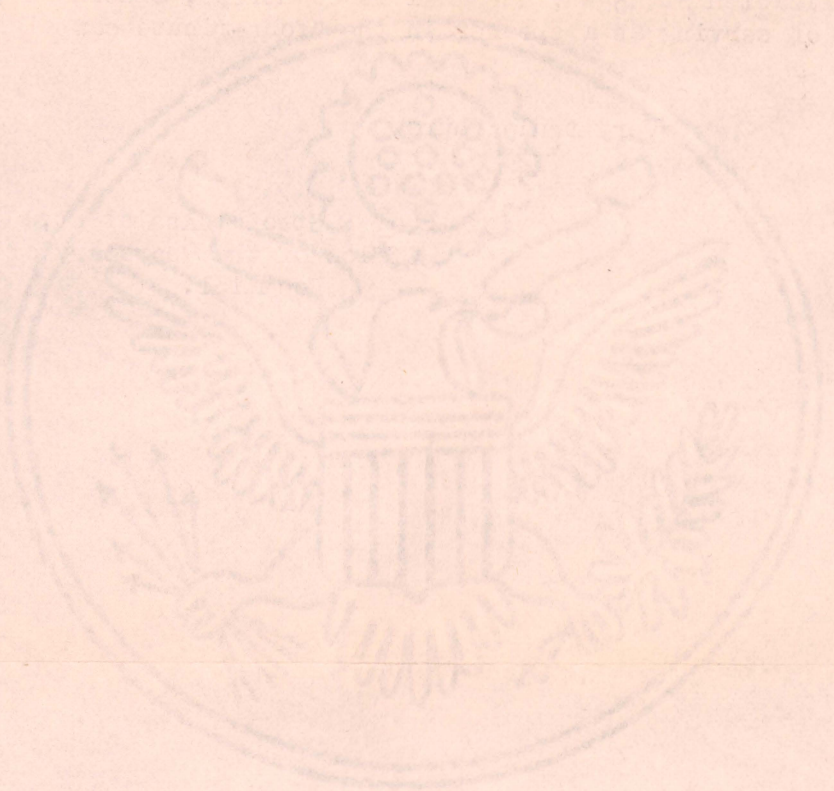
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Mr. Allen M. Jones  
Care of the  
National Bureau of  
Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:  
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.





COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE

WASHINGTON

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE  
1814 N STREET NW

September.25, 1918.

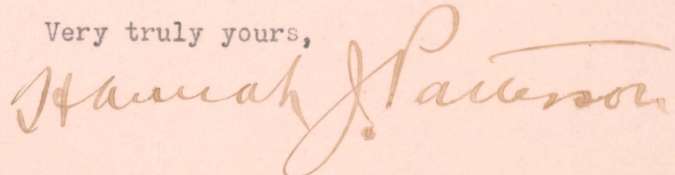
Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson  
916 French Street  
Wilmington, Delaware

My dear Mrs. Nelson:

I hope by this time that you have received the check of \$108.33 for your August salary which was mailed to you on September 20th.

I regret exceedingly the inconvenience you may have experienced by the delay of your checks which you know are mailed to you from the Chief Clerk's office. We kept after this office daily and hope by now you have received the refunds for all the expense you incurred on your southern trip.

Very truly yours,

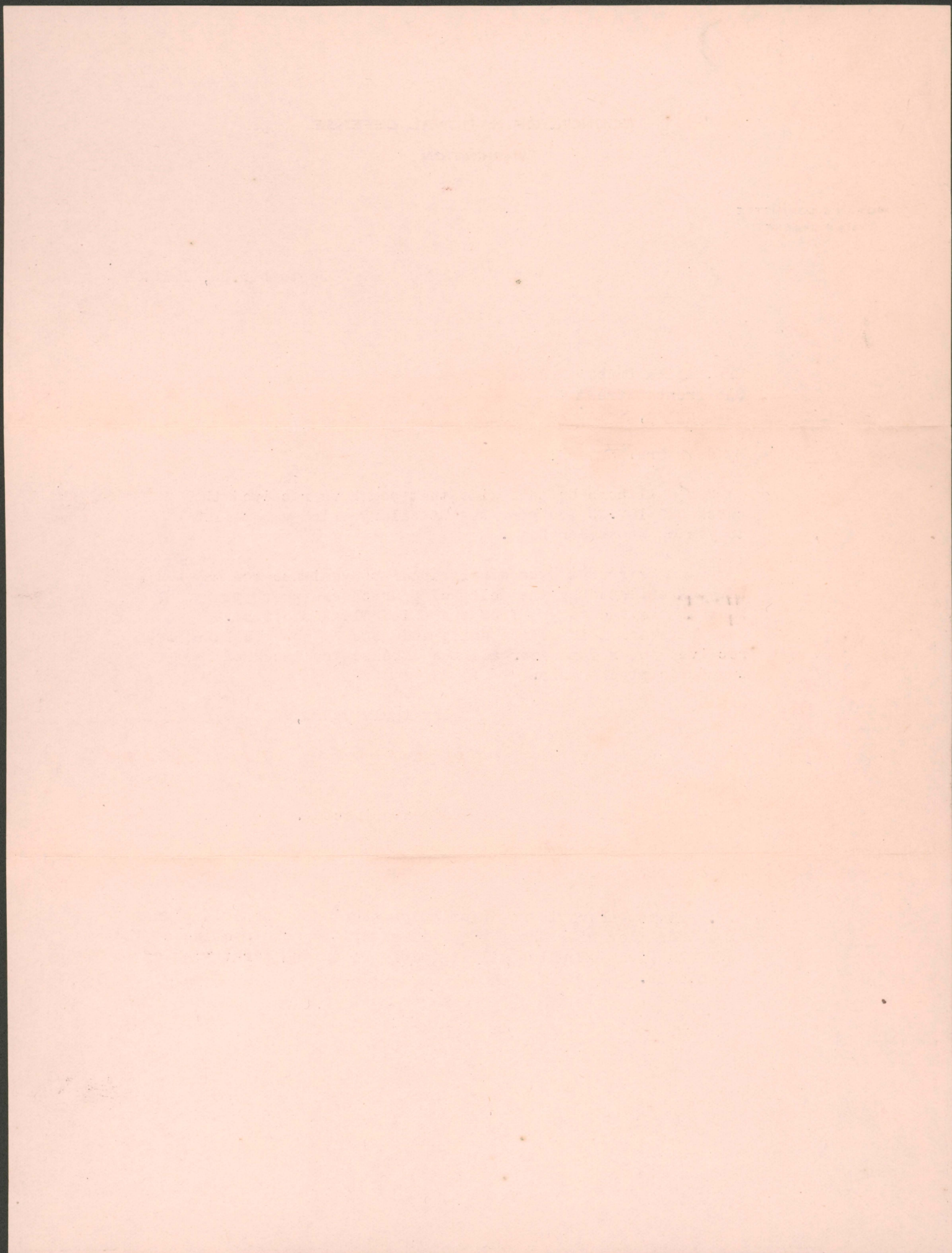


Resident Director.

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P.S. As yet there is no information about any possible plans of work nor will there be until after the next meeting of the Field Division which will probably be in the first week of October.







WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON

Sept. 27, 1918.

Mrs. Alice Dancer Nelson,  
318 French St.,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

Dear Mrs. Nelson:

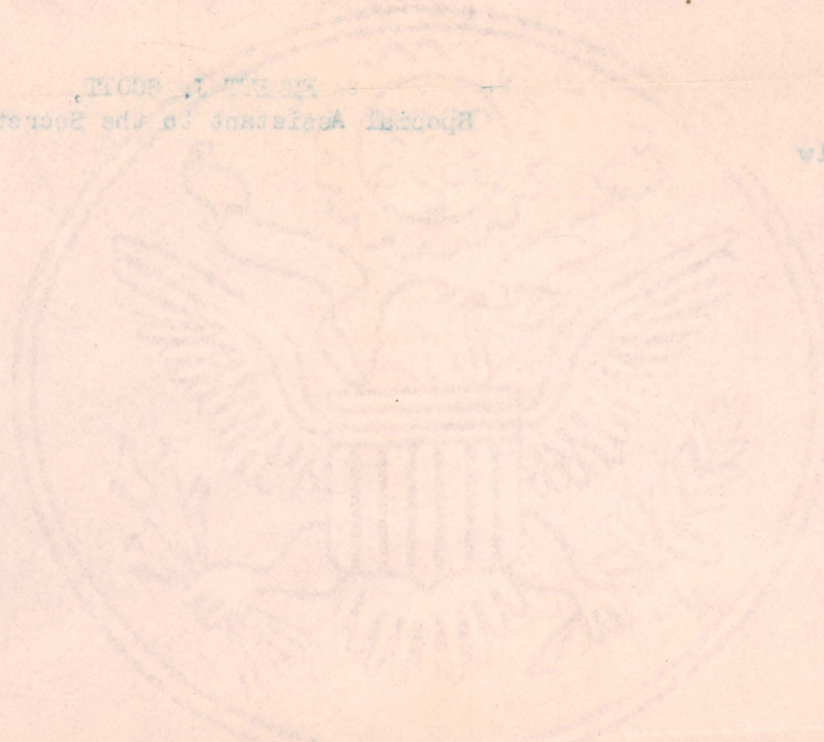
As a matter of strategy I was simply wondering how  
Samantha Cook Banks Wright on you. I thought, of course, you would  
write her a nice letter and tell her you hope to be able to utilize  
her services in connection with your work at some time in the future  
etc, etc.

I am unable to appoint her as a speaker as she desires. I  
thought your august organization might be able to utilize this lady.

Yours very truly,

Special Assistant to the Secretary of War.

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COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE  
1814 N STREET NW.

September 28, 1918.

Mrs. Alice Dunbar Nelson,  
916 French St.,  
Wilmington, Delaware.

My dear Mrs. Nelson:-

Enclosed please find Pay Voucher covering salary from September 1 to 14th, inclusive. Please sign at the point marked (Payee) and return in the enclosed addressed envelope to Mr. E. K. Ellsworth. Your check will follow shortly after return of the voucher.

Yours very truly,

Woman's Committee

*Minnie L. Chappin*  
Asst. Office Mgr.







[SEPT. 30, 1918]

Mrs. Alice Durbar Nelson.  
Washington. W.C.

Dear Mrs. Nelson.

Pleas except my  
Congratulations. and may I say  
I know of no one who could so  
Creditable fill and impart the  
needs of our united strength  
in this war-crisis.

Mrs Nelson could  
you kindly arrange to include  
Denver-Colo. in your Tour.



hoping to receive a favorable  
reply I am sincerely yours

Anna-D. Stillborn

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We the Colored Women Auxiliary  
to the National League of Woman  
service. feel that we will  
be more stimulated by a visit  
of one of our own women.  
and would consider it a great  
honor to have again the wife  
of our Late-Poet. Paul Lawrence Dunbar.

Perhaps Mrs. Nelson. you will rememb-  
er me as the friend of Miss Alice-  
Madigan I also have done some sewing  
for you. I am teaching sewing  
in the Garment Class at Thrift-  
House. had quarters for red-cross-  
work



COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE  
1814 N STREET NW.

THINGS THAT HAVE TO BE EXPLAINED TO COLORED AUDIENCES AND COMMITTEES.

1. MEANING OF THE WAR.

- a. Abstract ideals of democracy have no weight.
- ✓ b. Impossible to get up a feeling about Belgium, most Negroes hate Belgium because of her depredations in the Congo.

2. MEANING OF THE WAR TO THE NEGRO.

- a. The shake-up of existing social conditions.
- b. Distribution of population in North and South.
- c. Increased economic facilities.
- d. Money earned from inflated war conditions.

3. WHAT GERMANY'S VICTORY WILL MEAN TO THE NEGRO.

- a. Germany's attitude toward the dark-skinned races.
- b. Her position toward ~~the~~ East Africa; Morocco, etc.
- c. Her prejudice.
- d. Opinion of Black soldiers.
- e. Attitude toward all subject peoples.
- f. A crushed white America will mean a crushed black America.

4. WHAT THE NEGRO CAN DO TO HELP WIN THE WAR.

- a. The black soldiers in past years who have won other wars.  
(Revolutionary War- 1812 - 1865 - 1898 - 1915.)
- b. What he has done and is doing in France to-day.
- c. How his hands must be upheld by the Women at Home.

5. WOMEN IN THE WAR

- A. Various activities - Red Cross etc.





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COUNCIL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE  
WASHINGTON

WOMAN'S COMMITTEE  
1814 N STREET NW.

6. COUNCIL NATIONAL DEFENSE.

a. Explain.

7. WOMAN'S COMMITTEE.

a. Explain.

b. Who are members.

c. How work is operated.

d. Far reaching and inclusive activities.

8. THE WISH OF THE COLORED WOMEN UNDER WOMAN'S COMMITTEE.

a. Possibilities, far-reaching effects.

9. LOOKING TOWARD RECONSTRUCTION AFTER THE WAR.

a. Home

b. Children

c. Industries

d. Social service activities

10. NEED OF COMBINED FORCES OF COLORED WOMEN TO HELP MAKE THE COUNTRY

A LOVABLE PLACE FOR THE RACE.



1800-  
Council of Bazaar  
Report

Organized in Dec.

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Service flag

and concentration

Canning in boxes, 1000 qts

Shall begin - (Planned. Under

care of teacher

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instruction cards

Begin also.

Reports sent to Co. headquarters.

Red Cross Chapter Home Science

Section.

Secured funds.

Rev. Mrs. Rose Johnson, Organized

Branch at Brighton, Ala. after

request of women at Brighton.



Patronage = 14%  
Cherry winning  
Flags & talking  
99% hard labor

Woman's Committee  
OF  
Council of National Defense

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION

Mrs. Edward McGehee,  
State Chairman

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw,  
National Chairman, Washington, D. C.

Headquarters: J. J. & C. College, Columbus

OFFICERS:

Chairman—Mrs. Edward McGehee, Como,

Vice Chairman—Mrs. H. L. Quin,  
West Point.

Secretary—Miss Annie Caulfield,  
Columbus.

Treasurer—Mrs. B. F. Saunders,  
Swan Lake.



### To the Patriotic Women of Mississippi:

I bring you loving greetings and hearty good wishes for our great work of service to our Government during this crisis. Never was there a time when it was so necessary that we stand together in one solid phalanx and remember that it is the "everlasting team work that counts."

Will you read carefully the "Why a Woman's Committee," and "Objects of Plan," in this little pamphlet? Also familiarize yourself with your County and Sectional Division. Attend these meetings if possible. Know your chairmen, and what Departments are represented in the Woman's Committee. The Chairman of Education is planning to have training classes in every county, so that we have an efficient force that will be a real factor for service. The business connected with these Departments will constitute the normal activities of the State Division; but when the Government, in pursuance of its plan for mobilizing the economic force of the nation, shall issue any information or instruction to the women for their co-operation, such information or instruction shall have the right of way through the State, County Chairmen and Committees, so that the intelligent co-operation of all patriotic women may be secured with the least possible delay.

I earnestly urge every President of each organization composing the Woman's Committee Council National Defense to send letters to members of their organization in every County asking that they co-operate with the Chairmen in the work set forth,

Mrs. H. I. Quin, Presidest U. D. C., West Point.

Miss Susie V. Powell, Director of Extension Work, Agricultural College.

Miss Elise Timberlake, President S. A. C. W., Columbus.

Miss Annie Caulfield, President I. I. & C. Alumnae Association, Columbus.

Mrs. C. B. S. Merrill, President Woman's Branch, Navy League, Natchez.

Mrs. Daisy McLaurin Stevens, President League for Women's Service, Brandon.

Mrs. A. J. Aven, President Baptist W. M. U., Clinton.

Mrs. W. H. Laprade, Methodist Conference, (Southern), Gulfport.

Mrs. J. W. Conger, Northern Methodist Conference, Vaiden.

Mrs. J. B. Carter, Episcopal, Woodville.

Mrs. R. P. Safley, Christian R. F. D. 1, Carpenter.

Mrs. A. W. Sydenstricker, Presbyterian, Columbus.

State at Large—Miss Emma Ody Pohl, Columbus.



Education—Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt.  
Liberty Loan—Mrs. Antoinette Funk.  
Home and Foreign Relief—Miss Maud Wetmore.

State Organizer—Mrs. Joseph Lamar.  
Resident Director—Miss Hannah Patterson.

#### State Department Chairmen.

Registration—Miss Emma Ody Pohl, Columbus.

Food Production and Home Economics—Miss Susie V. Powell, Agricultural College.

Food Administrator—Mrs. Edward McGehee, Como.

Maintenance of Existing Social Service Agencies—Miss Henrietta Mitchell, Jackson.

Health and Recreation—Miss Zee Posey, Gulfport.

Education—Miss M. Colie Covington, Hazlehurst.

Liberty Loan—Mrs. R. J. McLaurin, Vicksburg.

Home and Foreign Relief (Red Cross)—Mrs. Walter Scales, Starkville.

Women in Industry—Mrs. Robert Sumerville, Greenville.

Child Welfare—Mrs. M. P. Hughes, Starkville.

Finance—Mrs. J. W. Tucker, Jackson.

Publicity—Mrs. Henry Brooke, Meridian.

The State is divided into eleven Sections, as follows, with their respective Sectional Chairmen.

FIRST—Mrs. F. V. Osborne, Gulfport.

devastated districts of Europe, and to avail themselves of the educational advantages offered by the Red Cross. In every community where the Woman's Committee is represented it hopes to see also a Red Cross organization, the two co-operating in the greatest harmony for the common welfare.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) ANNA HOWARD SHAW,

Chairman Woman's Committee, Council of National Defense.

#### OBJECTS OF THE PLAN.

The Woman's Committee of the Council National Defense was appointed April 21st, 1917, by the Council of National Defense. (The Council of National Defense was created by Act of Congress and approved August 29th, 1916. It is composed of the Secretaries of War, Navy, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor). to:

1. Co-ordinate and centralize the organized forces of the women of the country.
2. Enlist the co-operation of the unorganized women of the country, in order to—

(a) Ascertain and report the patriotic work now being done by women and women's organizations;

(b) Secure greater efficiency in the defense work which women may do for the Nation;

(c) Secure the co-operation of all the women of the country in the economic measures which the Government inaugurates from time to time;



1. By furnishing a direct and speedy channel between the different departments of the Government and the women of the country; and

2. By impressing upon them the vital importance of these weapons of economic warfare in the winning of the war.

For the purpose of accomplishing these objects the Woman's Committee has organized

STATE DIVISIONS in each State of the Union, in the District of Columbia and in Alaska and Hawaii.

**First Steps in County Organization of Woman's Committee Council National Defense.**

1. Have good notice in the papers about the origin and purpose of this undertaking. (Refer to "Objects of the Plan," and make extracts from same.)

2. Prepare a very comprehensive list of all Women's organizations in County. Try to reach the head of every local Woman's organization, whether it has any State connection or not. Invite the heads of the Statewide organizations and of all religious (Protestant, Catholic and Jewish) and Fraternal organizations, Women's Trade Unions, social and sewing clubs, etc.

3. Select a date and place in the County for meeting, and send out notices a few days in advance to the executive heads of all the organizations. Have more notices in the local papers, such as the names of the organizations invited, purposes of meeting, etc.

4. Call up the women invited, the morning of

the meeting, and urge them to attend as a patriotic duty; to be there when the meeting begins and to stay until it is over.

5. Make a brief patriotic talk, getting the war setting of our effort, and making the appeal to the women to do their part.

Then elect a Permanent Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and Treasurer.

**APPOINT CHAIRMEN TO CORRESPOND TO THE STATE CHAIRMAN.** (Send list to State Chairman.)

Call a meeting once a month and have reports from all officers and chairmen. Announce the date of this meeting at the organization. Write to your Sectional Vice Chairman, a State Department Chairman, or to the State Chairman, Mrs. Edward McGehee, Como, for any information. A letter from every County Chairman is expected once a month, telling of the work.

The sum of One Dollar should be assessed each organization in the County Council to defray expenses of postage, etc.

**National Department Chairmen.**

Registration—Miss Hannah J. Patterson.

Food Production and Home Economics—Mrs. Stanley McCormick.

Food Administration—Miss Ida M. Tarbell.

Women in Industry—Miss Agnes Nester.

Child Welfare—Mrs. Josiah Evans Coles and Miss Julia Lathrop.

Maintenance of Existing Social Service Agencies—Mrs. Philip North Moore.



The Red Cross will also raise funds to carry on relief work for the families of soldiers and sailors, who may be left in need by the mobilization of troops. To further this work and to prepare women for service with the Red Cross, it conducts classes in first aid to the injured, in elementary hygiene and home care of the sick, in dietetics, and in surgical dressings. The American Red Cross, moreover, in the case of flood, famine or pestilence, is supposed to act in such emergency and organize the relief necessary in such disasters."

The main activities of the Woman's Committee lie entirely outside of these functions, and, therefore, there can be no overlapping or duplication of effort. The Woman's Committee is concerned, through its different Departments, with the registration of women for general service; with food production and conservation; with child welfare and industrial conditions concerning women and children; the education of women along all lines outside of the Red Cross service; with the maintenance of all existing social agencies, and the safe-guarding of the moral and spiritual forces of the Nation so that these inner defenses of our Nation may not be broken down in the period of the war. The work of these Departments to be carried on through co-operating organizations, where such exist.

The Woman's Committee is in every way sympathetic to the aims and purposes of the American Red Cross. It will urge women everywhere to join in the making of hospital supplies and garments for the civilian population in the

Counties—George, Greene, Harrison, Jackson.  
SECOND—Mrs. John Conner, Hattiesburg.

Counties—Marion, Jasper, Forest, Jones, Pearl River, Smith, Jefferson Davis, Covington.  
THIRD—Miss Anne Rothenberg, Meridian.

Counties—Wayne, Clarke, Lauderdale, Kemper, Newton, Neshoba.  
FOURTH—Mrs. A. Y. Woodard Louisville.

Counties—Winston, Noxubee, Lowndes, Choctaw, Clay, Monroe, Oktibbeha.  
FIFTH—Mrs. J. G. Houston New Albany.

Counties—Chickasaw, Pontotoc, Lee, Ittawamba, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Alcorn, Union, Tippah, Benton.  
SIXTH—Miss Bessie Young Grenada.

Counties—Grenada, Yalobusha (west half), Panola, Tate, De Soto.  
SEVENTH—Mrs. Robt. Sumerville, Greenville.

Counties—Tunica, Quitman, Coahoma, Talahatche, Bolivar, Sunflower, Washington, Sharkey, Issaquena.

EIGHTH—Mrs. Monroe McClurg, Greenwood.  
Counties—Leflore, Carroll, Montgomery, Webster, Attala, Holmes.

NINTH—Miss M. Cole Covington, Hazlehurst.  
Counties—Warren, Yazoo, Madison, Leake, Scott, Hinds, Rankin, Simpson, Copiah.  
TENTH—Mrs. D. Cohn, Brookhaven.

Counties—Lincoln, Lawrence, Pike, Amite, Franklin, Jefferson, Claiborne, Adams, Wilkinson, Walthall.  
ELEVENTH—Mrs. J. E. Anderson, Holly Springs.

Counties—Cathoun, Yalobusha (East half), Lafayette, Marshall.



**Organizations Composing Woman's Committee,  
Council of National Defense, at Its Organization at Jackson, May 24th, 1917:**

Mrs. E. F. Noel, President D. A. R., Lexington.

Mrs. Robert Mims, President Daughters of 1812, Jackson.

Mrs. A. T. Stovall, President Federation of Music Clubs, Okolona.

Miss Emma Manning, State Musical Association, Jackson.

Mrs. Freeman Brougher, Pres. Daughters of the Confederacy, Jackson.

Miss Madge Montgomery, President W. C. T. U., Starkville.

Mrs. M. P. Hughes, President Mothers' Congress and Parents-Teachers' Association, Agricultural College.

Mrs. B. F. Saunders, President Federation Clubs, Swan Lake.

Mrs. Edward McGehee, President Suffrage Association, Como.

Mrs. B. B. Willis, President Colonial Dames, Vicksburg.

Miss Mary Trigg, President State Nurses' Association, Greenville.

Mrs. Arnold, President King's Daughters, Greenville.

Mrs. Robinson, President Old Ladies' Home, Jackson.

Mrs. M'itie L. Grayson, Grand Worthy Matron Eastern Star, Biloxi.

Mrs. Barley, President Daughters of Rebecca.

To this Committee has been given the honor of co-ordinating the entire woman power of the State. I know that every woman will respond to the high call; that each is ready and anxious to do all that the State and the Nation require in this hour of great need.

Faithfully yours,

MARJORIE C. McGEHEE,

Chairman Woman's Committee.

Washington, D. C.

**WHY A WOMAN'S COMMITTEE?**

To the State Chairmen:

The question is often asked, "Why was it necessary to create a Woman's Committee with Government sanction, when the Red Cross, so largely concerned with women's work, already existed with the authorization of Congress and the Convention of Geneva establishing its international status?"

The answer is found in the acceptance of the fact that to the American Red Cross is assigned definite duties, the limits of which are clearly defined. The Woman's Committee is given direction of the work for women outside the field of the Red Cross. The following statement is made by Mr. Elliot Wadsworth, Chairman of the National American Red Cross:

"The American Red Cross is charged with the duty of helping to provide the troops with comforts and necessities when in the field; helping them in transit, and assisting the Army Medical Corps in taking care of the sick and wounded.