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**The Fourth Liberty Loan**

The supreme responsibility for winning this war has been placed upon the American people, and to us the world looks for deliverance from war and famine, and from oppression and mis-government.

Our Government is again appealing to us—not only to give our manhood, but to lend our money to support our manhood at the front. Every man has a duty to perform. The supreme hour in the world's history has come. No man can shirk his responsibility. He must either work or fight. As someone has said, "From this time on, there can be only three classes in the United States—Americans, pro-Germans, and Yellow Dogs." The Americans will fight and work, and give and lend to win the war; the pro-Germans will go to jail; the Yellow Dogs will be kicked out.

It is not a question of the boys over there living up to the ideal of those at home; it is a question of the folks here measuring up to the new-found ideals of the Americans who have gone to France.

*The Independent* says: "Americans have two things to be proud of: The valor of our boys in France, and the statesmanship of Woodrow Wilson at home; and the great question is, will our

people at home so act that they will be worthy of the boys when they return."

A boy writes home: "Dad, we are going to win; and it will be we who are going to do it. *Back us with all your might*, and we can lick anything. With the Allies, we can lick anything over here; but, Dad, kill the Yellow Dogs at home." We *must* and we *will* back the boys over there to the limit of our resources and strength.

The United States is the richest nation in the world. Its wealth is almost as great as that of Great Britain, France, Germany, and Austria-Hungary combined. Its total is over \$250,000,000. The Allies owe one dollar for every six they have. Germany and Austria-Hungary owe one dollar for every two they have. The United States owes less than five per cent. of its wealth. From this you can see how safe are your Liberty Bonds and your War Savings Stamps.

The war has brought good wages, and it is our patriotic duty to lend the Government part of our earnings.

Let this be the pledge of every American heart: I am ready to make any sacrifice of time, money, loved ones, or even life itself, if necessary, to help defend Freedom's Flag, and make the world safe for humanity.

The Fourth Liberty Bond campaign opened September 28. Be ready to do your part.

R. L. SMITH  
*Chairman*

**In Memoriam—Edward L. Sledge**



E. L. SLEDGE

THE BULLETIN feels honored in honoring the memory of the first Badin boy who has made the supreme sacrifice in the service of his country. The record of the life of Eddie Sledge is not a long one, for he was just entering the period where a man takes up a man's work when he joined the ranks of the soldiers of liberty. But in his brief life he has

attained what thousands of others are not privileged to do—he has placed himself on the honor roll of our Nation's heroes.

Eddie Sledge was born on May 21, 1893, in Randolph County, North Carolina. He received his education in the

public schools of Ashboro, and afterwards came to Badin with his parents, entering the employ of the Company in the electrical department. Here he remained until April, 1917, when he took up his military training at Camp Sevier, in Georgia. He went to France as a member of Company "F", United States Infantry, and was killed in action May 28, 1918.

In the words of the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, "He died that his country and the high ideals for which it stands might live; and his country will forever cherish his memory."

It is the purpose of the Historical Commission to construct a Roll of Honor, and preserve it along with the similar Roll of Honor of her Confederate soldiers which the State kept from 1861 to 1865.

**A Suggestion**

We have a Community Building and community services—why not a community bell?

I dare say that ninety per cent. of the residents of Badin have at some period in their lives been accustomed to the ringing of a bell, notifying them there would be services at the churches. If we had a bell, centrally located, and rung at an hour agreed on by the pastors of the respective churches, it would be, as it were, an invitation to the people to come out to church. I think in a very short time there would be a noticeable increase in attendance.

I have mentioned this subject to quite a number of people, and find that they are of the same opinion. I think the churches of the community should take this matter up, and devise some means by which we could have the bell. I feel quite sure that public-spirited citizens of Badin would respond liberally to such a cause.

T. M. OLIVER

We note that the women of Badin are quickly coming to the front to help fill the breaches in the ranks of our workers caused by those who have gone to the front, or will soon respond to the new call.

Mrs. Mueser, who is a graduate chemical engineer, may be seen daily about the chemical laboratory, where she is doing chemical research work, together with other women chemists, who are gradually taking the place of the men chemists called by Uncle Sam to solve some of his big chemical problems in winning the war.