

# THE MEBANE LEADER.

"And Right The Day Must Win, To Doubt Would Be Disloyalty, To Falter Would Be Sin."

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Mr. Bruce Tate left Monday for Florida to spend the winter.

Mr. J. F. Terrell has accepted a position as auctioneer for the leaf tobacco warehouse of Walker McAdams, Burlington, N. C.

Mrs. W. O. Warren will entertain the Thursday afternoon Club Oct. 7th instead of Thursday of this week.

The brick walls of the new store of the Mebane Supply Co., have gone up with reasonable haste, but the delay in receiving the iron girders for the front has caused unnecessary delay in pushing the work.

Mrs. Ola Hamner of Wilmington came up Saturday to visit her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jule Compton and returned Monday morning. Her daughter, Margaret who has been spending the summer with her grand parents accompanied her and will enter school Monday.

Just to remind you as winter approaches, and the air becomes more chilly, you need thicker and warmer clothing, and you want that which will make you look well and feel comfortable. See J. S. Clark, our mens clothes specialist.

The Ladies of the Presbyterian church are invited to meet at Mrs. S. G. Morgan's Friday afternoon to spend two hours socially.

## Bring Us Wood

There are a number who are behind on their subscription to the Leader, that can and should pay up. Some who live near by might bring us wood, we need wood and ask that you bring us some as early as you can

## New Auctioneer

Mr. James Ball the clever auctioneer who is to conduct sales on our Warehouse floors, seems a man fully equipped for the business. We have no doubt but he will measure up fully to expectations and requirements.

The Civic League has postponed its meetings from this Friday to next Friday.

## The Burlington Fair

The Burlington Fair will open October the 5th and continue open to Friday October 8th. They are offering many free attractions, automobile racing, trotting, and pony races.

## Clean it Off

The muddy sidewalk crossing maintained just a little west of the Mebane Supply Co. is no credit to any one, and especially those whose duty it might be to see that it is kept decently passable. It would seem that the Civic League might make Rome howl for a nasty place like this.

## Tho Dumba Scandal.

(New York Press)

The most recent developments of the Dumba scandal emphasize the opinion widely expressed earlier that the only self-respecting thing in this country can do, even at this late day, is to end hesitancy and take immediate action that will end in America the diplomatic career of such a man the only way it deserves to be ended here. Passports surely have been prepared by this time they should be delivered without further delay.

South Carolina's repudiation of the dispensary system is not regrettable from any point of view. Since its adoption it has been the source of as many ills to the body politic as was Pandora's box to the rash mortals who opened it. Of all methods of regulating the traffic in liquor it was the one that most invited abuse and promoted corruption. Statutory prohibition may or may not work the social regeneration looked for by its champions, but it does not put the State into active partnership with the distillers and create an army of officials whose interest it is to stimulate consumption.

## Great Sales

The Mebane Leaders estimate of the amount of tobacco sold on the market here in the two Warehouses last Wednesday was a close estimate, we said about 30,000 pounds, there was 31,600. Our estimate was made some time before sales were concluded. The average price paid was \$8.85

## Eftand Items

Mr. Jack Baity went down to North Carolina last week and spent a few days with his brother Mr. Jesse Baity

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cates from near Hills old mill visited their sister in law Mrs. J. R. Kiley last Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. T. R. Fitzpatrick went down to Durham on business last Tuesday.

Mr. Carl Carroll tobacco travelling salesman of Winston-Salem stopped over in Eftand last Saturday.

Mr. Gene Stanford of Salisbury stopped in Eftand Monday night on his return from Durham where he had been at the bed side of his mother Mrs. Margaret Stanford who is very ill.

Mrs. A. Thompson and grand daughter Miss Maggie Tapp of Chatham are visiting Mrs. Thompsons daughter, Mrs. Thomas Tapp and family.

Mr. Harry Fitzpatrick train dispatcher for the Southern Ry. at Salisbury is at home with his parents for a few days vacation.

Miss Nellie Bishop of Chapel Hill is visiting her aunt Mrs. E. C. Thompson near Eftand.

Misses Hellen and Stell Taylor also master Johnnie and Eftand Forrest attended childrens day in Hillsboro Saturday.

Mr. John Clarke was painfully hurt last Saturday near Hillsboro. Mr. Clarke was riding his motorcycle and Mr. J. Bowland of Durham was driving his automobile and in turning a curve they came in contact with each other. Mr. Bowland carried young Clarke to Hillsboro in his auto and Dr. Warren dressed the wounds.

We are sorry to note the death of Mr. Will Fawcett which occurred at the home of his parents Mr. and Mrs. John Fawcett near Hillsboro Monday afternoon Sept. 20th. Mr. Fawcett was 32 years of age and leaves father and mother one sister and three brothers to mourn his death. Dr. Jones was constant in attendance at his bedside. But that dreaded disease Typhoid fever had taken its deadly hold and medicine skill and the untiring devotion of a fond mother and other loved ones could not stay the hand of death. Funeral services were conducted at the Ridge church Tuesday afternoon by Rev. Ormond of Hillsboro assisted by Rev. Burgess and the remains interred in the quite old church yard. Mr. Fawcett was much liked by all who knew him.

## For Sale-German War Bonds.

While members of peace societies and neutrality leagues financed in Berlin continue to make day and night hideous by their frantic assaults upon the proposed Anglo-French loan, we do not notice that one of these patriots is troubled in mind or estate by the various borrowings which Germany is carrying on in this market. Like traffic in munitions of war, which was hellish on the part of the allies and altogether innocent on the part of the Teutonic powers, it now appears that money and credit are subject to the same discrimination.

Americans lent money to Germany on two occasions last spring when in each instance \$10,000,000 worth of bonds were disposed of in the United States. Some people say that as the proceeds of these transactions were to be used here for propaganda the loan was not for war purposes, but no such excuse can be offered now in the matter of German war bonds that are freely advertised and sold in many places. These securities are urged upon purchasers in two ways—one by the assertion that Germany must have funds if it is to win, and the other that at the exceedingly low price at which they ought almost to attempt an Anglomaniac.

Why talk of German efficiency, then when millions are spent in America to no better purpose than to stimulate the reptile press, promote strikes and organize counterfeit peace societies and neutrality leagues? A good many of our people have this money in their pockets at this moment. Instead of wasting their energies unlawfully and foolishly, why do they not turn in and make the new German loan as much of a success in the United States as the Anglo-French loan promises to be? —N. Y. World.

## Chapel Hill News

"With the exception of Louisiana and New Mexico, North Carolina has the largest percentage of native born white illiterates in the United States." This was the declaration made by W. C. Crosby, secretary of the committee on Community Service, in an address at Chapel Hill on "Moonlight Schools in North Carolina."

"We boast of our good qualities in North Carolina but conceal our faults. We hide our illiteracy as a horse trader does an old sore. The tendency now is to uncover the sore and heal it with the salve of moonlight schools. In order to further the campaign against illiteracy, the month of November will be set apart and will be observed throughout North Carolina as 'Moonlight School Month.' A night school will be organized and conducted three nights a week for at least this one month in every school district in the State where such illiterates are to be found. The day school teachers will, in most cases, teach in these night schools. Five thousand teachers have already volunteered for the work. The State Department of Education will place in the hands of each of these teachers a little bulletin outlining the work to be done. The school will hold twelve night sessions during that month. Twelve lessons each month in reading, writing and arithmetic will be given. The reading book will not be a primer such as the children use but something which contains simple sentences and yet which concerns the movement of people with whom those attending the schools are acquainted, together with such sentences as would inspire truer county pride and awaken them to continued effort. We want to get the old people interested in this work and get them out to these schools. It is a fact little known that one-seventh of the voting population of North Carolina cannot read or sign their names. This means that one-seventh of our homes are devoid of books or papers. This means that many homes are without the Bible, and eternity is approaching rapidly. The responsibility rests on us. Let us try to clear the stain from our State. Let us hope that when the census of 1920 is taken there will not be a single adult illiterate in North Carolina."

Representatives of the Chicago packers, whose cargoes were recently taken over by the British prize court, are in Washington to demand what this government can do about the confiscation of their property by Great Britain. One of the highest officials of the government said, after a discussion of the serious plight of the American importers, that "it is utterly inconceivable that Great Britain should be assisted with a loan in this country while wholesale oppression of American commerce continues."

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## Miss Bell Vincent Died Suddenly Tuesday

Miss Bell Vincent died suddenly Tuesday morning at her home on Holt Street. Heart failure was pronounced as the cause of her death. Miss Vincent was 66 years old and had made Mebane her home for twenty five years. Attesting the love and esteem in which the deceased was held was the large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends who gathered at the home to pay final tribute to this most lovable character who has entered into rest. She leaves three sisters, Mrs. Mattie Vincent, Mrs. Roney of Haw River and Mrs. Walker of Locust Hill, a number of nieces and nephews. The interment was made in Cross Roads cemetery Wednesday.

## At The Piedmont

The Piedmont warehouse proprietor, Mr. J. N. Warren, places a one third page advertisement in this weeks Leader. The Piedmont is better equipped than ever before for taking care of and handling your leaf tobacco sales. The best and most accommodating help, a wide and well lighted floor, and that accommodating, and magnetic auctioneer, Jim Ball who gets the best prices for your tobacco. Sam Sharp who has that smile that don't wear off is book keeper and accountant.

## "John" Has Proud Lineage

The name John is one of our best, also one of our oldest. It is found in nearly all languages, and no matter how disguised, from Juan to Johannes, it is almost certain to be identified. The Johns have a magnificent family tree. It is instructive to trace the genealogy. There was an apostle named John, and also a John the Baptist. There have been 22 Popes and one anti-Pope by the name of John. Three kings of Aragon and Castile, one at least of Bohemia, numbers of Portugal, France and England have borne the name of John. There was John Sobieski, the greatest of Poles. There was John, surnamed Lackland who was forced to sign the Magna Charta. There was John the Good. Running down the famous list we find also John the Fortunate, John the Perfect, John the Fearless, John the Constant. Was there ever an ignoble John?

## Washington News Letter

It is known that the officials are somewhat puzzled over the delay of Austria-Hungary in acting on the request of the United States that Ambassador Dumba be recalled. There is reason to believe that Ambassador Penfield, at Vienna, has advised the State Department that public sentiment in Austria on the Dumba incident is adverse to the Ambassador. He is said to have been criticised for bringing about the situation that the United States to demand his recall.

An urgent cablegram has been received at the State Department from agents of American importers stating that the situation between the importers, and the British government is intolerable. The agents of the importers, who have been dealing in vain with the British Board of Trade and other English authorities in their efforts to get American owned goods out of Europe insist upon prompt action by this government.

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## Costing More Than It Is Worth

Some of our contemporaries are seemingly inclined to the belief that Germany's change of tone in consenting to modification of her submarine warfare on merchant shipping is due, in some measure at least, to a dawning recognition on the part of the Berlin Government that that sort of warfare is costing Germany more than it is worth to her, and who shall say that such may not well be the case? Certainly the Von Tirpitz policy of promiscuously attacking merchant vessels, in utter disregard alike of the recognized principle of naval warfare and of the dictates of common humanity, has exasperated the humane sentiment of the whole world, and in some of its results has seriously imperiled the relations of Germany with neutral nations, particularly with the United States; while its effect on the fortunes of the war has been practically nil. Shipping to the value of tens of millions of dollars has, it is true, been destroyed, but this loss, being less than one per cent, all told, is trifling in comparison with the grand total of British merchant tonnage, which, it is officially announced, is greater today than at the outbreak of the war. Great Britain today, after eight months of Germany's submarine warfare, holds practically unimpaired her command of the seas and with it her ability to draw upon the outside world for such foodstuffs, munitions of war and other supplies as may be needed by herself and her allies.—Va. Pilot.

## Mr. Wilson's Visitors

(New York Sun)

President Wilson cannot be ignorant of the danger to the United States involved in a visit to Europe at this time by any notoriously loose-tongued person of meddlesome disposition given to advertising himself as the representative of a powerful faction of his fellow countrymen. This danger, serious in any case, will be immeasurably increased if the traveler bears the indorsement, express or implied, of the administration; such an indorsement, for example, as might easily be deduced from a cordial reception of the voyager at the White House immediately before his departure from America.

There is perhaps no truer sign that a man is really advancing than that he is learning to forget himself.—J. C. Shairp.

## Just Helpful

A group of girls sat around a bright fire. It was the half-hour before the ominous call, "Lights out," would silence the merry voices. They were discussing, idly also—what they would rather have, do, and be in life.

Nannette wanted plenty of carriages and servants at her bidding—dear, pretty Nannette, whose curly head was already full of the gay doings which, in her limited vocabulary, spelled "Life."

Ruth was not so particular about money, but she was planning to be an artist, and paint pictures which would rival modern artists. Dorothy meant to write books. She had always received "excellent" on her themes, and felt sure that if she sank into any ordinary career a great writer would be spoiled.

The girl who looked dreamily into the fire had been silent during the gay chatter.

"The returns are all in except from the fourth ward," prodded Nannette, giving the long braids of the silent one a playful twist.

"I have been listening to you all, and thinking," was the reply. "I am not pretty, and I cannot hope to be a belle; I am not intellectual or gifted, and can't hope to write books or paint pictures. So, while the rest of you are filling your lofty stations, I will hunt me some quiet corner and just try to be helpful."

Looking back through the vista of years, and recalling the varying fortunes of these four room-mates, I believe the girl who aspired to be "just helpful" has reaped life's best reward. Instructions are many, and may be hammered out in the schools, but the helper must drink at a deeper fount. In the school of love, unselfishness and sympathy, the helper must—matriculate, and only in the larger schools of experience are the subtlest lessons learned. It seems such a simple thing to say, "I will be helpful;" yet adopt this as your creed, go out with wide-open eyes, and see what infinite vistas stretch before you. You never noticed before how many people needed help—not necessarily money help or hand help, though these have manifold uses, but the help which comes from simple brotherliness and readiness to "lend a hand."—Ex.

## School Notes

There is one thing especially that I wish to call attention to the parents, and that is they should warn their children not to take any risks in attempting to pass the crossing when a train is nearing. Of course I have admonished the pupils relative to this matter, but it cannot be stressed too often. I have heard of some of the children standing near the track when a locomotive was passing, and pushing against each successive car. This you know is dangerous in the extreme.

I wish to say that the school is progressing nicely and the students in general are doing excellent work. The school is yours and I wish to cordially invite you to visit us and see for yourself what we are doing. By your manifesting an interest will cause the pupils to take additional courage.

I wish to say that there are twenty five in the high school department this year and that there will be several in the graduating class next spring, and that those who go to college will be matriculated in the Freshman class without examination.

Parents are urgently requested to cooperate with teachers in causing pupils to work at night.

Sincerely,  
Freed Deese,  
Supt. School

## MAKES LARGEST LOAN IN WORLD'S HISTORY

Dr. Karl Hofferich, secretary, declares that the German war loan of three billions raised September 21 was the largest financial operation in the world's history exceeding England's last war loan. England, hitherto, he said, had raised \$4,062,000 and Germany \$6,250,000 in long term loans, whereas England's expenditures to the present have been hardly less than Germany's.

He said that Germany is financially able to continue the war indefinitely. In speaking of the Anglo-French loan in the United States he said that America could not class Germany as a poor relation. The British passed credit last week bringing their war total to \$6,310,000.

## JAMES BRADSHAW DEAD

### Alamance Citizen Was at Work on His Farm When He Expired

James Bradshaw died suddenly Thursday afternoon near the home of his son on the Lathan farm. He was in the tobacco field helping with the work, apparently as well as usual, when some of the hands noticed him fall. Death was due to heart failure, possibly brought on by taking too much exercise and getting too warm. He was 77 years old; was a Confederate veteran, and had been a member of Salem Methodist Protestant church for many years. Several months ago he sold his farm near Salem church, and came to live with his son, who is manager of the Lathan farm. The funeral services were conducted by Dr. W. E. Swain, and the interment was in the cemetery, Friday afternoon.

Beside Jesse, with whom he lived, Mr. Bradshaw left one son, Charles, of Greensboro, a single daughter, and a daughter, now Mrs. Jenkins, of Gibsonville.

## Is the World Worse?

Is the world growing better or worse? Scholars, thinkers, observers and critics are much divided. Many ministers of the gospel in our day declare by the Book that the world grows worse, and that the only hope of the race is salvation through some great catastrophe coming all of a sudden. Others declare that the gospel is gradually doing its work and that, like leaven the whole lump is to be leavened not with evil but with good; that gradually the good triumphs and will ultimately prevail.

Here are some facts that are calculated to make one optimistic, if one is inclined. When William Carey in 1793, went to India as the first Protestant missionary the whole number of nominal Christians in the world was 200,000,000. Now according to authenticated statistics the entire number of nominal Christians is put down at 500,000,000. At the time Carey went out to the benighted world of heathendom there were estimated to be one billion souls in all the earth. Now the world's population is put down at one billion five hundred million. So while the earth's total population has increased 50 per cent the number of nominal Christians has increased 150 per cent and the ratio shows that the cause of Christ has advanced more in the past 25 years than it did in the 75 preceding years.

Evil is mighty and the strongholds of sin and Satan are many and powerful. Yet figures at any rate would indicate that our God is marching on and that His Christ constantly and steadily gains in winning men to his banner.

Whether the world grows better or worse we know that King Immanuel will win out and that all who trust in Him shall be conquerors and more than conquerors.—Christian Sun.

## Peace Through Poltroonery

Mr. Bryan says the nation can avoid war by simply refusing to fight. If our forefathers had only perceived this great truth, we should all be subjects of the British crown now.—Charleston News-Courier.

A nugget of truth like that is worth a whole balloon full of silly vapors about the wickedness of all wars and the blessings of any sort of a peace. A war of wanton aggression is a crime; one waged in maintenance of God-given rights is the discharge of a sacred duty. Peace which is purchased by submission to wrong is a condition of insecurity based on cowardice and the price for its continuance is continual-surrender of all that makes it worth having. It is Mr. Bryan's "ideal of national honor" that if challenged by hostile acts of either of the "mad powers of Europe," we should refuse to "wallow in them in the mud of war." The alternative would be to wallow in the mud of subjection to the dictates of a foe whose demands would certainly grow greater with every concession. In our view it would be better for a nation to perish from the face of the earth than to debase itself to the cringing and suppliant attitude of a slave beseeching mercy from an arrogant master.—Va. Pilot.

## A and M College News

The A and M. College Press Club has recently been organized for the purpose of giving to the people of the State something of the College news. It is hoped to give some idea of what the College stands for and what it is doing toward building up rural North Carolina in all her different industries.

On the 30th of this month students will begin to move into the completed wing of the new Dormitory. Students who have been quartered in the wooden dormitories, or "shacks," as they are known on the campus, are looking forward with pleasure to the change. It is hoped that the next Legislature or some patriotic citizen will see the great necessity of this building and will provide at once means for its completion. The wing just completed cost \$20,000; it accommodates 48 students. The section is well lighted, heated, and furnished, nice bath rooms on each floor. It has all the conveniences of a modern up to date dormitory. This building when completed will accommodate 200 students.

Farmers of the State will be interested to know that the agricultural students have increased considerably in number this year. Last years enrollment showed 264 agricultural students. This year the enrollment has increased to 300 students of agriculture, and many more will be added before the year closes. The textile department of this college has increased 31 per cent over last year. As the textile industry is one of North Carolina's biggest source of income, it is evident that the manufacturers are seeking a better set of trained men. Efficiency has come to have a greater meaning than were as is shown by the steady increase in these different departments.

Dr. W. C. Ethridge, who graduated in the class of 1906, and who spent some years in the service of the experiment station, has recently been elected professor of agronomy in the agricultural department of the University of Florida.

Mr. John E. Coit, of the class of 1903, is now full professor of Cilticulture in the University of California and is taking an important part in the noted station at Pucerside.

The State Fair association is making great preparations for the coming Fair. The buildings are being repaired. The Hillsboro road leading from Capitol Square is being graded and concreted to the fair ground gates. Special interest in the Fair is developing in the A. and M. Poultry Department. The different classes of students now studying poultry are going to compete with fancier and commercial breeders of the State, for the best quality of eggs exhibited for the blue ribbon and sweepstakes pigs our boys are working hard. Come to the fair, exhibit your eggs Mr., Mrs., and Miss Farmer: we want to meet our home folks.

About fifteen A and M students attended the Y. M. C. A. Conference at Guilford College. They report a most profitable meeting. E. C. Turner of Hawfields was among the number.

## \$600,000,000 Gold Resterve in Berlin

Economic condition in Germany after one year of war are described in a report compiled by the American Association of Trade and Commerce in Berlin and received at the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce. It says the financial record has shown "the results of rigid organization and discipline," and draws particular attention to the fact that Germany has raised \$2,250,000, in war loans, and the imperial Reichsbank has accumulated gold reserve of \$600,000,000.

## Cary Wants Its Laws Enforced

Representative citizens of Cary at a meeting held took the position that only regular cafes shall be allowed to be open on Sunday. Under the decision of the citizens in mass meeting assembled, places that style themselves cafes and do not serve regular meals just as any well regulated cafe is supposed to serve, should be under the ban.

The mass meeting went on record for a strict observance of the law and it is believed that the town commissioners will heed the wishes of the citizens who attended the meeting and make and enforce town ordinances accordingly.—News and Observer.

The above will apply to Mebane as well. We have very stringent Sunday laws but they are not enforced, they are violated every Sunday. A law that is not enforced or respected should be repealed. Citizen.

Come, ye blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.—New Testament.