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Our stock of Hardware is large and complete. See us before you buy. Prices right. F. L. Smith Hardware Co.

**FOR SALE**—seeds at less than the market price to day; will continue to sell so long as they last. I. W. West Drug Company.

**SPRING GOODS**—of all kinds coming daily at J. L. Harrison. Come in and see our new line of spring goods. J. L. Harrison.

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**GREENSBORO NURSERIES**—For all kinds fruit, shade and ornamental trees vines and plants John A. Young & Sons owners.

**FOR RENT**—or for sale on easy terms nice 5 room cottage on Taylor street, near South street. E. C. Foy.

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All kinds of garden seed at F. L. Smith Hardware Co.

**PLANT APPLE TREES**—Order today. Greensboro Nurseries. John A. Young and Sons.

**PIANO FOR SALE**—I have a new Kimbal piano used only about a year and no abuse, that I will sell at a great sacrifice. John A. Martin, 122 N. Maple St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

**PLANT APPLE TREES**—You cannot afford to delay order today from the Greensboro Nurseries.

**GET your orchard and landscape started right** by buying your trees, vines and shrubbery from the Virginia Nurseries Co. Debosta Woltz will tell you about them. Mt. Airy, N. C., 245 Franklin Street.

**REMEMBER**—we are headquarters for all kinds of ladies ready-to-wear goods. J. L. Harrison.

**PARTRIDGE COCHIN EGGS**—For hatching \$1.00 for 15. Hens took 1st and 2nd. prize at Fair. 2nd. in Gand special cocks from Spring Grove Poultry Farm, P. A. mated under supervision of State poultrymen. These are the birds that lay in winter. Thos. D. Roberts, 138 Haymore St., Mt. Airy, N. C.

Spray your fruit trees with Lime and Sulphur Solution. Now is the time. Sold by F. L. Smith Ddw. Co.

For sale—Apple and peach trees for commercial orchards at special low prices. Also shade trees and evergreens, pecan trees, etc.

E. W. Jones Nursery Co., Woodlawn, Va. See J. M. Good at Haynes warehouse. Wanted general traveling agents. Write for terms.

Good assortment of grass and clover seed at F. L. Smith Hardware Co.

**FOR SALE**—Cheap, good trusty horse also rubber tire buggy and harness. E. C. Foy.

**WANTED**—50 horse hides and 100 mule hides. Highest market price paid. Piedmont Produce Co.

**FULL line of Automobile tires and inner tubes for Fords and other makes** at F. L. Smith Hardware Co.

**KODACK developing free—prints up to 3 1/4 by 4 1/4, 3 cents each. Post cards 5 cents each. Quick work. Quality Guaranteed. No orders filled unless accompanied by cash and 2¢ per roll extra for return postage.** BARBER'S Dept. 6, Winston Salem, N. C.

**SEWING**—I have opened a sewing room at my home on the Sulphur Springs road near Beamer's store, and will be glad to do any kind of sewing you may want. Prices reasonable. Mrs. Ada Scales.

**POULTRY PAYS WELL**—Nothing is more profitable than poultry if your flock is of the right kind. My pure bred White Leghorns are the finest in this country. Having originally come from one of the largest poultry farms in the United States assures you of getting the best to be had. My eggs are worth double the price asked for them. Per setting of 15 only \$1.00. W. E. Jackson.

**FOR SALE**—Pure blood white Leghorn eggs ("Wyckoff strain"). \$1.00 per setting of 15. Eighty per cent of all eggs guaranteed fertile or new eggs furnished. White Leghorns are the best layers, which make them the best payers. See or write E. J. Matthews, Mt. Airy, N. C. Lebanon Hill Poultry Yards.

**TWO SUCCESSFUL EXPEDITIONS BY CANADIAN TROOPS.**

London, England—The Canadians have been especially conspicuous in the raids which have become so marked a feature of winter operations in the West. These raids are now somewhat imposing affairs and one lately reported penetrated to the German third line trenches. In an official report of two such operations, the Canadian War Records Office says:

Two very successful raids form the outstanding feature of last week's operations. It had been intended to undertake them as a simultaneous operation, but conditions rendered a change advisable. The first raid was made at 4:30 p. m. by a New Brunswick battalion. A mine was successfully exploded close to the German trenches, and the attacking parties advanced under cover of an intense barrage and a screen of smoke on the flanks. Our men penetrated to the support line, meeting with no resistance.

A party of about 30 Germans were met in a communication trench and chased to their dugouts, from which they refused to emerge. Had they done so their lot would have been happier; in a raid there is no time for persuasion, and the dug-outs were destroyed by explosives. The enemy trenches were found in a much-damaged condition as a result of the mine explosion and our artillery fire. No prisoners were brought back. The raiding party returned to our lines at 5 p. m.

The second raid took place at 7:45 a. m. the following morning, and was carried out by troops of two battalions from Ontario. The operation was similar in most respects to the previous day's although on a somewhat larger scale. The enemy's trenches were penetrated on a front of 800 yards to a depth of 300 yards. The conditions were by no means ideal; the enemy's wire entanglements were exceedingly strong, and the wind was not in the most favorable quarter for the use of a smoke screen on the flanks. Lastly, the khaki uniforms of our men stood out in clear relief on the background. As the attacking party left our trenches a machine gun opened fire from the ruins of a high building in the enemy's lines. It had scarcely fired a dozen rounds when a heavy shell silenced it for the rest of the day. The wire presented no difficulties; so well had our gunners done their work that only a few strands remained.

Once in the German trenches, our men were complete masters of the situation. In the support line a small party of Germans showed some resistance, but a short and sharp duel with bombs ended in their defeat. Our artillery had played havoc with the enemy's trenches and our engineers completed the work of destruction with explosives, blowing up all remaining deep dug-outs and machine gun emplacements. At 8:45 a. m. the raiders were back in our own trenches, having in the space of an hour captured 100 prisoners, two machine guns, and a bomb thrower. The number of prisoners taken in this brilliant operation constitutes a record on this front.

These two raids, although carried out 15 hours apart, from one operation. They cannot be considered separately, nor be judged by the relative number of prisoners captured in each. The first raid distracted attention from the second, and was an essential factor to its success. Our casualties were not heavy in proportion to the extent and success of the operations, and there is no doubt the German losses far exceeded them, to say nothing of the demoralizing effects of the raids.

The officers and men who took part tell many interesting stories. A German company commander who was taken prisoner, when ordered to surrender, came up from his dug-out, calmly saluted, and inquired where he was to go. His sergeant-major followed, and knowing well the propensities of our men, held his helmet in front of him ready to offer on emerging from his dug-out. In preparing plans, two of our men were detailed to cut additional lanes through the enemy's wire to facilitate the return of the party. As it happened this was unnecessary, the wire having been completely swept away by our artillery. The men, however, obeyed their instructions and calmly stood up, snipping away at the remnants of wire until ordered into the trench. This amusing incident affords a good example of discipline.

**E. D. HARBOUR, O. D.**  
Eye-Sight Specialist  
Mount Airy, N. C.  
128 N. Main St.  
CHARGES REASONABLE

**Putting It Over.**

"I am sorry about George," said Mr. Allen. "He was too clever a boy to turn out as he did."

"Yes it's too bad, but as to his cleverness, I don't agree with you," said Mr. Smith. "He had a certain ability to get the best end of a bargain; and yet make it appear to be an honest transaction. He was expert at putting it over," as the boys say.

"You remember the days when we traded marbles? George would come to school with a pocketful of cheap chipped off marbles, but before noon he would have them all traded off for perfect ones. The boys could not tell how it was done, but George could make them think it was all right."

"There was something mysterious about his examination papers. The teacher knew they were not the result of study. She felt sure there was something dishonest about them, but she couldn't find out what. George was never caught in any school scrapes; it was always the other fellow who got caught and punished. George certainly knew how to put it over the rest of us at school."

"Later when he became a clerk in the grocery store, he was very successful in disposing of stale goods. He would fill order with wilted celery and wormy raisins, and the proprietors were delighted for there was nothing to throw away on Monday morning. If anyone complained, George could always convince them that the other clerk had filled the order. He grew more and more skillful in putting it over every year."

On account of his shrewdness, folks predicted that he had a great future before him, and he became rather conceited. So he went further, and began to practice little dishonesties with money, giving short change to customers who did not bother to count it. Of course there was another step just ahead—George tampered with the money drawer. He took just a little at first, and kept at it. He must have better clothes; he must spend money more freely; he must keep a little ahead of the other fellows. By that he had full belief that he could keep on putting it over everyone.

"He tried it too often. We say it was the 'last time' that put him in the penitentiary; but I am inclined to think it was the first time; that he started in that direction during the marble trading days back in the school yard, when he gloried in his ability to put it over on his school mates."

We sometimes like to jump the hard places, to cut across the field, and we think we are making headway swiftly, but the long cobble stone road of honesty will bring us in the long run, to a safe landing place. The ability to put it over isn't the best qualification for real success. Boys like George, even if they escape punishment, do not become men to whom anyone in their community can point with pride.—Youth's Companion.

**Some Facts About the Presidency.**

Woodrow Wilson is the 28th President of the United States, reckoning Cleveland's two terms as separate ones because he was the only President serving twice who was not re-elected.

Virginia leads in the nativity of Presidents. Eight of her sons—Washington, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, William Henry Harrison, Tyler, Taylor, and Wilson—have held the highest office in the gift of the nation.

Ohio has given six native sons to the presidency. They are Grant, Hayes, Garfield, Benjamin Harrison, McKinley, and Taft.

Of all the vocations in life the law has furnished most Presidents. Nineteen chief executives of the United States were lawyers at the time they were elected. Three are classified as statesmen; two as soldiers, two as farmers, one as a public official.

Seventeen presidents have been college men; one was graduated from West Point, nine had no collegiate education.

English paternal ancestry has predominated among the Presidents. Fifteen were of English extraction. Six were Scotch-Irish, three were Scotch, two were Dutch, and one was Welsh.

The youngest President, at the time of inauguration was Roosevelt, who was 46. The oldest was William Henry Harrison, who was 68.

Of all the Presidents, John Adams lived to the oldest age. He was 90 when he died.

**Rank Foolishness.**

You occasionally see it stated that colds do not result from cold weather. That is rank foolishness. Were it true colds would be as prevalent in midsummer as in midwinter. The microbe that causes colds flourishes in damp, cold weather. To get rid of a cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It is effectual and is highly recommended by people who have used it for many years as occasion required, and know its real value. Obtainable everywhere.

**\$10,000 SHOE STOCK**

**Every Department Is Abloom With New Spring and Summer Merchandise**

Merchandise of quality is here in great variety. Values are here—throughout the store is evident the earnest efforts that BURKE is making to prove of service to the hundreds of women, who are now planning their Spring and Summer wardrobes.

The great desire of the BURKE store is to serve its customers and to serve them well. Let this store of dependable and trust-worthy merchandise help you with your Spring and Summer planning and always remember you "never pay more" here, even though you do get the best merchandise.

Ten thousand dollars worth of solid leather Shoes bought at practically old prices.

Hundreds of pair of Men, Women and Children's solid leather Shoes at prices less than the factories ask for them.

**Stunning New Models in Suits, Coats and Dresses**  
**Blouses and Waists In Beautiful Designs**



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Sign of Good Digestion.  
When you see a cheerful and happy old lady you may know that she has good digestion. If your digestion is impaired or if you do not relish your meals take a dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. They strengthen the stomach, improve the digestion and cause a gentle movement of the bowels. Obtainable everywhere.

**C. B. TILLEY**  
Contractor and Builder  
MOUNT AIRY, N. C.  
General Repair Work and Re-modeling

**Buyers Of Millinery and Ladies' Ready-to-Wear**

Come in early and settle the worry. Have this tedious job of buying over. Never before have we been so well prepared to show a new line of goods. A grand opportunity for you here. Our store filled with new Hats, Dresses, Coats and Coat Suits, Silks, Neckwear, in fact all the new novelties that are on the market this season will be shown by us. Our Store will lead all others in Spring 1917 Fashions. Your first visit to this store will convince you of this.

**Madam Grace Corsets**

This Corset has made a wonderful and satisfactory impression on all who have tried it. It possesses some features that others have not, which has won great admiration for the Madam Grace Corsets. The price is very reasonable indeed \$1.50 to \$8.00.

**Men and Boys Clothing**

About 150 new suits picked up at a bargain.— Up-to-the-minute in style, for which we want the cash in a hurry, and these suits will be sold to the first that come at 25 to 40 per cent off regular price. Suits that should bring \$15, \$20 and \$25, our price so long as they last will be \$11.50, \$13.50 and \$15.00.

Remember the high cost of living and avail yourself of this opportunity. We guarantee to save you \$3.50 to \$10.00 on these suits while they last.

**Plant Bed Canvass**

Just received a big lot of Plant Bed Canvass, and if you look around we believe you'll find our price one-half cent per yard cheaper.

**W.E. Jackson**