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CASH IN ADVANCE.

THE WAR.

There is nothing new to tell about the war. It is a period of preparation for our side, and rapidly the work of getting ready is going forward. In the meantime Germany is evidently getting ready for another great effort such as she made some weeks ago, and such as she has been making since March 21st. No great battle has been fought now for several days and comparative quiet is along all the lines. The supposition is that the Germans will renew the fight in a big way before much longer.

The country is building ships and making preparations in a way to astonish the world. We needed ships, and we are building big ocean going steamers in 40 days that, before the war, required two years to build. We are doing things in such a large and rapid way as to make it almost unbelievable that such is possible.

In the meantime Germany is dressing up her officers in American uniforms and sending them among our armies to deceive our soldiers. Of course they use only those officers who can speak English. This trick worked to perfection with the Italians but it is not working much to the benefit of Germany for the officer gets his passport to another country as soon as he is caught by the Americans. It appears that Germany is so disposed to resort to trickery that she is not believed about anything, and the general disposition to discredit a German and brand him with a lack of honor will be his heritage for a century to come. A peace treaty will not restore it.

ENFORCING THE LAW.

In this age of the development of all the race the courts and the law, with all its machinery, appears to be a necessity. Some judges so dispose of cases that come before them as to make their court appear to be worthless to society, while other judges can impress the best element of the people that they can be of real benefit to the country in the suppressing of lawlessness.

In this connection it is in place to say that Mr. A. E. Tilley, Judge of the Recorder's Court in this city, is making an officer who is a credit to the State. His decisions are not severe, and yet they carry weight that has influence on the community. He conducts his court in a way to impress one that there is a dignity and importance connected with it that does not usually surround the ordinary Magistrate's court where a penny and the cost is the rule for the disposition of all cases alike, be they trivial or severe.

Take the case, for instance, this week where some young men were before the Recorder's Court for violating the State laws as to driving an automobile. Now the rule has been in many courts to make it a penny and the cost and a suggestion to be more careful. All of which is known to not be worth a whit to society in the way of remedying this prevalent and growing evil. Judge Tilley taxed them with the cost of the action and suspended the license of the young men for a period of thirty days. Now compare that disposition of the case with the usual penny and the cost.

A penny and the cost makes a young fellow smile at the expense of the court, for what does he care for a penny and the cost? It is very well known that this sentence does not better conditions. But to stop a man from driving his machine for a whole term of thirty days, right here in the best time for driving, is very much calculated to make him think of the laws when he again is allowed the use of the public highways.

And since Judge Tilley has shown his disposition to handle these speed violations as he does it might not be a bad idea if citizens in the future would have cases of violation made returnable before his court.

BUSINESS CHANGES.

The war is bringing about changes in business that are beginning to be noticeable everywhere. It is beginning to be noticeable that men are going out of business. The indications are now that in the future there will be fewer stores, but larger and more efficient ones. Men who have sold goods for years are now turning to other lines of enterprise, and the same is true of other occupations.

The merchant in the years ago went north and bought goods on time, almost naming the date himself when he could pay. It was not uncommon to buy goods on six months' time, and then get the time extended when the bill came due. Now all this is changed, and in many instances the cash must be paid at the time the goods are bought. This is especially true of groceries. The tendency of the business world is to cut the time for payment to a cash basis. This will mean that the retail merchant will in turn want the cash when he sells his goods to the consumer, at least he will expect prompt payment that he may meet his bills.

As a pointer to the changes that are coming about the farmer who brings his eggs to town now must sell them to a man who has a little dark space somewhere about his place where he can candle every egg. This means that no more bad eggs will be sold on the market. No retail merchant has the right now to buy and sell eggs unless he prepares to candle them, or buys them from some reliable dealer who has candled them. One wholesale house here has already found that some farmers have been selling bad eggs in such quantities as to be noticeable. One man was able to get credit for just four eggs out of two and half dozen. All the others were bad when the light was turned on in the little dark room. It is now known that many people even go so far as to bring to market all eggs that fail to hatch, and also bring along the nest egg that has done duty for half the year. All this is now at an end, and the public will in the future protect itself from such bad business methods.

Another ruling that is far reaching is that of requiring full car shipments. In the past a produce dealer could sell half a car of produce to a consumer in a small town. Now he must make a full car shipment. This will have much to do with increasing the efficiency of the railroads for doing business, but will make it hard on the retailer who has been able to get a half car shipment when it was not practical for him to retail large amounts.

These are only pointers to the fact that the slipshod methods of doing business are not to be tolerated now that the country is at war. Efficiency is the demand now, and the man who is not efficient is not going to be able to meet the demands of government inspectors who are sent out to see that the laws of the country are obeyed.

The country is full of professional men who fleece the people on every hand, and the day is not far distant when these so called specialists will not be allowed to enrich themselves at the expense of the people. Good business is going to demand that equity be the rule of action in all lines of business from the man who brings a basket of eggs to town to the man who can draw his check for thousands.

MR. THOMAS FAWCETT.

The people of this section will not allow Mr. Thomas Fawcett to retire from business if he wants to. While he is able to retire and possibly willing, he is too active and too valuable a man to be let alone. The people call on him for his good judgment and opinion constantly and, in one way or another, keep him busy. Now he has consented to be a candidate for County Commissioner this fall and so many have urged him to accept the nomination that he will allow his name to go before the convention.

Mr. S. A. Hennis carried a party of young people from this city to visit Camp Jackson last Friday. Those making up the party were Misses Della Johnson, Marjorie Sumner and Thelma Hennis and Mr. Henry Johnson. Some of these young people are relatives of Messrs. Joseph and Jas. H. Johnson who are in training there.

Bad Fire at Dobson.

A destructive fire was the misfortune of the town of Dobson last Thursday afternoon. It started in the home of Mr. W. B. Norman about night and is supposed to have caught from the stove. The building was soon in flames and the adjoining buildings soon caught. Before the fire burned itself out of material it destroyed the drug store of Dr. Stone, the Baptist church and the residence of Mr. R. C. Lewellyn.

The property destroyed was some of the best in the town of Dobson. The residence, store and hotel of Mr. Norman was practically new and valuable property. Mr. Norman had no insurance and the loss falls heavily on him. In this connection he desires us to thank the people for their aid in trying to save his property and for the many expressions of sympathy, as well as more substantial aid, that has been given him. He will build back his hotel and store at once.

The drugs from the store of Dr. Stone were saved, but the building, such of it as could burn, was an entire loss.

The Baptist church which was a brick building was completely destroyed, not even the benches or the organ being saved. They had \$500.00 insurance on the building.

The residence of Mr. R. C. Lewellyn was the last to burn of the destroyed property, and most of his house furniture was saved. He had a splendid new two story dwelling of eight or more rooms and only \$2,000.00 insurance.

At one time it appeared as if the fire would spread and destroy much other property. Some thoughtful person phoned to this city and wanted the fire truck to come over and aid them in fighting the fire, for they thought the fire truck could use the water stored in the big tank in the new courthouse. Knowing that the water supply was doubtful the fire company started to Dobson, thinking that the chemical apparatus might aid some, of the water could not be had to pump. On the way to Dobson a citizen on his wagon refused to give an inch of the road and continued on in the even tenor of his way keeping strictly to the middle of the road, so say the firemen. They blew the horn and rang the bell, and yet he declined to give an inch. It so happened that an open space was by the road at that point, and it appeared to the driver of the truck that he could pass the wagon, but as bad luck would have it the ground by the side of the road proved to be soft and the heavy truck sunk down and thus caused the rear wheels to skid into the ditch. As bad luck would further have it the truck stopped exactly against a telephone post which had to be chopped down before an effort could be made to get out of the ditch. Once the post was out of the way the drive chain of the truck caught against the stump and broke. By the time the chain could be fixed it was too late to aid in the fire, for it had burned itself out.

Some of the firemen say that the citizen gave as his reason for not giving any of the road the excuse that he thought some young men were out having a joy ride.

It is the opinion that but for this accident the truck and fire company would have reached Dobson in time to save the residence of Mr. Lewellyn.

There were those here at Mount Airy who thought it unwise to send the Fire company and truck out of town. Down at Greensboro it is the custom to call the fire department to come out into the country many miles away to aid in fighting a fire. The truck owned by the town is supposed to go anywhere an automobile can go, and get there even quicker than an automobile. The machine is heavy and of course will mire down in soft dirt. But if it is given a road way and a clear way, it will get there. Of course the pumping arrangement would be worthless with no supply of water, but the chemicals will aid in many fires.

Mr. Walter Mabe and Miss Lizzie Pike were united in marriage at the home of Esq. C. W. Vaughn on route 2 recently, Esq. Vaughn performing the marriage ceremony. Both young people live in that section.

Important Business Deal.

The Fries interests of Winston-Salem will now do business in this city, which announcement should carry weight in all business circles. It came about in this way. Last winter local business men started a knitting mill here. It has been operating in a very satisfactory way for some time. Recently the Fries interests made an effort to buy out the new company, and this week the deal was closed. Mr. W. C. Ruffin, manager of the mills at Fries, Va., and also the mills at Mayodan, N. C., bought the property here and will take it over this week.

He has said that the purpose of the company buying this mill is to make this plant a very large one increasing the number of hands to several hundred. At present it is their purpose to continue to operate the knitting machines now in use and to put in a large finishing plant here. At their mills at Mayodan and other points they knit men's and boy's underwear, and after the knitting is done a certain amount of sewing machine work is required to complete the garment. Now it is the purpose of the new managers to ship from their other mills to this point and have these garments completed at this point. It has been said that the new company will give employment to as many as five or six hundred women here.

Much of the work now being turned out is for the army.

No business deal in years has been made here that will mean more to our town, for a large number of women here will be only too glad to have employment that will give them a living wage and steady work.

The Pilot Mountain Baptist Association.

The next session of the Pilot Mountain Baptist Association will meet in this city with the First Baptist Church on Tuesday, July 30th.

The association will be in session for only two days and as many as 150 delegates from other churches are expected to attend. These delegates will be entertained in the homes of the people and along with them will come leading men of the denomination who represent the various objects of the church organization. The introductory sermon, which is one of the attractive features of the meeting, will be preached at 11 o'clock on the first day by the pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Winston-Salem, the Rev. Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon.

Food Notice.

No dealer or user of sugar can purchase sugar since July 1st, except household consumers, without a certificate. All retail dealers, hotels, restaurants, hospitals and county homes and other institutions are included in this list. All of these should write without delay to the Sugar Division of the Food Administration at Raleigh, stating the nature of their business and asking for proper blanks upon which to file their statement. When these statements have been made out and returned to Raleigh, the Sugar Division will send certificate for the sugar requirements of each firm or institution. Sugar dealers are required to sell sugar only to their regular customers and to confine such customer, even their regular customers, to a minimum not to exceed three pounds to each person per month. Any person required to obtain certificate that fails to do so by July 15th will be deprived of the use of sugar until January, 1919.

This notice is given to impress upon the sugar dealers the necessity of having these certificates.

This July 9th, 1918.
W. F. CARTER,
County Food Administrator.

Mrs. Burns' Letter.

Here is a letter that is certain to prove to interest to people in this vicinity as cases of this sort occur in almost every neighborhood, and people should know what to do in like circumstances:

Savannah, Mo., 12, 1916.
"I used a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy about nine years ago and it cured me of flux (dysentery) I had another attack of the same complaint some three or four years ago and a few doses of this remedy cured me. I have recommended Chamberlain's Colic and Diarrhoea Remedy to dozens of people since I first used it."

Get Lined Up for the Fairs This Fall.

By the County Agent.

It is now time that the farmers begin to think about the Fairs that are coming off this fall and begin to make preparations, not only to attend but to carry something to exhibit. We are going to have four Fairs in the county this fall—three Community Fairs and one County Fair. The Community Fairs are to be held at Zephyr, White Plains and Deron. These Fairs will be the week before the County Fair, and I hope that every farmer in the county will make his plans to attend at least one of these Fairs. It will be worth his time to attend as it will have a great educational value to the farmer in helping him to select and care for his farm products at home, such as selecting seed corn, etc. and then it will be of untold value to him if he expects to carry any exhibits to the County Fair. It will also be of great value to many farmers in marketing their farm produce as they will learn how to grade and pack their fruits and vegetables in the most marketable condition.

If you expect to exhibit at any of the Community Fairs write to the Secretary and let him know in order to help him get some idea of what to expect. In this way he can make better arrangements about room for the exhibits, etc.

If you expect to exhibit at Zephyr, communicate with Mr. W. B. Williams who is the Secretary; if at White Plains communicate with Mr. J. A. Blue, and with Mr. Frank Dodson at Deron or Pilot Mountain. These men will be glad to tell you anything you wish to know about the Fair work, or you can see me as I pass about over the county and I will be glad to help and advise you all I can.

If you have not already subscribed something to the financing of these Fairs the Secretaries will be glad to receive any amount no matter how small it may be. The State helps to finance these fairs but the people must help, therefore every one should do his or her part. But remember, we will have a Fair anyway whether you help bear the expenses or not and you are invited to take a part just the same.

Lets all get something ready and go there to learn something whether we win any prizes or not. The money is a small consideration in comparison to the other advantages of the fair. Therefore lets all go to at least one Community Fair and then all meet at the County Fair. Lets make this the best year for Fairs in the history of the county. Lets make a record at the Community Fairs and the grand round-up at the County Fair.
Ewing S. Millsaps.

For Sale.

Six horsepower Peerless portable engine in first class condition. Cost new, \$650.

No. 4 Geiser threshing machine; fair condition, cost new \$450. Price for both, \$550. Satisfaction guaranteed. E. M. McInturf, Salisbury, N. C.

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Mt. Airy, in the state of North Carolina, at the close of business, June 29, 1918.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$521,081.21
Overdrafts	1,879.90
U. S. bonds to secure circ.	50,000.00
Liberty Loan Bonds	25,100.00
Stocks other than Federal reserve bank stock	8,625.00
Subscription to stock of Fed. Reserve bank	1,000.00
Banking house	20,000.00
Lawful money reserve in vault and with Reserve Bank	20,391.51
Cash in vault and due from national banks	128,568.55
Due from banks and bankers (other than above)	1,786.76
Checks on banks in same city	1,797.75
Due from banks and bankers, as reporting bank	254.61
Outside Checks and other cash items	2,000.00
Total	\$795,448.73

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$ 75,000.00
Surplus fund	25,000.00
Undivided profits	18,021.36
Circulating notes	50,000.00
Due to banks and bankers	1,218.40
Individual deposits subject to check	349,296.28
Cashiers checks outstanding	1,700.82
Certificates of deposit	202,142.88
Postal savings deposits	368.99
Bills payable	40,000.00
Liabilities other than above	2,700.00
Liabilities for rediscounts	30,000.00
Total	\$795,448.73

State of North Carolina, Surry Co., ss: I, T. G. Fawcett, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
T. G. Fawcett, Cash.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 10, 1918.

W. P. Callaway, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
Geo. D. Fawcett, Thos. Fawcett,
M. L. F. Armfield, Directors.

Auction Sale.

On Saturday, July 20, at 2 P. M. I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder the following:

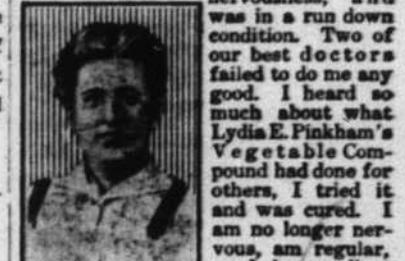
All my farming tools including several good second hand plows, one double section steel harrow, one two-horse wagon, second hand buggy and other farming tools.

Terms cash. Sale at my home on White Plains road. W. J. York.

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HELLER, Christopher, Ill.

Nervousness is often a symptom of weakness or some functional derangement, which may be overcome by this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, as thousands of women have found by experience.

If complications exist, write Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., for suggestions in regard to your ailment. The result of its long experience is at your service.

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If you own a player piano, send us your name, and those of two other player-owners, and 10c in stamps and receive this sample roll by parcel-post FREE.

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