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## WE ARE AT WAR!

(By F. Hunter Creech.)

One of the principal topics for discussion around the Court House these days is the question of war. We have heard war discussed so much and have read so many graphic accounts of bloody European battlefields that it fails to make much impression. Our senses seem to be numbed to it. It seems more like a horrible dream than a stern reality, and it is hard for us to realize that our own America is about to be hurled into the midst of it. The average American is prone to take these things rather light-heartedly, and we only skim along on the surface—failing to grasp just what it really means. But we are at war! and America has never gone to war but in the interests of justice and humanity; and she has never gone to war without establishing the principles for which she stood or obtained the things for which she entered, before signing articles of peace.

We may have different ideas about how the war will affect us, and we may have different ideas about the justice or the injustice of the war. Some may believe that America is not justified in entering the war—such believers are in the minority, the great majority believes that America has been patient, forbearing, and long-suffering and that all honorable means have been exhausted save that of war. There is one thing which we must bear in mind, our State Department has information and facts at hand that we know not of and our officials are in a better position to decide these things than are we. However that all may be, our Nation has taken its stand, and we go to make up all that America is and all for which she stands. Our duty now is not to our own selfish whims and personal fancies—we must be more patriotic. If we are to enter a deadly struggle there must be no dissension at home. If we can't agree with the policy of the Administration then it behooves us, as loyal American citizens, to keep our mouths shut and not be holding forth any brief for Germany.

America is at war! and we believe that she has gone to war for the sake of justice and humanity. We all have our horror for war and shiver with dread at thoughts of it; yet, there are some things worse than war. We have entered the struggle and we must not face it like cowards and recreants, but rather like a nation of brave and patriotic men and women. American Sovereignty must follow the American Flag. If our warships carry Old Glory across the Atlantic and unfurl it to the breezes of the mine-infested North Sea, then our American Spirit must sail with it. As a nation we yearn to bear our Banner, proudly floating on the staff, along the flowery, sun-kissed paths of peace; but if, for the sake of justice and humanity, we are forced to dip it in the gory stains of war then we want to raise it again with a new luster and brilliance added to its stars, with brighter colors in its stripes. As we gaze upon the Star Spangled Banner we must bear in mind that the blood of heroes placed those stars there, that the blood of heroes is represented by those bars of red, that all that it is and all that it represents has been made possible by the blood of heroes—heroes who sacrificed their lives for the cause of justice and humanity. It is with that same spirit that we today must face the impending struggle.

We are at war! we must have concerted action and we must stand behind the Administration. We must not weaken our President's efforts by trying to stir up and create public sentiment against him. All together Americans, let us not prove ourselves traitors by disloyal words and actions!

Transportation may be disturbed. Your own defense requires you to Produce and Conserve your Food supply. Don't Fail Now! It is a National problem of defense as important as men and guns, ships and cannon.

Business men, if seed is short canvass the situation like patriots and get the seed for farmers. Arrange the credits. Furnish farmers seed corn, soy beans, cowpeas, velvet beans, peanuts, sorghum, etc., at cost. See that all things necessary to help farmers are done. Of course, we must produce cotton, but with a moderate acreage and a good season there will be enough. Do not sacrifice acres of Food to increase your acreage in cotton. Look ahead! Get the warehouses, the feed mills, shelters, cleaning stations, creameries, packing plants, etc., ready. You must do your share and co-operate with farmers. They must do their share and tend the crops faithfully.

Farmers, in your Unions, clubs and other organizations, resolve to Use the Best Methods now. When the Nation faces a crisis we must have the best farming in its history. Labor is short, hence the best tools and all labor-saving devices must be used to make it possible for every farm laborer to cover as much ground as possible and of the most efficient work. Farm women and girls have important work to do in the garden, the orchard, in raising poultry, and especially in canning, preserving and conserving our food supply.

Your County Agent and Home Demonstration Agent becomes more important officers now than ever before. Your State Extension Division at the Agricultural College will have still more important duties. Look to these for counsel and advice in this new burden of extra work. The County Agent will, without doubt, have new duties and responsibilities in the near future.

Farmers and Business Men, save the breeding stock. Don't sell cows, heifers, mares, sows, gilts, ewes or hens. Keep them for breeding. If the breeding stock is sold, where will you get the means to supply the meat of this country?

Let Us Forget All Past Difficulties and Join in a Mighty Effort to Feed the South. What can You do in the next sixty days?

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Knowledge of one's ignorance is the master key of wisdom.

**SAFE FARMING.**  
(By Bradford Knapp.)  
For nearly three years I have done my best to warn you to prepare for the present emergency. For years we have tried to encourage diversification in the South as a basis for greater safety, both agricultural and economic. Since the war began in Europe we have urged Safe Farming. When prices were low you did well and made great progress. When cotton went to eighteen cents and over you made large profits because of your progress in Safe Farming, but some were tempted to go back to cotton. In common with many other men, I have tried to warn you of that danger. Cotton has not been high but has only increased in somewhat less proportion than food and feed.

Now the Crisis Is Here! This great Nation must arouse herself for a mighty struggle for liberty. People without food and armies without rations are conquered before they can begin to fight. Our greatest safety now lies in Food Production and in saving the waste products.

If the South is to be Strong she must have Food. If this country is to be Strong she must be well fed and have an abundance to sustain those friendly people who are even now fighting our battles for liberty and democracy.

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## PLANT FOOD STUFFS.

(Contributed.)  
The most alarming condition confronts us as a result of the war. Not that we have to go to the front to fight the battles, but on account of the increased prices of Food Supplies.

Wheat is now over \$2.00 per bushel; Flour over \$12.00 per barrel; Meal \$1.80 per bushel; Lard 25 cents per pound; Hams 22½ cents per pound; Steak—just ordinary yearling steak—25 cents per pound, and all these things on a steady increase.

The Government will take the Western Food Supplies for the Armies, and there will be wide-spread suffering throughout the whole South before the year ends if food crops are not heavily increased.

We have had the habit of giving our attention to cotton, and buying most of our food supplies. It now happens that food prices have exceeded, in proportion, the price of cotton, so if we fail to make a sufficient amount for our families and beasts, we will have to pay very dearly for it later on.

Again if we plant plenty of food stuffs, we will reap a rich reward, because, it will be scarce the world over, and will be sure to bring high prices. This is an emergency that should not be overlooked, and we warn our people to prepare for it. The whole country is being alarmed over the situation, and banks, merchants, chambers of commerce, and public spirited citizens are lending their aid and financial support towards developing the idea of increasing the food supply. There is no scarcity of ground in this section, so don't fail to increase the acreage of your garden and patches. Such crops are easy to make, and will certainly pay large dividends.

It has been suggested that on every one-horse farm in the South, there should be planted in 1917, five acres in corn, and velvet beans; five acres in cow peas for hay, to be followed by winter oats; not exceeding ten acres in cotton; five acres in peanuts to be crushed for oil or grazed down by hogs; one and one-half acres in sweet potatoes, to be followed by winter cover crops; one and one-half acres in alfalfa or crimson clover, cow peas or soy beans; one acre in rape, oats, vetch, cow peas or soy beans; one acre in truck crops, followed by hay or grazing crops for hogs; ten acres should be set aside for pasturage for cows and hogs; one-half acre in orchards, and one-half acre in garden. This, of course, may be changed to suit your own case.

But remember that you have never faced a time when prices are so high, and that if you fail to protect yourself, you will surely suffer on account of it.

It is the one way to reduce the high cost of living.

## A Subscriber's Views on the War.

To The Smithfield Herald:  
As a regular subscriber of many years standing, I would like for my friends and old time pupils to see my idea concerning the great world war.

First, I wish to say there are three distinct forms of government, viz: First, Theocracy, a government by God Himself. Second, Autocracy, a despotic absolute monarchy, all laws formulated and executed by the word of one man. Third, Democracy, a government by the people.

God ordained no other bands than love-knit hearts, and love-linked hands.

Let me cite some instances of the wonder workings of the Lord: Israel came from under Egyptian bondage; Switzerland from the Austrian bondage. The United States came from under the dominion of the English crown. Mexico and all South America came from under foreign rule. A great, higher law, unwritten and undefined, said "the bands of slavery should be loosed from forty-five hundred thousand slaves." Almighty God now says "down with the divine right of Kings." He works in mysterious ways His wonders to perform.

Let us look at the great autocratic government of Russia. It died as quick as Jonah's gourd.

Where is the Chinese Empire. An absolute monarchy that has stood from time immemorial. The great God will not bear with such despotic laws and ruling as some nations and peoples have been subjected to. He allowed blood to freely flow in an-

cient times when the right was trampled under foot.

I think the Kaiser should take warning from the current events. If his land is not drenched in blood, other lands are drenched with German blood; he has lost all his possessions in other lands first, and last he will lose his Empire. He should remember the French Revolution; the Guillotine and the blood as it ran the streets of Paris.

The Lord will have His way on earth and in Heaven.

J. H. BROADWELL.  
Micro, N. C.

## More About the Selma School.

Dr. R. J. Noble, in The Smithfield Herald of a recent issue, has charged, by innuendo, the Trustees of The Selma Graded School District with the misappropriation of some several thousand dollars of school funds. During this time of maladministration the following men have served on the School Board and have directed the expenditure of every penny of the funds:

- Mr. T. M. Benoy.
- Mr. Ira T. Rains.
- Mr. I. T. Wood.
- Mr. W. M. Ferrell.
- Mr. Eli Taylor.
- Mr. J. J. Deans.
- Mr. C. A. Corbett.
- Mr. N. E. Ward.
- Mr. J. H. Worley.
- Mr. M. C. Winston.
- Mr. W. H. Call.
- Mr. P. C. Worley.
- Mr. Geo. F. Breitz.
- Dr. Geo. D. Vick.

It is no unusual thing for the good doctor to have eruptions similar to the present one; and if it were not for the fact that The Herald has a wide circulation throughout the county and in other adjoining counties, it would not be necessary to make any reply to his article since the people of his home town are familiar with these outbursts and will readily recall the mass meeting several years ago in which he charged Bill Hare, Dick Carrington, and John Futrell with misappropriating the town funds. Other instances of a similar nature could be cited.

Now, if the doctor wanted to know the truth about the expenditure of the school funds, he could easily have looked in his back numbers of The Chronicle for April during the years 1914, 1915, and 1916 in which appeared an itemized statement of the receipts and disbursements of the school fund. This statement will be published during this month for the present school year, as is required by law.

We would like for the good doctor, in his newly displayed zeal for publicity, to refer us to some publication in which we can find a record of any expenditures of either the Road Board or of the School Board when he was the Secretary of these. The revolution in Russia, and this recent conversion are two hopeful signs of the times that the last redoubts of Toryism are crumbling before the onward sweep of the People in the management of their own affairs.

## THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

In session Monday night, April 9, 1917.

## How Submarines Got Their Names.

Popular Science Monthly.  
Everyone knows what submarines are, and what an important factor they have become in modern naval warfare. Their nomenclature is rather interesting. In the United States Navy the first of these crafts were named for various kinds of fish and reptiles, and we had such odd cognomens as "Adder," "Moccasin," "Pike," "Sturgeon," "Shark," "Carp," "Haddock," etc., on the naval lists. Before this list of piscatorial names ran out the system was changed, and designations of A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, etc., down to the more recent submarine authorized in 1915, known as the O class. In general, the numbers applied correspond to the particular lot in which they were constructed, and the letters closely follow the number of years since they were first built. In Germany they are all known as U-boats, the U being the first letter of Underseeboat, meaning submarine.

## Jones-Batten.

The following card has been sent to friends:  
"Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Loyd Batten request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Odessa, to Mr. Donnie Hue Jones, on Thursday evening, April the nineteenth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, at half-after seven o'clock, at First Baptist Church Micro, North Carolina.

"At home after April twentieth, Goldsboro, N. C."

The entire Hebrew Bible was printed in 1488.

## LIVE ITEMS FROM KENLY.

### J. T. Edgerton Nominated for Mayor. Town Talking About Water Works and Sewage.

Kenly, April 11.—A well attended town meeting was held in Sasser's moving picture hall Monday night. The purpose of the meeting was to nominate town officers, to be elected on the eighth of May and to serve for a term of two years. Mr. W. T. Bailey acted as presiding officer, and Mr. J. T. Edgerton as secretary for the meeting. Mr. J. C. Bowman, present mayor, refused to be a candidate for re-election. After some pleasant discussion, Mr. J. T. Edgerton was unanimously nominated for mayor. The town government calls for five men as commissioners, and the following were nominated: Bessrs. Howard Watson, Paul Etheridge, H. M. Grizzard, Doctor G. S. Coleman, and A. J. Broughton.

After this meeting adjourned a public mass meeting was called for the purpose of discussing the desirability and possibility of installing municipal water and sewage system. The chief address was delivered by Mr. Sherwood Brockwell, of Raleigh, representing the State Association for the prevention of fires. After his speech the following men spoke in favor of water works for Kenly: Messrs. J. C. Bowman, J. T. Edgerton, D. B. Sasser, Paul Grady, M. B. Andrews, J. R. Sauls, Dr. G. S. Coleman, and Dr. J. C. Grady. Though no definite resolution was made, it was the sense of those present that Kenly needs and should have a system of water works.

A home talent play, "Mrs. Briggs of the Poultry Yard," will be given in the school auditorium Friday night of this week, under the auspices of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Methodist church. The admission will be fifteen and twenty-five cents.

## AMERICA FIRST.

(Leah Townsend, in Columbia State.)

(To be sung to the tune of "Dixie.")  
Old Glory is the flag we'll die for  
Though it's peace we rather sigh for,  
Stars and Stripes! Stars and Stripes!  
Stars and Stripes! Stars and Stripes!  
Ne'er yet for conquest or dominion  
Fought the men who bore this pinion,  
Stars and Stripes! Stars and Stripes!  
Stars and Stripes! Stars and Stripes!  
But we'll raise it for the people!  
All men! All men!  
All men! All men!  
To crown them king and to them bring  
A greater independence!  
All men! All men!  
Old Glory for the people!  
All men! All men!  
Old Glory for the people!

France fought for us when hope was ended,  
And it's seemed we ne'er intended  
Helping France! Helping France!  
Helping France! Helping France!  
Oh! Noble land of Lafayette!  
War holds this good—we'll pay the debt!  
Owed to France! Owed to France!  
Owed to France! Owed to France!  
And it's not for hate of Deutschland  
We'll fight! We'll fight!  
But just that war no more may mar  
The lives of men and nations!  
We'll fight! We'll fight!  
To end all wars forever!  
We'll fight! We'll fight!  
To end all wars forever!

Through three long years the war has grieved us  
And many demagogues deceived us  
All they could! All they could!  
All they could! All they could!  
But though the world should rock around us!  
Wilson's here! Wilson's here!  
Wilson's here! Wilson's here!  
And we put our trust in Wilson!  
Wilson! Wilson!  
Too proud to fight till fighting's right!  
We wait the word from Wilson!  
Wilson! Wilson!  
We have all faith in Wilson!  
Wilson! Wilson!  
All faith! All faith! In Wilson!

## Gardening and Gumption.

University News Letter.  
The man who does not get busy in the home garden this year lacks what the Cracker calls "plain gumption." No doubt in the world about that! We certainly cannot go on much longer with grocery-shelf gardening and escape the bankruptcy court. Town dwellers, wage-earners and salaried people have certainly got to climb out of the cans this Spring and climb into old clothes in back yard garden spaces a little while in the mornings and evenings, and cultivate hoehandle sense in sheer self-defense. It's Hobson's choice, considering the war-time price of every blessed thing that goes on the table nowadays.

## Entertains Priscilla Club.

Kenly, April 10.—True Easter festivities were opened by one of the prettiest social functions of the season on last Friday afternoon, when Mrs. H. F. Edgerton entertained the Priscilla Club, at her beautiful home on Max Welton Heights.

The guests were received at the door by the hostess, who presented them to the guest of honor, Mrs. Ginn, of Goldsboro, who, assisted by Miss Inez Edgerton, gracefully presided over the punch bowl.

The guests were then ushered into the west parlor which was beautifully decorated in potted and cut flowers. Here, sewing and chatting was participated in. During the afternoon readings and music were furnished by Miss Bessie Sasser, Mrs. J. J. Edgerton and Mrs. G. B. Woodard.

An interesting contest was held which was thoroughly enjoyed by every one. The prize was won by Mrs. J. J. Edgerton and the booty by Mrs. J. G. High, after which the guests were led into the dining room which was attractively decorated in Easter symbols. A delicious salad course was served, followed by ice cream, which was also made into many different Easter symbols.

On leaving, the guests were presented by little Miss Miriam Edgerton, favors of the season.

The following members enjoyed Mrs. Edgerton's hospitality: Mesdames R. A. Turlington, L. Z. Woodard, G. B. Woodard, H. M. Grizzard, R. T. Fulghum, J. G. High, A. J. Broughton, Church Moore, Harry Johnson, C. P. Jerome, W. J. Hooks, J. W. Darden, Paul Grady, J. R. Sauls, L. T. Wilkerson. The invited guests' were: Mesdames Ginn, J. J. Edgerton, J. H. Kirby, E. L. Brickhouse; Misses Bessie Sasser, Gladys Wallace and Jessie Perry.



If it is the heavy layers of large white-shelled Eggs the year around you wish, then secure Single Comb Black Minorcas.  
My birds won first prize at Johnston County Fair.  
Eggs per 13.....\$1.25

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Selma, N. C.

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## T. H. Atkinson

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For a few days only we want to buy sacks. Save your sacks and sell them back to us. We pay five cents each for second hand cotton seed meal sacks delivered here.

## Pine Level Oil Mill Company

Pine Level, N. C.

## ED. A. HOLT Dealer in High Grade Coffins, Caskets and Burial Robes, Princeton, North Carolina

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