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NEWSPAPERS EVER PATRIOTIC.

There has never been a crisis in the life of the American nation that the newspapers did not stand nobly by the government and help to fight the battles of right. In this time of stress and strife they are ready and willing to do their part. They are standing with the government and for the rights of humanity.

There are those in Congress and out of it, too, who have been unable to understand and appreciate the work of the Press. To them it is an avenue for criticism only. They never see the constructive side of the work of the Press. They forget that the Press has ever been standing, the guardian of the people's rights, like the statue of Pallas Athena before the gates of Troy.

The newspapers of the country are now ready to do their part toward bearing the burdens of the government in the prosecution of the war, but they are not willing to be taxed to that extent that they will have to go out of business.

The newspapers are faithful to the government. They are standing by Mr. Wilson in the steps he has taken. They have done more to crystallize sentiment in favor of the government's program for the war than have all the statesmen and night-statesmen sitting in the Halls of Congress at Washington. They have carried the President's messages to all the corners of the nation. They have carried the speeches of the Senators and Representatives to the people even in the remotest districts. They have made all the people familiar with the principles upon which the government is standing in this tremendous crisis. They have rallied the people to the flag. They have called on them to support the government in the great Liberty Bond issue. They have done all this without money and without price. They have rendered the greatest measure of service to their country absolutely free, service the value of which cannot be measured in dollars and cents, while other agencies have been getting big pay for every service given. Yet they are not complaining. They are gladly giving their services because they love their country and want to see it prosper. And now they want to see the Congress treat them in the same manner in regard to taxes for the carrying on of the war as other enterprises are treated. Again, they are willing to bear their part and will do it bravely, asking only for fair play.

NEGROES MUST REGISTER.

For several years past most of the negroes have not been registering and voting in this section, but the registration under the Selective Draft Army Bill excuses no one within the age limit unless he is a member of the army or navy. Every negro as well as every white person, who is 21 years old, and has not reached his 31st birthday on June 5, will have to register. If he fails to register the penalty is one year in prison.

WASTING WOOD.

The people of this part of the United States waste much wood. This is especially true of the country people. Wood in the country has been almost as plentiful as water, and the people have never learned to save it. From the standpoint of saving wood it would be good for every person in the country to spend at least one winter in town and see that wood is hard to get and expensive to buy. It is wasted in the home. In many cases fires are made hotter than is necessary and wood is wasted in keeping them so hot. Then many use fire places poorly built for saving wood when they could get better fire places or heaters which would furnish heat from much less wood. Wood is often wasted in the new ground. When clearing land, everything which will make good wood should be saved for wood. It is wasted on the uncleared land. In many cases dead trees are left to rot and green trees are cut down for wood in their place. Often all the trees are cut from a place when the larger trees only should be cut out, thus allowing others to continue their growth.

Men owning land should show boys and hired men and tenants where and how to cut wood in order to have plenty of it and not waste any. It takes right much wood for a family anyway. As people are multiplying and more and more of the land is being cleared, we shall soon begin to see the importance of saving wood, as it will get scarce even in the country. In less than ten years many land owners will begin to take notice of the fact that wood is getting scarce. Why not begin in time to save it? Why not use every part of all the trees cut down or those which are blown down by wind? Save the wood at every point possible.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT A GOVERNMENT BOND?

The United States government wants men to go to the war and fight for the liberty of the world. Men are volunteering and others will be conscripted for the war. The government needs money as well as men, and must have it. Bonds are being offered by the government and everybody is asked to buy one or more of them. These bonds are beyond doubt a safe investment. They are notes back of which all the people of the United States stand. They pay three and a half per cent interest and since they are not taxed they pay nearly as well as other notes. In the towns where the tax rate is high the government bonds pay better than six per cent interest rates. Besides we should consider this matter from a patriotic standpoint. If millions of men are to give themselves to help in this great struggle surely those who have money should be willing to lend some of it to the government. You can buy a bond at any post office or at almost any bank. If you buy a bond and later want to sell it you can easily do so. If you should at any time want to borrow some money there is no better collateral than a government bond. You should decide this matter at once as the government wants to sell the bonds as soon as possible. June 15th is the closing day.

LIBERTY BONDS AND THRIFT.

The Government has made it possible for almost every wage earner to buy a Liberty Bond, by issuing these bonds in as low denomination as fifty dollars and making the terms of payment very easy. Any one who is earning fair wages and is in good health and keeps steady at work and will practice thrift may be the possessor of a Liberty Bond. Not only may they do this, but it is further an act of patriotism to buy a bond. In this way one may be aiding his country just as much as if he were to shoulder a rifle and go to the trenches in France. Practicing thrift at this time may be a most fruitful thing. It will teach us to save and make us richer after the war. It will make us as a people much more independent and capable of being of greater service to our fellows in a material way. It will make us more patriotic when we see we can be of some help to our country in a time of need. Be patriotic, be helpful, be saving and buy a Liberty Bond.

There is a time for all things. There is a time for play and a time for work. The person who is able to see the reason in this will enjoy life more and be as a rule a more useful citizen. Come to the Johnston County Community Chautauqua June 9-13.

At its commencement last week Wake Forest College conferred the honorary degree of LL. D. on Governor Thos. W. Bickett. The degree of D. D. was conferred Rev. Chas. E. Madry, former Pastor of the Raleigh Tabernacle, now pastor of the University Baptist church at Austin, Texas.

THE COUNTRY'S CALL.

The United States is now engaged in a war with one of the greatest powers the world has ever seen, and to prosecute the war to a successful conclusion the entire resources of the nation will be called into play. Many men, maybe many millions, may be called into the battle line. Much suffering and hardships may have to be borne. The battlefields of France, Belgium and the region of the Rhine may yet be stained red with the best blood of our American sons. Our young men are responding nobly to their country's call. They go to fight our nation's battles. They are leaving behind another class of citizens who are not called into the battle lines. These are left at home that they may help those who go to the front. They have duties just as important and just as necessary as those who fight the battles. The call now comes to them in clarion tones. They must answer the call. They are the folks who have money which can be spared. They are the folks who are to take care of the Liberty Bonds. They may not fight. But they may furnish the means to buy guns and ammunition and furnish ships and food for those who go to the trenches.

There are hundreds of men and women in Johnston County who can buy one or more Liberty Bonds and never miss the money. It is just as much their duty to do this as it is the duty of the young men to join the colors and go to France. Because they have passed the age limit is no excuse for the men who are able to buy bonds and help float the big three billion dollar issue which is necessary to begin the war on such a scale as will mean something when we get really into it. Let every man do his duty. If he is too old to fight, maybe he can buy a bond and enable some one else to fight. Let no man fail his country in this crisis. We are in the war for humanity and civilization, for a freedom for all nations and all peoples such as we in America enjoy. Every man to his post.

The Second Crop of Irish Potatoes.

During the past few weeks Irish potatoes have been higher than we have ever known them before. New potatoes are now being used and we are glad to see that nearly every garden has in it an Irish potato patch. Every year some second crop Irish potatoes are planted and this is the year, owing to high prices, for every gardener to plant some of them. We are growing potatoes which will do for seed and we shall need all the potatoes we can raise. The second crop of Irish potatoes in this section will hardly be planted before July or August, but it is not too soon to decide about this matter and begin to plan for it.

Heavy Wind Near Wilson's Mills.

Mr. J. B. Beasley was here yesterday afternoon and told us of a storm which passed yesterday over the George L. Jones farm where he lives. The dwelling was so badly shaken that two vases fell from a mantel to the floor and were broken. One half of the barn roof was taken off and carried some distance, part of it more than a hundred yards. A considerable part of the roof of the stables was blown off. Fruit trees were blown down and many large limbs were blown from the trees of the large grove near the dwelling. The wind took a two horse wagon from under a shelter and carried it out about fifteen feet.

The First Conscripts.

The first conscription that should be entered into by the government of the United States should be directed against those in the city, white and black, who are lounging around pool rooms and soda fountains, standing on street corners or sitting in the grocery stores, whittling sticks. They should be mobilized into an army and sent out into the fields, made producers, not mere parasites; constructionists, not mere consumers. If this was done the fields would bring forth plentifully in due season and there would be an abundance of food for man and beast. Let the agitators strike at the root of the evil and not at the surface point of the sore.—Charlotte News.

Treasury officials have turned their attention to the financial requirements of the Allies for June and are engaged in formulating a more or less elastic progress designed to stand for several months. Indications are that approximately \$400,000,000 will be advanced to the Allies in June, bringing the total up to more than \$1,000,000,000. Members of the Italian Commission, who have conferred recently with Treasury officials, have sent to Rome for more detailed information as to the commitments of the Italian Government in this country, and when this data is in hand it will be used in designing a program to meet Italian financial needs for several months.

LIBERTY BONDS FOR SALE HERE

The Johnston County Bank and Trust Company To Handle a War Bond Club on Easy Terms to the People of This Town and Community.

The Johnston County Bank & Trust Company has arranged to handle several thousand dollars worth of the Liberty Bonds which the Government is offering for sale. Mr. E. B. Crow, cashier of the Commercial National Bank of Raleigh, and Mr. Thorne Clark, advertising manager of the bank, were here yesterday in the interest of these bonds and induced the Johnston County Bank & Trust Company to take up the matter in the hope that they may aid the nation in the great crisis now on.

It is the purpose of this bank to dispose of at least ten thousand dollars of the Liberty Bond issue, and in order to do this, very easy terms are being made to prospective bond buyers. The bonds are issued in sums of fifty dollars and one hundred dollars and on up into the thousands. Any person who is able to save a dollar a week may buy a fifty dollar bond. The bonds must be subscribed for and the first payment made by June 15th. They are to bear 3½ per cent interest and payable in thirty years, and are non-taxable. By buying a bond a man, or woman, or boy or girl may aid the country at this time. Some will have to join the colors and go to the front. Others cannot do that who are able to buy one or more bonds, and it is their duty to answer their country's call. See the above named bank for particulars.

List Your Taxes.

It is said that people have been unusually slow in listing taxes this month. All are supposed to list during the month of May. The law puts double tax on those who fails to list. If you have not listed your taxes you should attend to it at once.

Railroad Hands Scarce.

Capt. D. Johnson who is section master at Kenly has had considerable trouble lately getting hands to work on his section of the railroads. The railroad pays only one dollar per day while the saw mills and other industries pay more. He is said to have gone nine weeks without any hands. He goes over his section regularly and does some work himself.

Mule and Buggy Went off Embankment.

On Saturday afternoon, May 26th, Messrs. Burlon Jones, L. H. Jones and Robert Coats were coming to Smithfield on a buggy and happened to an accident near the highland bridge, when the mule and buggy went off the eight foot embankment. The mule took fright at an automobile which was standing on the north side of the road. Two of the men jumped from the buggy when they saw it was going down the embankment, but in spite of this they went down also. Mr. Robert Coats was hurt most as he became entangled in one of the wheels. He was badly jarred and one of his legs was bruised. No one was seriously hurt. The top of the buggy was broken when the buggy turned bottom upwards, but beyond this it was not injured. The mule lacked only a few inches of falling on one of the men.

Man and Mule Killed by Lightning.

News was received here late yesterday afternoon of the death of the father of Mr. Leonard Sasser, who lives about two miles east of Kenly. Mr. Sasser was ploughing in the field when the thunder storm approached. Lightning struck him, killing him instantly. His mule was also killed. Mr. Leonard Sasser, who has a position with the Austin-Stephenson Company, accompanied by Mrs. Sasser, left last evening for the home of his father. Mr. Sasser has the sympathy of a large number of friends here.

Pythian Home Singing Class.

The singing class from the K. of P. Home, near Clayton, will give an entertainment in the Opera House in Smithfield, on Friday night, June 1st. Let everybody come out to hear these boys and girls and thereby aid a worthy cause.

Tickets on sale at Drug Stores at 25 cents and 35 cents.

Canners, Take Notice.

We want to urge every one who has spoken for tin cans to come for them on Saturday, June 2nd. We haven't enough cans to supply the demand until another order arrives and if you who have spoken for cans want them at once, please come on Saturday or it may be necessary for you to wait until the next order arrives. Remember that the warehouse will be open ONLY on Saturdays. NELL PICKENS. Smithfield, N. C., May 28, 1917.

HELP YOUR COUNTRY

The Nation needs financial assistance. You may not be able to do much, but do what you can. Our United States Government

"War Bond Club"

makes it possible for you to help.

It enables you to purchase a United States Government Bond by weekly deposits.

It not only enables you to secure a safe investment on an easy saving plan, but affords you an opportunity to show your willingness to co-operate with other patriotic citizens in the defense of our national honor and free institutions.

Come in and learn more about the plan.

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