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**THE ENORMOUS COST OF WAR.**

According to figures published recently, this country has expended, since it entered the war last April, the immense sum of \$1,629,000,000, of which \$1,337,500,000 has been advanced to the allies. This leaves about three hundred millions which the United States has spent on its own account up to the end of July. Including the loans made to the allies, the United States daily war expenditures in July was practically \$19,000,000.

The cost of the war to the United States to June 30, 1918, according to estimates sent out from Washington, will be about \$17,000,000,000, of which seven billion will consist in loans to the allies. Spending seventeen billion dollars in sixteen months would mean a daily expenditure of \$37,000,000. Taking off the seven billion in loans to the allies, the daily average will be about \$21,700,000.

At one time last winter the daily cost to England was forty millions dollars, but recently the cost has been reduced to about thirty-five million dollars. The daily average cost to France is \$18,500,000.

It is estimated that the net total cost to the Entente Allies since the war began to August 1, 1917, is \$59,421,500,000. This is a daily average of \$76,700,000. The next total cost to the Teutonic Powers is estimated at \$30,300,000,000, or a daily average of forty million dollars. Total cost to both groups of belligerents is \$89,721,500,000. The daily average is \$116,700,000.

The above figures only estimate the cost of waging the war. The ruined cities, the devastated lands, the broken homes, the unwanted destruction of priceless records and public buildings and cathedrals and the lost honor of the German Nation can never be estimated. This cost will be felt until the end of time and have its influence on all eternity.

**HONOR THE MEN WHO GO.**

Among the men who write to the North Carolina papers no one is a bolder or more fearless writer than Bruce Craven who offers an occasional article to the Greensboro News on "Seeing North Carolina." In last Sunday's issue of the Greensboro paper Mr. Craven well says:

"Since our own boys have gone to this war, facing the possibility of death, I don't want to hear any one intimating any doubt about the righteousness of the cause for which they are to go into the valley of the shadow. I believe our part in it is the part of Honor supreme, but if I didn't believe it, I would at least keep my mouth shut when my neighbor's sons are bearing the brunt of it. One certain thing about it is that if they were not there, some of the rest of us would be. I feel like taking off my hat to every uniformed man I see. What are they fighting for? In order that YOU may stay at home in peace? If that isn't enough for you, you ought to go yourself and be shot as soon as you get there."

**COME TO SMITHFIELD MONDAY.**

Come in honor of the boys who are to represent the county in Uncle Sam's new army.

Come in response to the Governor's proclamation.

Come and show your patriotism and interest in the young men—your friends and neighbors—who have been called.

Come, showing that you love your homes and your country.

Come and show the "soldier" boys that we are with them in spirit and are willing to stand by them to the uttermost.

**RAISE MORE CATTLE.**

People who are not posted do not realize what the United States is doing in cattle raising. Ten years ago we exported to other countries large quantities of beef. Now we are buying beef from other countries. In six years our beef cattle fell off 20,000,000. It is time for every farmer to raise all the cattle he can. Livestock not only puts fertility in the soil and money in the bank but brings prosperity to the community.

**PLANT A WHEAT CROP.**

Get ready to plant wheat. The man who has suitable land and plants three or four acres in wheat will surely make no mistake, provided he prepares his land well and plants good seed. Plant wheat and make your own flour.

**SAVING SEED.**

Unless the farmers plan to save seed sufficient for their own uses for next year's planting, they may be put to it to get what they will want next spring. Save all the peas and soy beans you possibly can and next spring you will be glad. Seed will be scarce and high next year.

**Appointments.**

Rev. John E. Lanier asks us to state that he will preach next Sunday at Beauty Chapel church at 3 o'clock, instead of at night. He makes this change on account of a meeting at Pisgah church. He will preach at Pisgah church Sunday morning and night. Rev. J. A. Ellis, of Dunn, will help him at Pisgah in the meeting next week. The service Sunday morning will be mainly for the young men who are called to the war.

Rev. John E. Lanier will aid Rev. R. M. Von Miller in a meeting at Blackman's Grove, beginning Monday, September 17th.

**W. M. Meeting Postponed.**

The Literary meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, which was to have been held next Monday afternoon, has been postponed till the next Monday afternoon on account of the Patriotic Meeting to be held here on September 3rd.

Miss Annie Peacock spent a few days in Benson this week with friends.

Mr. J. A. Smith returned Wednesday from Rex Hospital where he spent a week.

Mr. W. E. Alley, of Parkton, spent the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Keene.

Miss Ruth Smith returned from Clinton yesterday, after a several weeks stay with friends.

Mrs. C. R. Turner and little daughter, Clarice, left Sunday for Kinston to spend some time with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Hollowell returned today to their home in Goldsboro, after a few days stay in the city with friends.

Little Miss Hazel McDaniel, of Kinston, returned home Sunday, after a two weeks' stay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Turner.

An interesting program has been planned for the union service at the Baptist church Sunday night. Several short talks will be made by members of the different congregations. Patriotism will run through every talk.

**Didn't Finish the Job.**

He strutted around very pompously and declared: "I am a self-made man, don't you know?"

A wag standing by facetiously remarked: "Uh-huh! But did you know that you quit the job a little too soon?" And then there was silence.

**CROPS NORTH OF US NOT GOOD.**

Johnston County Man Sees Conditions in Virginia and Maryland.

Mr. R. C. Gillett returned last Friday from an eleven days trip in Virginia and Maryland. He says the peanut crop is in fine condition there, but corn is largely a failure. The wet weather injured it and scarcity of labor made it impossible to get it worked. Grass is in charge of the corn fields. In the trucking section in many fields the first crops are off and there has been no labor to plant the second crops so the fields are lying idle. In many places nearly half the people met were in uniform and many of the others doing public work for the government. He saw almost no private building going on and many houses are for rent on account of the men going to war. In many cases where young men have joined the army their families have quit house-keeping and are living with relatives.

**Soldier "Boys" Invited.**

The following invitation is being mailed today to every person who has been before the Exemption Boards of the county and not exempted:

"Smithfield, N. C., Aug. 30, 1917. My dear Sir:

"The people of Johnston County have arranged a patriotic rally and farewell service for the "boys" who are going to the front as Johnston County's first quota in "Uncle Sam's" new army—you and your comrades in arms from Johnston—and I am writing to invite you personally to be present. The people of the County as a whole want to demonstrate to its drafted men that they are with them in spirit and we hope, therefore, that you will come. First thing we want you to do when you get here is to come to the Court House, upstairs, and register and get your badges, and further instructions.

"Special committee of prominent colored men and women will look after the colored men.

"We hope you will set apart next Monday and COME to Smithfield where you will be the guest of the County. The ladies will serve you dinner.

"Good music and patriotic speech. Come.

"Yours very truly,  
"F. H. BROOKS,  
"Chmn. County Council of Defense."

**Union Service Sunday Night.**

The congregations of Smithfield are going to have a patriotic union service Sunday night. The service will be held at the Baptist church and will begin at eight o'clock. The Governor has called upon the people of the State to meet at their places of worship on next Sunday and hold patriotic services. The churches of Smithfield will hold their usual morning services but will join in a union service in the evening. It would be a fitting thing if every church member in the town would attend this service Sunday night at the Baptist church.

**We Want to Know.**

The Herald wishes to know how many bushels of wheat, oats and rye have been threshed in Johnston County this summer, and if every man running a thresher will send in this information we will appreciate it and gladly publish the result. Especially are we interested in the wheat crop.

**Fair Premium List Out.**

The Johnston County Fair Premium List is out. If interested call on the secretary, Mr. E. J. Wellons.

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Have some valuable land to sell. See me before selling your land. Always in market for negotiable paper of all kinds.

August 25th, 1917.  
FREDERICK H. BROOKS,  
Smithfield, N. C.

DID YOU EVER READ THAT great little story "Ten Nights in a Barroom?" If not get a copy at Herald Office. Price only 5 cents. By mail 8 cents.

LOST LAST SATURDAY, AUGUST 25th, one Overland Auto Crank between My home and Smithfield. Finder can return to me or W. R. Sanders, Henry Brady, Smithfield, N. C., Route No. 2.

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