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CHAIRMAN N. E. EDGERTON.

Two weeks ago when the Y. M. C. A. District Chairman asked Mr. N. E. Edgerton to take charge of the work of raising Johnston County's quota, he called on one of the busiest men in the county. Mr. Edgerton, however, took charge of the work and began to organize the county for the campaign. He has given his time and his energies and his money to the work. He started out to raise \$3,500 and the figures available this morning show that almost four thousand has been raised. This is a fine showing for Johnston.

Congratulations to Mr. Edgerton. No man could have done more. He threw his heart and soul into the work. He felt the great need of this work and he was able to put himself into it in a way that was bound to bring success. Several others gave him valuable aid, one of whom was Judge F. H. Brooks. Judge Brooks made several very strong speeches in the interest of the cause and contributed much to the success of the undertaking.

Such a campaign has been of great value to the people of Johnston County. They have had their sympathies aroused and their pocket books have been touched. It always helps one to give to a good cause. The money given is not the only fruit the campaign has borne. When the call for more funds comes, as come it will, the people will be more ready to respond.

SECRETARY E. J. WELLONS.

The fact that the seventh annual Johnston County Fair was a success financially will be gratifying news to every friend of the Johnston County Agricultural Society. For seven years the stockholders and officers have been working to make the Fair a success in every way. So far it has not been a money-making institution. It was not expected to be a money maker for the stockholders when the enterprise was organized. But it has been a success from the beginning. It has been the means of bringing the people of the county together once a year and vie with each other in their agricultural and stock-raising efforts and in many other ways.

The Fair this year was the greatest success financially it has ever been. Mr. E. J. Wellons, the Secretary and Treasurer, began his work early and worked strenuously for the enterprise from the beginning. One thing he was convinced of from the start, and that was that the people wanted a lively mid-way. We may criticize these things at a Fair as much as we please, yet somehow, they are what the folks want. Mr. Wellons, realizing this, used his best efforts to get as many attractions as he possibly could. He brought to the Fair the greatest aggregation of side-show attractions, including the ferris wheel, the merry-go-round, and the whip, that has ever been seen here. On top of these he secured an aeroplanist, who did many stunts with his machine in the air. Then the high diver and other free attractions helped to entertain the crowd.

As for the exhibits: In some instances they were not as good as they should have been. High prices and short crops and everybody so rushed with business caused the people to pay less attention to these things than at some other Fairs. But taking it all in all, the Fair was a pretty good one. There were some fakers on the grounds that ought to have been kept away, but they are always on hand to catch the unwary and others, too. The

people have been warned of them, but they still keep on biting as long as the bait is held out, even though they catch nothing.

But Mr. Wellons made a success of the Fair. He managed to take in enough cash to pay the entire expenses of the Fair, and the premiums, and about wiped out the debt which has been on the Fair Association. He went at the job in a business-like manner and succeeded. For this he deserves the thanks of all the stockholders and the people generally. It takes no little amount of work to manage a County Fair. The Herald hopes that Mr. Wellons will take the job again next year and give us an even greater Fair than he gave us this year.

PREPARE WOOD FOR WINTER.

Now that farmers are beginning to catch up with their work some attention should be given to the woodyard. Have you a woodhouse so that you can put away stove wood and other seasoned wood which should be kept dry? If not you should build it at once. It need not be expensive. At many places a shed or part of an old out-house can be used to keep the wood dry. But the main point is to keep it dry and seasoned for use. Plenty of good wood should be prepared for the use of the family this winter. So far the weather has not been cold much, but it is reasonable to expect bad, cold weather to set in soon, and it is important to be prepared for it. Men are inclined to neglect the woodpiles as they neglect the gardens. Families are often put to inconveniences and sometimes forced to suffer for want of wood. If no better preparation was made at some places for food and clothing than is made for wood much would be said about it.

In many good homes but little attention is given to the woodpile. This is foolish for it is no harder to get the wood ahead than it is to get it when forced to do so. The head of every family should see to it that plenty of wood is hauled and cut up ready for use.

A REASONABLE DEMAND.

When I was at Hot Springs, Ark., a few years ago, one of the things which impressed me was the care with which all kinds of eatables were kept. It seemed that each grocer tried to excel his neighbor at this point. Rice, hominy, peas, beans, prunes, pickles, fish and all such things were kept covered. They put such goods at or near the store fronts to show them, but every vessel containing such goods was covered either with a glass cover or a cover made of thin mesh wire netting. Why are not people everywhere entitled to this care of what they are going to eat? Why should not they demand this of their grocers? Why eat filth just because the grocer leaves his goods open and exposed? If such goods are opened and then not protected by covers many of the people who visit the stores handle the peas and beans and prunes and rice and hominy and the flies do not fail to visit the goods. When it comes to the pickles and fish the flies consider them their property. I like to eat pickled fish but I do not get them often because they are not kept clean. I cannot buy fish from a barrel if the brine is full of dead flies. I cannot eat fish after I have seen them partly covered with dead flies. If every customer would follow my plan in regard to the fish, grocers would be forced to screen them.

I buy from barrels just opened but never after the flies have taken charge of the fish. We contend with enough filth at best, and to take when we know about it is inexcusable.

J. M. BEATY.

Pine wood that two years ago could be bought for from \$2.00 to \$2.50 a cord, is selling this winter in most places at \$3.50 to \$4.00 per cord. The actual worth of the wood is no greater this winter than heretofore, but the difficulty in getting wood cut and hauled to market makes the difference in price.

A few years ago a farm in the sand-hill country in Moore County was sold for \$5,000, and the purchaser refused to take it because the old cow was not thrown in the bargain, so the story goes. From this same farm 200 bales of cotton have been sold this season. In addition to this other supplies in plenty have been made.

News from London says that Lloyd-George finds himself faced with the sharpest crisis in his career on account of his action in forming an international war council. The question will come up to be discussed in the English Parliament, and it is said that much depends upon the attitude of the former Premier, Mr. Asquith, and his followers. Some say that Mr. Lloyd-George's action may possibly cause his downfall as Premier.

LIFE AT CAMP JACKSON.

On Sept. 21st, at 6 o'clock in the afternoon I arrived at my new home in Camp Jackson. The train stopped and I gazed across the hill at my Uncle Sam's country home for his American boys, and then it was when I wondered how long it would be my home, but I soon realized that it was impossible for me to tell. Then after about ten or fifteen minutes we were taken across a big field to the Field Artillery Barracks and spent the night. After a comfortable night's sleep on a bag filled with wheatstraw, we arose early in the morning and spent the day looking around at our new soldiers' home.

After the examination we were assigned to our companies and different branches of service, and then we began to live the real life of a soldier. We all received our mess kits and then we were introduced to the Army Beans, and other nice deserts.

Come on boys, this is the place to increase your fat, and make you feel like we can lick those dirty Germans, and live in a land of peace and freedom. We must show them that they can't own and control the entire world. We hope and pray for success when we cross over to France and face the enemy across No Man's Land. Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag and smile, smile, smile.

If you don't think we can drive the enemy back, why, just come and take a look at our new guns that shoot five hundred times a minute and get convinced that we are not going across empty handed. Uncle Sam, he needs the infantry, he needs the cavalry, he needs artillery, and then we'll all go to Germany. Good night, Kaiser Bill.

We have singing schools, physical exercises, and lots of drills and liking, do our own eating, and wash our own dishes three times a day. We have holidays, good interesting shows, and a number of nice places of interest, such as the Y. M. C. A. reading rooms, and nice music.

The camps are situated five miles from the beautiful little city of Columbia. We are accommodated with the car line to town, which is a nice place for us home-sick soldier boys to visit to pass off the lonely hours when we are absent from our dear homes and loved ones, who are longing to see the day when we can return home and say peace again with all nations, and good will towards man. We must all do our little bit to win this great war.

My dear readers of The Smithfield Herald, we all hope that you will remember us boys all the way over across the great Atlantic in your prayers that we may forget the dangers that we will be exposed to, and set our hearts and minds on God who is able to give us victory. Remember we are the boys of dear old America, and we want to continue to live under the Red White and Blue.

May God bless President Wilson, that he may guide us aright.

There's a long, long, trail a-winding
Into the land of my dreams,
Where the nightingales are singing,
And the white moon beams.

There's a long, long night of waiting,
Until my dreams all come true;
Till the day when I'll be going
Down that long, long trail with you.

There's a long, long trial a-winding
Into No Man's Land in France,
Where the shrapnel shells are bursting,
But we must advance.

There'll be lots of drills and hiking
Before our dreams all come true,
But we're going to show the Kaiser,
How the Dixie boys come through.

All you readers who wish to comfort and cheer a poor soldier boy and help me to enjoy camp life just write me some news from dear old North Carolina.

W. R. SMITH.
M. G. Co., 322nd Infantry, Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C.

Food Dealers to Be Taxed.

All dealers in foodstuffs subject to license by Food Administration will do well to take an inventory at once, because they will be required to give details of the condition of their business Nov. 1st, in their first reports, which must be submitted at Washington, Dec. 1st.

Forms for these reports are in the hands of the printer and will not be immediately available. When they are issued they will be sent at once as a reminder that the first report must be made. The Food Administration gives this general notice now, because later many dealers might have difficulty in stating just what stock they had on hand Nov. 1st.

The inventory, when compared with reports of later date, will enable the authorities to determine whether hoarding has been practiced. Reports are to be made monthly and will be a transcript of monthly business of all dealers.

WORK OF PROGRESSIVE FIRM.

The Machinery Exhibit of Roberts-Atkinson Company.

By far the largest and most expensive display of farm machinery and implements ever seen at a Johnston County Fair was shown here at the recent Fair by the Roberts-Atkinson Company, of Selma. Many pronounced their exhibit here better than anything of the kind seen at the State Fair. While many saw and admired the many different pieces of machinery and implements, it may be interesting to note what they really had on exhibit here. A list follows:

- Four gasoline and kerosene engines.
- One thrashing machine.
- One hay press.
- One grain drill.
- One wheat and flour mill.
- One corn mill and one feed mill.
- One stalk cutter and one mower.
- Two disc harrows and one riding cultivator.

These several machines were kept running most of the time and a great many people saw them and were more or less interested. It was clearly demonstrated that with some of these things a farmer can do his work with much more ease and save money in the long run. With the corn mill and flour mill a man may grind his own meal and make his own flour right at home.

The enterprise of this firm in making this exhibit shows the progressive spirit of these young men. They are up to date and are rapidly building up a fine trade. Their exhibit was in charge of Mr. W. H. Poole, Jr., and Mr. W. B. Roberts. They took a great deal of pleasure in showing and explaining any of their machines to any one who showed any interest in them. This exhibit was quite a feature of the Fair and the management appreciated their efforts to give the people a full and free demonstration of what improved farm machinery will do on the average farm if rightly managed.

True Worth.

True worth is being, not seeming,
In doing, each day that goes by,
Some little good—not in the dreaming
Of great things to do by and by.

For whether men say in blindness,
And spite of the fancies of youth,
There's nothing so kingly as kindness,
And nothing so royal as truth.
—Phoebe Cary.



When you have a systematic saving plan in operation you are not worried

When Sickness Comes

suddenly into the family circle; you don't have to worry about

How to Pay the Bills.

How different when you have lived up to the limit of your income. While well, start that bank account today.



New Books Just Received

- THE SALT OF THE EARTH, by Mrs. Alfred Sidgwick.
- OVER THE TOP, by Arthur Guy Empey.
- ANNE'S HOUSE OF DREAMS, by L. M. Montgomery.
- FANNY HERSELF, by Edna Ferber.
- IN HAPPY VALLEY, by John Fox, Jr.
- WE CAN'T HAVE EVERYTHING, by Rupert Hughes.
- LONG LIVE THE KING, by Mary Roberts Rinehart.
- THE DWELLING PLACE OF LIGHT, by Winston Churchill.
- CALVARY ALLEY, by Alice Hegan Rice.
- WHEN DADDY WAS A BOY, by Thomas Wood Parry.

HERALD BOOK STORE,
Smithfield, N. C.

DOLLAR DAY

Book Specials at the Herald Book Store on Wednesday, NOVEMBER 28TH, 1917.

- Any five 25 cent books for - \$1.00.
- Two 60 cent books for - - \$1.00.
- Any \$1.25 book for - - - \$1.00.
- One 50 cent and three 25 cent books for \$1.00.
- Any dollar book and one 25 cent book for \$1.00.
- Four 35 cent books for - - \$1.00.
- Any book costing more than \$1.25 will be sold at 20 cents less than marked price.

We have quite a nice stock of books to make your selection from and it will pay you to visit The Herald Book Store when you come to town on

NOVEMBER 28.

These Special Offers Are Good Only On

DOLLAR DAY