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MORE MONEY FOR SCHOOLS.

There is an insistent call coming from all sections of the county for more money for school purposes. Never in the history of the country has it been more important to stand by the educational interests of the people.

Last summer there was a move on the part of the County Board of Education to get the County Commissioners to make small additional levy for school purposes, but there was no backing up of the matter to amount to anything and the Board of Commissioners refused to make the levy.

It has been a most difficult thing to get teachers this Winter to fill the schools of the county. The reason for the lack has not been that there were fewer teachers, but that those who have been teaching at the meagre salaries paid them, could easily get other congenial work at salaries fifty to one hundred per cent above those paid for teaching, and get a full year's work instead of only a few months' school term.

Some way must be found for more money for our public schools or they are going to suffer. In many schools of the State the teachers asked for an increase in salary at the Christmas holidays, and in some instances, failing to get the increase, resigned and went into other occupations which pay much more money.

In Johnston County there has been talk of an election for the purpose of voting a special county-wide tax for schools. Others favor a special levy of a tax necessary to meet the increased demands upon the educational funds of the county.

The other plan, to get a special levy made of ten cents on the hundred dollars all over the county would greatly strengthen the districts which now have a special tax and would give the relief needed in the districts which have no special tax.

The districts which now have a special tax to aid their schools have voted this tax on themselves willingly because they have seen the great need for better equipment and for more efficient schools. They will not kick, for the reason that if the entire special tax and the extra levy give them more money than they really need, they can ask the County Commissioners not to levy the special tax to the limit allowed under the law by which the tax was voted.

If the leading school men and the people generally want more money for their schools they can get it. If public sentiment is crystallized for any increase in the funds for our public schools the County Commissioners will gladly grant the peoples' petition.

Now the thing to do is to ask for it. There must be a spirit of hearty co-operation. The people must stand together for the upholding of the county. To upbuild the county the schools must be strengthened.

OLD NORTH STATE NEWS.

Live Items of Interest Clipped And Culled From North Carolina Newspapers.

Livestock has suffered severely during the present cold weather over this part of the state, says a Kinston dispatch to the Wilmington Star. Animals have died from exposure at places. Poultry has been frozen to death.

The price of wood on the local market at Fayetteville was fixed Saturday by the Federal Fuel Committee or Cumberland County. A maximum price of \$4.75 per cord is set for wood in uncut lengths delivered from farmer's wagons to consumer.

Raleigh's fire loss last year was only \$1 per capita as compared to \$4.22 per capita in 1916. The probable causes of fire were: Sparks falling on shingle roofs, 37; defective flues, 9; chimneys burning out, 17; incendiary, 4; electric wiring, 3; rats and matches, 2; cigarettes, 4; furnace smoking, 7; shavings too close to boiler, 2; heating shoe polish, 1; children with matches, 2; carelessness with gasoline, 3; fields, 5.

The central committee of the North Carolina Baptist convention has received a report that the million dollar fund that it is proposed to raise through co-operation with the general education board of New York, be apportioned on the basis of \$300,000 each to Wake Forest and Meredith colleges; \$150,000 to Chowan college and \$150,000 to be divided among the denominational high schools.

The North Carolina club year book for 1916-1917 has just been published by the University of North Carolina under the general title "Wealth and Welfare in North Carolina." This is the second year book to be published by the North Carolina club of the University, and organization of students and members of the faculty who have been interested in finding out facts about North Carolina.

A singular "mule story" is reported by Mr. J. J. Taylor, who lives on Route one from Neuse. He says that on Christmas eve a mule belonging to his neighbor, Mr. Benny Walker, was watered by his owner and returned to the stable but before the door was closed, Mr. Walker engaged in conversation with some one near him and the mule walked out. Twelve days later, after a dream Mr. Walker had about the whereabouts of a lost bird dog, he looked into an old, forsaken well on the plantation in which the dream pictured his dog, and found instead his mule.

Mrs. Annie Sherwood Hawks, publisher of many famous gospel hymns, including "I Need Thee Every Hour" died at her home at Bennington, Vermont last week.

GENERAL NEWS MATTERS.

Items of Interest at Home and Abroad Told in Brief for Busy Readers.

It is not a normal human being who, having any idea of the food situation in the world today, refuses to substitute other products for those which are most suitable for export—wheat, beef and pork products, fats and sugar.

Sunday was set apart by King George's proclamation as a day of prayer throughout the British Empire. Prayer was to be offered for what has been accomplished by the British armies in the cause of freedom and for the successful, speedy termination of the war.

Common carriers are not permitted to introduce wines into the State of Oklahoma, even for sacramental purposes, according to a decision by District Judge Clarke at Oklahoma City. In denying a writ to compel the Santa Fe railroad to deliver the wine, Judge Clark held that to force railroads to accept such shipments was a violation of the prohibitory law.

A society known as the Nation's Forum, has been organized to make the talking machine aid in winning the war. The society plans to use records of speeches by American leaders in Liberty Loan campaigns and other war activities all over the country.

Provost Marshal General Crowder has called on local exemption boards for the mobilization of 1,000 bricklayers needed by General Pershing immediately. Local boards are directed to examine questionnaires now being returned and to report as early as possible on the number of bricklayers of draft age available for service.

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Esther Cleveland, the "White House Baby," to Captain Alfred Basanquet, of the British army, was the culmination of an interesting romance. They first met in Switzerland. Later the two met again in London where Miss Cleveland had gone to do war nursing.

Nebraska exemption boards have reported that answers to draft questionnaires show thousands of Germans, who have taken out their first papers and, under the Nebraska laws, have been voting for years, are claiming exemption from army service on the ground that they are enemy aliens.

The People are Saving.

It has been pointed out as evidence of how strongly the duty of saving had been impressed upon the English people by the war-savings campaign in that country that in the year 1916, although purchasing billions of dollars of war bonds, the small savings-bank depositors in England increased their deposits in savings banks over \$60,000,000.

It seems that a similar process has taken place in America. Two great Liberty Loans were floated in the year just closing, and nearly \$6,000,000,000 of Liberty Loan Bonds were purchased by the people. Yet instead of being depleted the savings-banks deposits of the country have been increased. The president of one of the large New York savings banks is quoted as saying on December 20, 1917:

"One of the most remarkable things about the Liberty Loan campaigns is the small effect they have had on the savings banks accounts, which show an increase. This we lay to the appeals made to the American people to purchase the bonds out of their earnings, paying for them from week to week or from month to month. The people appear to be doing as they have been urged, purchasing the bonds from current savings."

OR COMPULSORY RATIONING.

Food Situation Grave in England and France. That Conditions in Germany and Austria Are Worse Only Grounds for Optimism.

The food situation in the allied countries of Europe is graver than it has been at any time since the beginning of the war, says a Washington dispatch, and is giving American government officials deep concern. Official reports picture extreme food shortages in England, France and Italy.

The fact that conditions in Germany and Austria are far worse offers the only ground for optimism in viewing the situation.

In England and France the situation is described as critical in a cablegram to the food administration Sunday from Lord Rhonda, the British food controller, which concluded with these words: "I view the situation with grave anxiety."

Saturday a cablegram from the French government said that the wheat crop had been requisitioned and that the bread ration would be cut to allow only seven ounces of bread daily to all persons except the very poor and those doing hard manual labor.

Compulsory rationing will be started in England immediately with meats the first commodity to be put under control. Distribution of butter and margarine will be taken in hand next and other foods will be added as they become scarcer.

KENLY NEWS NOTES.

Kenly, January, 5.—The Kenly State High School did not open on January 2. The time of opening has been postponed until Monday morning, January 14. This action has been necessary because of the extreme cold weather.

The Christmas entertainment which was scheduled to be given in the Methodist church last Monday night has been indefinitely postponed.

Mr. D. B. Sasser, manager of the Sasser Grocery Company here, has decided to discontinue business as soon as possible. The large stock of goods on hand are being sold in job lots to local merchants and householders, and most of the fixtures have already been disposed of.

Supintendent and Mrs. Andrews are gratified at the recent advancement that has been extended to Mr. Thomas R. Daniels, of Goldsboro, who is brother to Mrs. Andrews. Mr. Daniels volunteered his services to his country some two years ago as a private. By sheer force of effort and personality, he has worked himself up from one advancement to another until he is now a Lieutenant in the United States Army.

LIVE OAK NEWS.

School opened again Monday with fairly good attendance owing to the bad weather.

Miss Ola Harwood spent the holidays in Pine Level with her sisters, Misses May and Elizabeth.

Mrs. G. L. Scott and sons, Thomas and Willie, spent the holidays in Wilson County with relatives.

Mr. Richard Morris spent Christmas in Wilson County.

Miss Thelma Rollings and brothers, Herman and Dock spent Christmas in La Grange.

Mr. Rossie Morris and family spent the holidays in Elm City.

Miss Elizabeth Harwood is spending this week with her sister, Miss Ola Harwood.

Miss Myrtle Estelle Bailey spent the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Benjamin Eason and Miss Maddie Mason were married last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Morris spent Christmas with Rev. L. T. Philips and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Philips of Crete, Va., have returned home after spending the holidays in the community.

This cold spell has not only given the people colds, but has affected the feet.

Mr. Lilo Batten of Camp Jackson spent Christmas with his father, Mr. L. R. Batten and family.

Selma, January 3, 1918.

An Invitation graphic with a woman holding a banner.

Some people dislike to enter the doors of a bank because they

Think

their small business is too trifling for the banker to bother with. We invite such people to come in and use this bank.

We are in business to be bothered

Every man woman or child should have a bank account of some size.

JOHNSTON COUNTY BANK & TRUST CO. CAPITAL STOCK \$25,000.00 SMITHFIELD, N. C.

BUSINESS LOCALS

FAR FOR RENT.—I HAVE ONE two-horse farm and a one-horse farm for rent on halves. I to furnish land and fertilizers.

On Saturday, January 19, at one o'clock at Wood's School House in Cleveland Township, there will be let to the lowest bidder the New Primitive Baptist church on the Clayton road.

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D. M. WOOD, A. L. COATS, BURT BARBOUR, AMOS COATS, Building Committee.

LOST—AT CARTERS CHAPEL School Box Party, Ladies Gray mixed coat, plaids with orange and black, with small black collar, buttons up close to the neck.

DISTRIBUTION OF CHRISTMAS MONEY BY JOHNSTON COUNTY BANK & TRUST COMPANY.

Nearly 100 Depositors in our Pin Money Savings Club have received substantial checks on Dec. 15th, as a return of the Pin Money Deposits made by them during 1917.

Our Pin Money Savings Club for 1918 will begin January 1st, 1918. We invite you to join our Savings Club and be one of the fortunate depositors for Christmas 1918.

With best wishes to all for a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year, Johnston County Bank & Trust Co.

I HAVE 7 BERKSHIRE SHOATS three months old for sale—full blood. J. C. Hockaday, Four Oaks, N. C., R. F. D. No. 2.

THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open.

IF YOU WANT TO BORROW MONEY on your farm at only 5 per cent interest, see A. M. Noble, attorney-at-law, Smithfield, N. C.

STALK CUTTERS — WE HAVE several Stalk Cutters bought before the advance. See us before you buy and we will save you money.

PAUL D. GRADY Attorney-at-Law KENLY, N. C. Money to Loan. Titles Abstracted.

Achy Joints Give Warning

A creaky joint often predicts rain. It may also mean that the kidneys are not filtering the poisonous uric acid from the blood. Bad backs, rheumatic pains, sore, aching joints, headaches, dizziness, and urinary disorders are all effects of weak kidneys.

A Smithfield Case

J. G. Hamilton, carpenter, Smithfield, says: "Trouble with my kidneys was caused by heavy lifting and straining while working at my trade. I had a dull pain across my back and suffered from headaches and dizzy spells. My kidneys acted irregularly. Friends recommended Doan's Kidney Pills to me and I got some at D. H. Creech's Drug Store. They relieved all symptoms of kidney trouble."

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS Foster-Milburn Co. Buffalo, N. Y.

Remarkable Power of Tanlac Arouses Vast Interest Here

Famous Medicine Has Become Sensation of Medical World.

Widespread interest has been aroused in Smithfield regarding the unusual powers attributed to Tanlac, the new medicine which has been accomplishing such remarkable results in North Carolina. Hundreds of communications have been received at the Tanlac offices from people who claim to have experienced astonishing results after taking the medicine.

There is hardly a city, town, village or hamlet in North Carolina which does not contain loyal and enthusiastic friends of Tanlac, who sing its praises to friends and neighbors. Never before, perhaps, in all history has a medicine been the cause of so much discussion as that caused by this remarkable preparation. Distinguished lawyers, bankers and educators have openly come out for it. Noted ministers of the gospel have publicly endorsed it. The people at large have recommended it to their friends.