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### HELPING THE PORK SUPPLY.

The banks in some places are helping to increase the pork supply. In Burke County The First National Bank of Morganton has arranged to distribute two pigs to every boy and girl who will take them. A promise to pay when the hogs are killed is all that is required of them, and as each pig is paid for, the purchaser will be allowed another pig on the same terms. The plan is worked out through the County Farm Demonstrator.

Such a plan would be of great benefit to the boys and girls of Johnston County. There are thirteen banks in the county and they can be of great service to the people of the county if they will lend their aid in this way. Mr. W. M. Sanders and others helped some last year. We pass the suggestion along for what it is worth.

A little investment that is worth while—A War-Savings Stamp.

Unless the South plans to live at home this year, she will not be doing her patriotic duty.

Every farmer who can possibly do so should plan to raise more hogs and corn this year than he did last.

Unless the teachers and the schools do their part, the War savings Stamp campaign will be a failure. It's up to them to prove the genuineness of their patriotism.

There is going to be a shortage of labor in the South this year, and especially on the farm. It is the farmer's duty to plant such crops as will be most beneficial and at the same time, can be produced with less labor. More hogs and corn must be raised.

A good way to save money—Get a toy bank like your little boy's, and every time you spend a nickel or a dime for a cold drink or a cigar, or for chewing gum, drop the same amount in your bank. Take it out next December and invest in War Savings Stamps, and you will be surprised at the size of your investment.

In a statement issued by President Wilson, he directs that all Sunday labor by military and naval men should be reduced to a minimum. "Such an observance of Sunday," says the President's statement, "is dictated by the best traditions of all who look to Divine providence for guidance and protection." Thousands of Christian people throughout the country rejoice to know of this stand taken by President Wilson.

The order of Fuel Administrator Garfield in closing down many factories and other enterprises met with general observance. All stores except grocery stores and drug stores and nearly all manufacturing enterprises will be closed again next Monday. All stores selling foodstuffs will be allowed to be kept open Monday until noon and longer if it is necessary to supply the public with something to eat. If the weather is warm enough to keep open without fire there will be no harm in keeping open. However, the people generally are patriotically obeying the order of Dr. Garfield even though they might under certain conditions keep open. Since the order was put into effect conditions in many centers have improved and it is hoped that there will be so much improvement in the next week or two that all men everywhere will readily see the wisdom of Dr. Garfield's action.

### A NEW CORD MEASURE.

When the writer was a boy he went to school and studied Arithmetic and learned that a cord of wood was a lipe 4x4x8 feet—128 cubic feet. But oh, how a cord has shrunk in these days! People who buy wood now by the cord seldom get a cord measured by the standard measure, unless they require it corded up on the ground where it is delivered. And if that is required some wood haulers will turn down the order. And these same folks would feel outraged if they were to go to a store and buy five pounds of sugar and when they reach home find that they had been given short measure.

It is refreshing to find a man who wants to sell wood by the cord and will guarantee a cord when he delivers it. The other day the writer ran across a colored man who was selling wood and declaring that he would guarantee every cord to be a full cord. We started to say he deserved praise for his act, but he does not. He is just simply doing his duty. When a man buys a cord of wood there should never be any question at all about it.

The men who hire wood cut have it put up by the cord. The men who cut it are supposed to give good measure, but if they do not, in many cases the buyer has to suffer. The wood is put up five pens, six feet high for a cord, and if the wood cutter splits the wood fine and then pens it up edgewise, nine times out of ten it will fail to measure up a cord.

"Honesty is the best policy," and every man who engages to cut a cord of wood should not expect pay when he has cut only part of a cord. And the same rule should apply to the seller.

### Johnston Stands Second.

Up to January 1, 1918, there had been ginned in Johnston County 31,946 bales of cotton of the crop of 1917 as compared with 34,437 to same date last year. Robeson stands first in the number of bales ginned of the 1917 crop, with 46,055 bales. Last year to same date Robeson had only 30,250 bales. Scotland stands third with 26,600 bales. Last year Johnston stood first but drops back to second place this year.

### Money From the Land Loan Banks.

North Carolina has applied for the sum of \$6,610,319 in loans from the Federal Land Loan Banks, according to a statement issued a few days ago. Loans aggregating \$2,339,186 have already been approved and loans for \$518,930 have been closed. Perhaps some of our Johnston County friends who have applied for loans through the Federal Land Loan Banks will soon have their applications approved.

### A Bushel of Peas.

Prices of almost everything are so high that people who have farm products to sell seem to think that they can get almost any price they ask. We hear that some folks are asking six dollars a bushel for cow peas. Those who happen to be so fortunate as to have more peas than they need should be willing to sell to their neighbors who are not so fortunate at a living price. There is a limit to some things and when men ask too much for what they have to sell they are neither patriotic nor neighborly. The government took hold of matters in the sugar situation and made it possible for a poor man to buy a little sugar. Where would the price of sugar be today had it not been for the National Food Administrator? Some folks "cuss" Hoover, but a still greater number are blessing his name today for the good he has done in keeping down prices to reasonable levels.

### HOW TO GET NITRATE OF SODA.

Nitrate of soda can only be gotten by going to one of the four persons in Johnston County and signing an application blank for it. Those who have given me their order for it before this will also have to sign an application in the presence of any of these men, any time before Feb. 4th. Here are the men: A. M. Johnson, at Smithfield; T. S. Ragsdale, anywhere he comes; Preston Woodall, at Benson; C. W. Horne, at Clayton; Turner Bailey, at Kenly. You will be notified later on when and where to deposit the money for it.

A. M. JOHNSON,  
Farm Demonstrator.

### Arrived in France.

We learn from yesterday's Clayton News that Capt. Geo. R. Hardesty, a brother of Mrs. R. H. Gower, has arrived safely in France.

### PORTRAIT GALLERY OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS



ROBERT L. NOWELL.

Corporal Robert L. Nowell, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Nowell, of Wilders township, began service in Uncle Sam's Army at Camp Glenn July 16, 1916, and remained there until September 27, when he went with his company to the Mexican border, where he served until March 22, 1917. He was mustered out of the service and was called in again July 25th, 1917, and a few days later was sent to Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C. Mr. Nowell, whose father is one of the County Commissioners, of Johnston County, is just past 19 years of age, having been born November 16, 1898.



PERCY B. STEVENS.

Private Percy B. Stevens, 24 years old, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Needham B. Stevens, of Smithfield township. He went to Camp Jackson, Columbia, S. C., on October 23, 1917. He was assigned to Headquarters Company of 324th Infantry. He was a farmer, making several bales of cotton, and a lot of corn and potatoes the past year. He is unmarried.

### THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

By Cy Johnson.

Speakin' of takin' things as they come is what I did yesterday when a snow ball came my way—yes, I stopped it, with my head, as hard as it was (I mean the snow ball, of course). When I came to myself and looked around I saw a youngster hiding behind a telephone post across the street with a grin on his face as big as the biggest you've ever seen. Well sir, I was a wishin' I could be a boy ag'in for just about ten minutes or long enough to chase him up a few alleys and into his home a-hollerin' "Fraidy Cat," like I used to do not many years ago. And how those boys used to put their thumb up to their nose at me thru the window and laugh. And what I did to them when they came to school the next day is another story.

But this youngster did not run from me or any of the other boys in the fray who put eggy snow balls between their knees and pressed them harder and harder and harder and binged them at him when he was not lookin'. He pulled his cap and coat over his head and turned up his nether end and hollowed out, "Give You Leaf." Right then I forgave him. Aint that a lesson for us? The signs of the times are that we need more folks who can take as well as give and say, "Giv You Leaf," in all their activities.

This Auntie No Slacker.

An old colored woman, Aunt Winnie Dixon, walked into the post office and said she wanted four Thrift stamps, stating, that "she did not have any meat to divide with the boys in the army, but she did have a few cents which she was willing to give them," for said she, "I do not want to be a slacker."—Roxboro Courier.

# SPIERS' SEMI-ANNUAL SALE

Will Continue Until

## Tuesday, Feb. 2nd

We extend this Sale on account of the weather conditions. We still have an abundant stock of all kinds of Dry Goods. Prices are lower than they can possibly be until there comes a change in the market conditions.

## SPIERS BROS.

SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA

# Rail Road Embargoes

Do not effect us--We have our Guano houses full, so come to see us today for--

Soda,  
Cotton Seed Meal,  
Acid,  
Obers 8-3-3, 8-2-2  
And Potash.

Come and come quick, there may come a time when Fertilizers will not move freely, but we can supply you today. See us at Smithfield and Four Oaks, N. C.

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